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Archaeological Clearance Report . for Reed and Stevens, Inc.

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INTRODUCTION

The Agency of Conservation Archaeology (ACA), Eastern New Dexico University, Portales, New Mexico, recently completed an archaeological survey north of Carlsbad on land administered by the Eureau of Land Management. The surveyed area will be impacted by the construction of two well pads with associated access road.

The survey was initiated at the request of Reed and Stevens, Inc., and was represented in the field by Mr. John Anderson. Dr. J. Loring Haskell administered the project for ACA.

The fieldwork was accomplished on 30 March 1977 by Ralph C. Izard.

SURVEY TECHNIQUE

The archaeologist surveyed each proposed pad area in quarters, walking a series of transects approximately 15 ft apart. The proposed accesses were surveyed by the archaeologist walking both sides of the proposed center line.

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Location

The proposed well pad measures 235 ft x 210 ft with an associated Reserve Pit that measures 165 x 120 ft. The access road is extant and parallels an already existant natural gas pipeline. It is located in the:

NE¹₄SW¹₄ Section 7, T2OS, R25E, Eddy County, New Mexico (BLM). Map Reference: USGS Seven Rivers Quadrangle, 7.5 Minute Series.

Terrain

Terrain consists of a relatively flat undulating plain of thin sandy soil overlying a weathered limestone bedrock formation.

Floristics

The local plant assemblage consists of a sparse ground cover consisting of Prosopis juliflora, Sherpogon sp., Gutierrezia sarothrae, and some unidentified Graminacea.

Cultural Resources

No cultural resources were encountered during this reconnaissance.

Recommendations

ACA recommends clearance for the proposed project and suggests that construction proceed without modification of plans.

Rose #2

Location

The proposed well pad measures 225 ft x 210 ft with an associated Reserve Pit that measures 165 ft x 120 ft. A 990 ft access road, 12 ft wide, connects an existant road. This is located in the:

 $NW_{h}^{1}SW_{+}^{1}$ Section 18, T155, R28E, Chaves County, New Mexico (ELM). Map Reference: King Camp Quadrangle, 7.5 Minute Series (USGS).

Terrain

Terrain consists of a plain with a prominent eminence on which the pad is situated. Local soils are sandy and overlie a weathered limestone formation.

Floristics

The local plant assemblage consists of <u>Prosopis juliflora</u>, <u>Sherpogon</u> sp., <u>Cutierrezia sarothrae</u>, and <u>Larrea tridentata</u>.

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LOCATION: Rose No. 2 990' FWL & 1650' FSL of Section 18, T-15-S, R-28-E,

Chaves County, New Mexico

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