MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The cultural resource survey, of the proposed location of the Oxy USA Rocky Road #1 well pad and access road, found one previously recorded Pre-Historic site in the survey area. Consultation between the BLM and Dusty Weaver (Oxy, USA) determined that the actual area of impact within the survey area will not affect the site. To ensure this, an orange flag line was set by the archaeologist to mark the area where the well pad construction should not intrude. And, because the adjacent site LA 83680 is considered eligible for the NHRP, archaeological monitoring during construction is recommended. Due to the eolian depositional environment, the presence of subsurface archaeological deposits on site LA 83680, and the proximity of the site boundary to this project area, there is potential for subsurface deposits to be exposed during construction. Further, the site should be fenced off to avoid any construction related impacts. If these guidelines are followed, cultural resource approval for this undertaking to proceed is recommended. And, additionally, the presence of an archaeological monitor would ensure that any materials uncovered during construction would not be unintentionally disturbed.