

INTRODUCTION

An archaeological survey was recently completed by the Agency of Conservation Archaeology, Eastern New Mexico University, on land administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Roswell District Office. The area will be impacted by the construction of a drill pad and access road by Amoco Production Company.

The survey was initiated at the request of, and under contract with, Amoco Production Company of Levelland, Texas, and was administered by Mr. Ray Cox, Administrative Assistant of Amoco, and Dr. J. Loring Faskell, Operations Director and Principal Investigator, Agency of Conservation Archaeology. Mr. Ray Cox represented Amoco Production Company in the field.

This project was performed under Antiquity Permit 77-NM-021. Fieldwork was accomplished on 31 January 1977 by Miles S. Linnabery of the Agency of Conservation Archaeology.

SURVEY TECHNIQUE

The Archaeological method utilized during this reconnaissance was a mild zigzag pattern covering an area measuring 50 ft on each side of the proposed road right-of-way, the proposed drill pad was covered with a mild zigzag pattern covering 10 ft corridors, the periphery of the caliche pit was covered using a mild zigzag of a 50 ft corridor.

LOCATION

The proposed access road right-of-way and drill pad is located in Section 5, T18S, R29E, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. The well head is to be located 1650 ft from the north section line and 2010 ft from the east section line, the drill pad is located with the West boundry 150 ft west of the well head. The access road right-of-way runs in the South direction from a point 100 ft west of the southeast corner of the drill pad 250 ft to an existing road.