

NMAS 5818

Location: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 3, T19S, R30E, NMPM, Eddy
County, NM

UTM: Zone 13, N3,617,710; E597,720

Map Reference: USGS HACKBERRY LAKE QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series,
1985 (Prov. Ed.).

Ownership: Bureau of Land Management Administration

Dimension of Resources: 60 x 90 m

Typological Designation: Task Locus

Authorship/Temporality: Unknown

Nature of Cultural Resources: NMAS 5818, a small task locus, is situated on the crest and upper slope of a locally prominente eminence which overlooks an extensive portion of the Loco Hills polje. Locally, the coeval surface is distinguished by a continuous system of low coppice dunes and closed, shallow, deflation basins. Microrelief ranges between 0.30 and 0.70 m in height. Sheetwash is characteristic of most areas.

Observed cultural properties include three, highly eroded, calich-type, fire hearths, a light, but continuous scatter of burned caliche, and occasional quartzite primary- and secondary- decortication flakes and angular debris. The three fire hearths nucleate near the crest of the eminence, with a light and amorphous scatter of burned caliche occurring elsewhere. Lithic detritus flakes and angular debris is uniformly scarce albeit do occur throughout the site's universe. This site has been termed a task locus as activities here focused

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