

Rhus macrophylla, Opuntia leptocaulis, Opuntia macrocentra, Echinocereus pectinatus, Oenothera sp., and Verbena sp. The more thermic soils of the upper range of this subgroup, in addition to the aforementioned, support Munroa squarrosa, Scleropogon brevifolius, and Hilaria belangeri. Elsewhere, Coldenia canescens and Bouteloua breviseta are presently the sole occupants of gypsiferous soils.

Cultural Resources

No archaeological resources were recorded during this reconnaissance. One ventifact, a faceted cobble, resulting from weathering was observed at a point approximately 100 ft southwest of the center stake. Although Typic Gypsiorthids elsewhere often correlate with lithic resources, local soils lack chert and quartzite inclusions. Prehistorically, this district appears to have served man in his quest for game and hence economic pursuits centered on hunting.

Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for David Fasken Shell Federal Com. Well No.5 and its associated access road and suggests that work-related activities proceed in accordance with existing plans.