

Introduction

On 19 March 1979, New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc., (NMAS), Carlsbad, undertook for David Fasken, Midland, an archaeological reconnaissance of lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Eddy County, New Mexico. Reconnoitered areas will be impacted by the construction of a drill location and associated access road. This project was expedited by Mr. Robert H. Angevine, Henry Engineering, Midland, and Dr. J. Loring Haskell, Principal Investigator, NMAS. Dr. Haskell performed the reconnaissance under excellent field and weather conditions.

Survey Technique

This location was reconnoitered for evidence of man's past activities by walking it in a series of 20 ft, close interval (15° or less), zigzag transects. In addition, an added zone embracing 20 ft on each side of the location, and hence lying outside the staked 400 X 400 ft work area, was surveyed by a similar means. Methodologically, this procedure served to maximize the visual investigation of areas to be impacted by construction-related activities.

Shell Federal Com. Well No.5

Location

David Fasken Shell Federal Com. Well No.5 will measure 400 X 400 ft on federal lands and will be situated 1835 ft from the north line and 1980 ft from the east line of:

Section 5, T21S, R24E, N18PM, Eddy County, NM

Thus it will be situated in: