

NMAS 5138

Location: Lot J, Section 1, T21S, R28E, NMPM, Eddy County, NM

UTM: Not Available

Map Reference: USGS OIL CITY QUADRANGLE, 15 Minute Series, 1943.

Ownership: Bureau of Land Management Administration

Dimension of Resources: 60 X 60 m

Typological Designation: Task Locus

Temporality: Jornada Mogollon

Nature of Cultural Resources: NMAS 5138, a small task locus, is situated near the crest of a minor eminence located due south of Quahada Ridge. The site is situated for the most part in one deflation basin albeit sporadic occurrences of burned caliche cobbles occur outside of it. Observed cultural properties include three Jornada Brown potsherds, ground stone fragments, chert primary and secondary decoration flakes, spalls of this material, and burned caliche cobbles and gravels. These resources are nucleated in a partially closed deflation basin. The site was probably occupied on one occasion judging by the paucity of attendant remains. Affiliation is attributed to the Jornada Mogollon and hence temporality can be established at a point between A.D. 950 and 1350.

This site is important for several reasons. Firstly, its data, when juxtaposed next to other archaeological sites in the Quahada Ridge area, is vital to our understanding of the regional prehistoric settlement pattern, i.e., task loci vis à vis special activities zones. These data, when analyzed, should yield information relating to