

The desert scrub formation is made up of allthorn, agarita, catclaw acacia, whitethorn acacia, one-seeded juniper, soaptree yucca, Faxon yucca, Datil yucca, sacahuiste, javelina bush, desert sumac, sotol, pitaya, Christmas cholla, cane cholla, ocotillo, lecheguilla, purple ground cherry, thread-like groundsel, desert holly, broom snakeweed, prickly-leaf dogweed, six weeks grama, fluff grass, poverty threeawn, burrograss, Texas Timothy and blue grama.

Cultural Resources

Prefield: 2 December 1991, Section 13 (no archaeological sites), T22S, R23E, Arita K. Slate.

No cultural properties were recorded during this survey. Their absence is due to the relatively open character of the landform itself and the concomitant lack of siliceous lithic sources. Land usage, however, was continual with the local economy being based on hunting-and gathering- activities. Archaeological sites, should they occur, should be of the task locus type.

Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for M.W. PETROLEUM CORPORATION's proposed H.O.C. Federal Gas Com. Well No. 2 and its access road and suggests that work-related activities proceed in accordance with company plans (Fig. 1). Clearance, of course, is granted by the Bureau of Land Management. If cultural resources are encountered during construction, the BLM and NMAS should be notified immediately.