

14. a. Records Search:

Location: BLM and ARMS

Date: 4-22-1998

Conducted by: Chris Owens

List by LA# All sites within .25 miles of the project:

(Those sites within 500' are to be shown on the project map)

b. Description of undertaking:

Class III pedestrian survey of Devon Energy Corporation's proposed Power Line, Road and Pipe Line easement in Section 14, T23S, R31E, NMPM, Eddy County, NM. This project starts at the intersection of County Road 798 (Red Road and an existing caliche capped lease road, and ends at an existing well location.

c. Environmental Setting (NRCS soil designation; vegetative community; etc.)

Vegetation - Mesquite, assorted grasses, prickly pear cactus, shin oak, yucca and sage.

Topography - This easement's right-of-way is situated in an undulating dunal plain of low relief with associated deflation basins of shallow depths. Some channelization is evident on the eastern area of the project due mostly to sheetwash erosion. Two surface pipe lines are crossed by this undertaking. The R-O-W parallels an existing caliche capped lease road, and at the R-O-W's bend, this project is associated with two plugged abandoned well locations and a caliche pit.

Soils - Kermit-Berino association: Sandy, deep soils from wind-worked mixed sand deposits.

d. Field Methods:

Transect Intervals: straight and zig-zag transects, spaced not greater than 15 meters apart

Crew Size: 1

Time in Field: 1 hours

Collections: no

15. Cultural Resource Findings: n/a

16. Management Summary (Recommendations):

Archaeological clearance for Devon Energy Corporation's proposed Power Line, Road and Pipe Line easement in Section 14, T23S, R31E, NMPM, Eddy County, NM is recommended as staked.

I maintain that the information provided above is correct and accurate and meets all appreciable BLM standards.

Responsible Archaeologist

Signature

Date

Figure 1. Topographic map of USGS 7.5' Series Bootleg Ridge, NM (1984), and Los Medanos, NM (Provisional Edition 1985) showing the project area in Section 14, T23S, R31E.