

Lepidium sp., Perezia nana, Senecio longilobus, Gaillardia sp., Verbena sp., Mentzelia sp., and Erigeron sp., are the most conspicuous. Gutierrezia sarothrae is characterized by a high degree of omnipresence.

#### Cultural Resources

No archaeological sites or isolated manifestations were recorded during this reconnaissance. Locally, the overall absence of material cultural remains can be attributed to the openness of the surrounding country, a general dearth of potential lithic resources, a lack of surface water and springs, and remoteness from localities bearing these amenities and resources. Areally speaking, archaeological resources can be expected to occur in increased frequencies toward the Pecos River and in particular on its old terraces. These latter features frequently host an abundance of river cobbles which can be easily exploited for tool-manufacturing purposes. Coupled with a dependable water supply the country bordering the Pecos was a desirable location for the prehistoric and historic native peoples.

#### Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for Amoco Production Company's proposed Federal "AE" Well No. 1 and its access road and suggests that work-related activities proceed in accordance with company plans.