Introduction

On 25 and 26 June 1992, New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc., (NMAS), Carlsbad, (Permit Number: 14-2920-92-M), undertook for DEVON ENERGY CORPROATION, six archaeological surveys of federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Eddy County, New Mexico. Reconnoitered areas will be impacted by the construction of six drill locations and their associated access roads. These surveys were undertaken by Dr. Haskell.

Survey Technique

For these investigtions, DEVON ENERGY CORPROATION's proposed locations were reconnoitered for evidence of man's past activities by walking them in a series of 8.0 m wide, close interval (15° or less), zigzag transects. In addition, added zones extending 20 ft on each side of the staked 400 X 400 ft locations, and lying outside the bounds of their proposed work areas, were reconnoitered by a similar means. Access roads were walked in two, 15 m wide transects. Lath is considered to be the center of the proposed roads. Methodologically, these procedures served to promote optimal conditions for the visual exmaination of the areas to be impacted by construction-related activities. Field work was conducted under sunny, partly cloudy conditions with moderate southwesterly winds during mid- and late- afternoon on 25 June and throughout the morning under partly sunny conditions with southeasterly winds on 26 June. Ground visibility ranges between 75 and 85%. Field time seven hours.

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