

Introduction

On 28 October 1978, New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc., (NMAS), Carlsbad, conducted an archaeological reconnaissance for Mobil Oil Company on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Eddy County, New Mexico. The investigated location and right-of-way will be impacted by the construction of a drill pad and an associated access road. This project was expedited by Mr. H.A. Carson, Jr., Mobil Oil Company, Midland, Texas, and Dr. J. Loring Haskell, Principal Investigator, NMAS. Dr. Haskell undertook the project for Mobil under excellent field and weather conditions.

Survey Technique

For this project, the right-of-way was examined by walking it in a tight (15° or less), 20 ft wide, zigzag pattern. As for the location, it was reconnoitered by traversing it in a series of north-south, basically 20 ft wide, zigzag transects. Owing to the nature of local topography, hummocks and deflated areas, there were occasional departures from the above on the pad, however, all deflated areas were examined for evidence of men's past activities.

Latham Federal #1

Location

Mobil's proposed well will measure 250 x 350 ft and will be situated 1980 ft from the south line and 1800 ft from the east line of:

Section 15, T25S, R29E, NMPM, Eddy County, NM (BLM)

Thus, as proposed, it will be situated in the: