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White Ranch Unit Well No. 2 Improvements to Existing Jeep Trail and Expansion of Existing Quarry, Section 30, Tl2S, R29E, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico

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ABSTRACT

New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc., representing DEPCO, INCORPORATED, Odessa, undertook an archaeological reconnaissance of Bureau of Land Management lands scheduled to be impacted by the construction of a drill location, one of two possible access roads, improvements to an existing jeep trail, and expansion of an existing quarry. The investigated areas are situated in Sections 13 and 30, T12S, R29E, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico. No cultural resources were recorded during this reconnaissance, and hence NMAS is *suggesting* clearance for DEPCO, INCORORATED's proposed work.

Introduction

On 24 June 1981, New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc., (NMAS), Carlsbad, undertook for DEPCO, INCORPORATED, Odessa, an archaeological reconnaissance of federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Chaves County, New Mexico. Reconnoitered areas will be impacted by the construction of a drill location, one of two possible associated access roads, improvements of an existing jeep trail, and expansion of an existing quarry. This project was advanced by Mr. Bob Denney, Chief Production Clerk, DEPCO, INCORPORATED, and administered by Dr. J. Loring Haskell, Principal Investigator, NMAS, Inc. This reconnaissance was undertaken by Mr. John C. Haight, Research Assistant, and Ms. Kathryne A. Martin, Staff Archaeologist.

Survey Technique

For this investigation, DEPCO, INCORPORATED's proposed location was reconnoitered for evidence of man's past activities by walking it in a series of 25 ft wide, close interval (15° or less), zigzag tran-In addition an added zone embracing to 20 ft on each side of sects. the staked 400 x 400 ft location, and hence lying outside the bounds of the proposed work area, was reconnoitered by a similar means. As for the access and ranch roads, they were walked in two 25 ft wide tran-Similarly, the quarry was reconnoitered by walking its perimeter sects. in a series of 20 ft wide, close interval (15° or less), zigzag tran-This zone extends back from the edge of the quarry for a dissects. tance of 60 ft. Methodologically, this procedure served to promote optimal conditions for the visual examination of areas to be impacted by construction-related activities.

White Ranch Unit Well No. 2

Location

The proposed location will measure 400 X 400 ft on federal lands and will be situated 1980 ft from the north line and 660 ft from the east line of:

Section 13, T12S, R29E, NMPM, Chaves County, NM

For this project, two access roads (No. 1 and No. 2) were reconnoitered on federal lands. Access road No. 1 will measure 20 X 2400 ft and will be situated in the:

SE¹/₂NE¹/₂, Section 13, Tl2S, R29E, NMPM, Chaves County, NM SW¹/₂NE¹/₂, Section 13, Tl2S, R29E, NMPM, Chaves County, NM SE¹/₂NW¹/₂, Section 13, Tl2S, R29E, NMPM, Chaves County, NM

Access road No. 2 will measure 20 X 400 ft and will be situated in the:

SEŁNEŁ, Section 13, T12S, R29E, NMPM, Chaves County, NM Map Reference: USGS CULP RANCH QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Seris, 1973. Terrain

DEPCO, INCORPORATED's proposed location will be situated on a flat portion of an otherwise duned landform. Prominent, stabilized, coppicetype, sand dunes lie to the north. Overall, this landform is coextensive with the Mescalero Sands. Areal drainage is of an internal nature owing to the high permeability of associated soils. Pedons, universally dominated by the sand separate, belong to the Typic Torripsamment subgroup and its intergrades. Inclusions are infrequent.

Floristics

Locally, soil individuals host a low overstory of *Quercus havardii*, *Yucca glauca*, and *Chrysothamnus pulchellus*. Of these, *Quercus* is dominant. Attendant forbs include *Euphorbia sp.*, *Gutierrezia sarothrae*, and Phacelia sp. The Gramineae is represented by Aristida sp., Andropogon glomeratus, and Sporobolus flexuosus.

Cultural Resources

No cultural resources were recordedduring the course of this reconnaissance. Their overall absence is due chiefly to the nature of the attendant landform and its concomitant lack of lithic material needed for flaked-tool manufacture. Added problems in the immediate vicinity are the absence of suitable shelter and potable water. Localities better suited to meeting minimal needs lie to the north, i.e., the stabilized dune field.

Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for DEPCO, INCORORATED's proposed White Ranch Unit Well No. 2 and its associated access roads and *suggests* that work-related activities proceed in accordance with company plans. 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. Duned settings are notorious for covering and uncovering cultural properties.

Modifications to Existing Jeep Trail

Location

As proposed, DEPCO, INCORPORATED's easement will measure 20 X 3960 ft on federal lands and will be situated in the:

SE¹/₂NE¹/₄, Section 13, T12S, R29E, NMPM, Chaves County, NM NE¹/₂SE¹/₄, Section 13, T12S, R29E, NMPM, Chaves County, NM SE¹/₂SE¹/₄, Section 13, T12S, R29E, NMPM, Chaves County, NM SW¹/₂SW¹/₄, Section 13, T12S, R29E, NMPM, Chaves County, NM

Map Reference: USGS CULP RANCH QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series, 1973.

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Terrain

The investigated road crosses an undulating landform overlain by generally stabilized aeolian deposits. Drainage is of the internal type. Soil individuals are composed of loose, non-calcareous, sandy loams and loamy sands with occasional gravel-sized caliche inclusions. Peds belong to the Typic Torripsamment subgroup and its intergrades. Floristics

This landform hosts a dominant floral overstory of Quercus havardii with less frequent occurrences of Yucca glauca, Artemisia filifolia, Chrysothamnus pulchellus, and Opuntia macrocentra. Attendant forbs include Gutierrezia sarothrae, Phacelia sp., and an unidentified Compositae. The Gramineae is represented by Aristida sp., Sporobolus flexuosus, and Andropogon glomeratus.

Cultural Resources

No cultural resources were recorded during the course of this reconnaissance. Reasons cited for their absence include a paucity of potable water, a lack of shelter, and a dearth of potentially knappable material needed for stone-tool manufacture. Prehistoric land usage centered on hunting- and gathering activities. Most usage occurred during the Late Achaic (A.D. 750-950) and Jornada Mogollon (A.D. 950-1350) times.

Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for DEPCO, INCORPORATED's proposed road project and *suggests* that work-related activities proceed in accordance with company plans. 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. Duned settings are notorious for covering and uncovering cultural properties.

Quarry, Sectin 30, T12S, R29E

Location

The existing quarry, measuring 2800 ft in circumference, is situated in the:

NEŁNEŁ, Section 30, T12S, R29E, NMPM, Chaves County, NM Map Reference: USGS CULP RANCH QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series, 1973. Terrain

The investigated quarry is situated on an undulating landform overlain by generally stabilized aeolian deposits. Deflation basins are closed with hummocks to 1 m in height. Drainage is of the internal type. Pedons belong to the Typic Torripsamment subgroup which are composed of sandy loams and loamy sands. Caliche lag deposits are rare.

Floristics

Areal soils host a dominant overstory of *Prosopis juliflora* with less frequent occurrences of *Quercus havardii*, *Yucca glauca*, and *Artemisia filifolia*. Associated forbs include *Gutierrezia sarothrae*, *Perezia nana*, and *Croton sp*. The Gramineae is represented by *Sporobolus flexuosus*, *Andropogon glomeratus*, and *Aristida sp*.

Cultural Resources

No cultural resources were recorded during the course of this reconnaissance. Prehistorically, this landform was used on a seasonal basis for hunting *Artilocapra*, *Lepus*, and *Sylvilagus*. Most usage occurred during Jornada Mogollon (A.D. 950 to 1350) times.

Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for the proposed expansion of the quarry and *suggests* that DEPCO, INCORPORATED proceed with its existing plans. 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. Duned settings are notorious for covering and uncovering cultural properties.

