

N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Map Source: U.S.G.S. 7.5' Gonzales Mesa Quadrangle.

Area Surveyed: 300'x 200' (well pad), 1200'x 20' (access road).

Land Jurisdiction: Jicarilla Apache Tribe.

Description: The proposed well pad is located on a 10° southwest slope of a gently rolling plain. The soil is a sandy loam. The vegetation is primarily sagebrush, and blue grama, with occasional pinyon and juniper bushes. There is evidence of grazing. The access road proceeds west from an existing road for 800 feet, then turns northwest for the remaining distance.

Cultural Materials: A few grey utility sherds were noted in the small erosional gullies which drain north, at the bend in the access road. The artifacts appear to be derived from downslope washing, since no appreciable artifact concentrations could be found.

Recommendations: Archaeological clearance is recommended.

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