

Description: The proposed access road will leave an existing graded road and proceed for a distance of approximately 330 feet in a westerly direction. The road will then bear to the northwest for a distance of approximately 1770 feet to the proposed well pad. The road and the pad are to be located on the east facing slope of a ridge. The soils in the area are composed of sandy colluvium. Sandstone bedrock outcroppings and fragments of sandstone are present along the proposed route of the access road and on the proposed well pad. The ground surface is approximately 60% devoid of vegetation. The principal plant species in the vicinity of the proposed construction include juniper (Juniperus sp.), sage (Artemisia tridentata), grama grass (Bouteloua gracilis), and a few examples of prickly pear (Opuntia sp.). Deer droppings, tracks, skeletal remains, and one living adult were observed during the course of the survey.

Cultural Resources: No materials or features of prehistoric/historic significance were observed.

Recommendations: Archaeological clearance is recommended.