

Introduction

An archaeological reconnaissance was completed recently by the Agency for Conservation Archaeology (ACA) at Eastern New Mexico University for Amoco Production Company in Quay County, New Mexico, on land which minerals are administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The reconnoitered area will be disturbed by the construction of a well pad and an access road. The project was administered by Gary Jones for Amoco Production Company and Dr. John L. Montgomery, Director of ACA. This report was prepared by the Portales office of ACA.

The fieldwork was conducted on March 19, 1985, by Michael Kyte. Excellent field and weather conditions prevailed throughout the course of this reconnaissance. This survey was conducted under Federal Antiquities Permit number 11-2920-84-A. A search of the National Register has been made, and no properties within this area are listed. Prefield examination of the Roswell Resource Area's site files showed no previously recorded sites or surveys in the area (Steve Fisher, personal communication March 19, 1985).

Survey Technique

Visual inspection of the pad was completed by walking a series of parallel transects. Each transect was covered in a tightly spaced zigzag pattern. The access road was examined as two transects, with tightly spaced zigzag patterns covering the length and half the width of the right-of-way. The distance between transects was 25 ft (7.6 m). This method maximized the opportunity of observing any cultural resources on the surface within or near the proposed area of impact.

BDCDGU Well #1735-201G and Access Road

Location

The proposed well pad and access road are 16 mi (25.7 km) northwest of Nara Visa, New Mexico, on the High Plains. The pad covers 3.67 acres and measures 400 X 400 ft (121.9 X 121.9 m). The access road covers 2.4 acres and measures 50 X 2100 ft (15.2 X 640.1 m). They are situated as follows:

Well Pad:

SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 20, T17N R35E, NMPM, Quay County, NM (BLM Minerals)

Access Road:

SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 20, T17N R35E, NMPM, Quay County, NM (BLM Minerals)

SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 20, T17N R35E, NMPM, Quay County, NM (BLM Minerals)

Plat: Figure 1