

Description of Site:

ENM 10327 consists of 7 ring middens and occasional chert secondary decortication flakes. The site is situated immediately east and south of a small hill within the valley. Ring middens are oriented on a generally northeast to southwest line. Of these, Ring Midden A, the northeasternmost of these features, is singularly impressive owing to its size. It is juxtaposed to an older ring which served as a source of raw material in the construction of the newer, larger ring midden. This feature consists of a mounded ring of limestone cobbles associated with ash. Cobbles have been subjected to extreme heat and easily crack if struck against one another. Ring Midden A measures 20 m in diameter with its depressional basin being 2 m. Debitage is scarce or non-existent at all ring middens. Where it occurs it consists of small chert secondary decortication flakes which invariably are confined to fire pits. Ash deposits range from very dark gray (10YR 3/1 dry) to dark gray (10YR 4/1 dry). As for the remainder of the ring middens associated with this site, all are significantly smaller than the aforementioned feature and typically average about 7 m in diameter. Of these, the rings of several are not particularly well-defined. ENM 10327's larger middens have been vandalized and Ring Midden E bore signs of having been used to burn an automobile tire.

RECOMMENDATIONS

ACA recommends clearance for Brady Federal No. 1 provided its access road follows the agreed upon re-route examined during the reconnaissance (Fig. 1).