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Cultural Resources

No archaeological sites or isolated manifestations were recorded during this reconnaissance. The overall absence of material cultural resources is due to a lack of lithic material suited to the needs of the stone tool making artisan, a shortage of notable water since Pleistocene times, the openness of the associated landform, and distance to localities where the aforementioned are available. In post-Pleistocene times, Monument Springs and its environs have been the preferred areas for human occupancy.

Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for Great Western Drilling Company's proposed Bordages Well No. 3 and its access road and suggests that work-related activities proceed in accordance with company plans.

Bordages Well No. 4

Location

The proposed location will measure 400 X 400 ft on federal lands and will be situated 760 ft from the north line and 1780 ft from the west line of:

Section 33, T19S, R37E, HMPM, Lea County, NM

Thus it will be situated in the:

NELNWL, Section 33, T19S, R37E, HMPM, Lea County, NM

The associated access road will measure 12 X 600 ft and will be situated in the:

NELNWL, Section 33, T19S, R37E, HMPM, Lea County, NM