

Introduction

In December 1973, New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc., N.M.A.S., undertook an archaeological reconnaissance for Continental Oil Company on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Lea County, New Mexico. Re-connoitered areas will be impacted by drill locations and lease roads. This project was administered by Mr. Alan Fredrickson, Continental Oil, and Dr. J. Loring Haskell, Principal Investigator, NMAS. Dr. Haskell conducted the reconnaissance for Continental under excellent field and weather conditions.

Survey Technique

For this project, Continental's proposed locations were investigated for evidence of man's past activities by walking them in a series of north-south, 20 ft wide, close interval (150 or less), zigzag corridors. In addition, the perimeter of each location, or area measuring 20 ft in width beyond the proposed boundaries of the pad, were examined by a similar means. Proposed access roads were walked in a 20 ft wide, close interval, zigzag pattern. Methodologically, this technique served to promote optimal conditions for the visual examination of areas to be impacted by construction-related activities.

Warren Unit Well No. 63

Location

As proposed, Continental's location will measure 400 X 400 ft and will be situated 460 ft from the south line and 190 ft from the east line of: