

subgroup and consist of coarse-textured sandy loams and loamy sands. Peds, invariably, lack lithic inclusions.

Floristics

Principal denizens of the floral assemblage's overstory are Quercus havardii, Yuccata glauca, and occasional Prosopis juliflora. Forbs, albeit browned and desiccated, include: Senecio spartioides, Monarda punctata, Fedvotia humifusa, Palaia sp., and Penstemon sp. The Gramineae is represented chiefly by Sporobolus spp., Aristida sp., Bouteloua spp., Andropogon spp., Eragrostis sp., Cenchrus incertus, and Monroa squarrosa.

Cultural Resources

No archaeological sites were recorded during this reconnaissance. NMAS, however, did record one isolated manifestation immediately north of the location. It consists of two anhydrous quartz primary decortifications flakes and one ground stone fragment, which are associated with a few, widely scattered, burned- and fire-cracked caliche cobbles. It is situated in the:

SW1/4NW1/4, Section 2E, T20S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, NM

UTM: Zone 13, N3,604,100; E667,860

Map Reference: USGS HOBBS SW QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series, 1960.

Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for CONOCO's proposed SEIU Eumont Well No. 116 and its access road and suggests that work-related activities proceed in accordance with company plans. Clearance, of course, is granted by the Bureau of Land Management.