

The scrub formation is made up of mesquite, plains yucca, sand sage, leather-leaf croton, broom snakeweed, spiny-leaf zinnia, poverty threeawn, mesa dropseed, fluff grass, plains brittle grass, bush muhly and hairy grama.

Cultural Resources

Prefield: 12 November 1989, Section 16, T24S, R32E, (no archaeological sites, Arita K. Slate.

During the course of this survey, two isolated manifestations (IM) were recorded.

Isolated Manifestations (IM)

IM 1, consisting of three pieces of fire-cracked caliche, is situated near the center of the road at a point 1200 ft north of State Highway No. 128. There is no evidence of buried remains. Associated plants include mesquite, broom snakeweed, and mesa dropseed. It is situated in the:

NW¼NE¼SW¼NE¼, Section 16, T24S, R32E, NMPM, Lea County, NM

Map Reference: USGS PADUCA BREAKS NW QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series, 1973.

IM 2, consisting of a light scatter of fire-cracked caliche (approximately 10 pieces in 10 X 10 square meter area), is situated at a point 700 ft north of State Highway No. 128 and 50 ft west of the center of the road. There is no evidence buried remains. Associated plants include mesquite, plains yucca, sand sage, poverty threeawn, and bush muhly. It is situated in the:

SW¼SE¼SW¼NE¼, Section 16, T24S, R32E, NMPM, Lea County, NM

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In the past, this area was visited on a regular basis by social