

No archaeological sites or isolated manifestations were recorded during this reconnaissance. Owing to the presence of a thick layer of lake sediments, lithic inclusions are absent entirely in local soils; consequently, lithic resources needed for flaked-tool manufacture would have had to be carried into this area by man. This situation, coupled with a general lack of water in post-Pleistocene times, resulted in very ephemeral usage of this physiographic feature after that epoch. Actual usage appears to be limited to hunting by Archaic and Jornada Mogollon peoples who left the occasional projectile points found locally.

Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for Continental Oil Company's Stevens B-35 Well No.1 and its access road and suggests that work-related activities proceed according to existing plans.

Modifications to Existing Shell Oil Pipeline Road

Location

Continental Oil Company's proposed upgrading of this road bed will involve approximately 3660 ft. The road will measure 12 ft in breadth and will be modified in order to accomodate several turnoffs in order to provide ingress and egress. This road is situated in the:

NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, Section 35, T23S, R36E, NMPM, Lea County, NM
 SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, Section 35, T23S, R36E, NMPM, Lea County, NM
 NE¹/₄SE¹/₄, Section 35, T23S, R36E, NMPM, Lea County, NM
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