seismological road for a distance of .7 miles and thence turn toward the west for an additional 600 yards entering the drill location at its southeastern corner. It will measure 12 X 5496 ft and pass through the:

Eirls, Section 6, T26S, R27E, MTPH, Eddy County, NM (Private Surface/BLM-Minerals) SigNiz, Section 6, T26S, R27E, NTPM, Eddy County, NN (Private Surface/BLM-Minerals)

The alternate route measures 12 X 3200 ft and passes through the:

SW45W4, Section 6, T26S, R27E, MATH, Eddy County, MM (Private Surface/BLM-Minerals) NW45W4, Section 6, T26S, R27E, NATH, Eddy County, NM (Private Surface/BLM-Minerals) SW41W4, Section 6, T26S, R27E, NMFM, Eddy County, NM (Private Surface/BLM-Minerals) Map Reference: USGS Malaga Quadrangle, 7.5 Minute Series, 1945.

## Terrain

This location is situated at the south end of the Cottonwood Hills southwest of Malaga, New Mexico. The area is distinguished by a pediment which trends toward the south. Small, but differentially eroded rills and arroyos, course through the area averaging between 1 and 2 ft in depth. Soils are sandy loams and loamy sands with pea-sized gravels on the south and angular limestone inclusions on the flanks of the Cottonwood Hills. Soils there are rocky. Typic Calciorthids are associated with several intergrades in the area.

## Floristics

This locality is dominated by <u>Larrea tridentata</u> which often occurs in pure stands, but does associate with a variety of plants on the south, i.e., in areas of deeper soils. Frequently, observed plants in addition to <u>Larrea tridentata</u> include <u>Prosopis juliflora</u>, <u>Opuntia imbricata</u>, <u>Opuntia macrocentra</u>, <u>Yucca elata</u>, <u>Acacia vernicosa</u>, <u>Koeberlinia spinosa</u>, <u>Croton sp.</u>, <u>Tridens pulchellus</u>, <u>Scleroporon</u> <u>brevifolius</u>, <u>Panicum obtusum</u>, and <u>Hilaria mutica</u>. In addition to the aforementioned, <u>Dalia fomosa</u>, <u>Condalia ericoides</u>, and <u>Ferocactus</u> sp. were noted on the flanks of the Cottonwood Hills.

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