



The project was previously granted clearance to proceed based on a preliminary data recovery report submitted in September 2016 and approved by the NMDOT and HPD (Mastropietro et al. 10/26/2016; NMCRIS 136416). During archaeological testing and data recovery, nine sites (LA 15901, LA 17041, LA 83680, LA 89659, LA 104182, LA 118318, LA 120949, LA 120950 and LA 137120) located within the APE were investigated. Effects to sites and site treatments are both related to the project APE. The APE was defined as a 20-ft wide buffer beyond the physical construction limits. If the construction buffer fell completely within the existing right-of-way, then the entire right-of-way was considered the APE. The portion of each site within the APE was excavated in accordance with the methods presented in the testing and data recovery plan approved for this project and to the necessary NMAC and BLM standards and guidance. All nine sites extend outside the APE and, therefore, have remaining elements that were not investigated. The remaining portions of the sites exhibit moderate-to-extensive surface artifact density and visible features with additional data potential. The sites therefore retain attributes that merit their continued inclusion in the NRHP and should remain eligible. For seven of the nine sites (LA 15901, 17041, 83680, 89659, 104182, 120950, and 137120) the remaining deposits that contribute to the site's information potential are located well outside of the project APE and no additional action is necessary. However, due to the close proximity of features to the project APE, temporary protective fencing is recommended for LA 118318 in the areas of Features 3, 4, 5 and 6 and for LA 120949 in the areas of Features 7 and 8. The temporary protective fencing will ensure that construction activity does not inadvertently trespass onto those portions of the sites that contribute to their NRHP eligibility.

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