

**PYGMY RABBIT SURVEY
FOR:
EOG RESOURCES, INC.**

Cow Creek 26-26



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Pygmy Rabbit Survey Report

For: EOG Resources, Inc.

Location: Cow Creek 26-26

Section 26, T22N, R112W

Introduction

On April 23, 2007 Aster Canyon Consulting, Inc was requested to perform a Pygmy Rabbit (*Brachylagus idahoensis*) survey within a one-quarter mile buffer on the above-mentioned proposed well pad, access road, and pipelines. The BLM Kemmerer field office and EOG Resources requested the survey as part of BLM's sensitive species evaluation process. In this report the results of the survey are presented to EOG Resources and the BLM Kemmerer field office biologists. Appendix A includes data sheets and the attached disk has all photos, maps, shape files, and data.

Methods

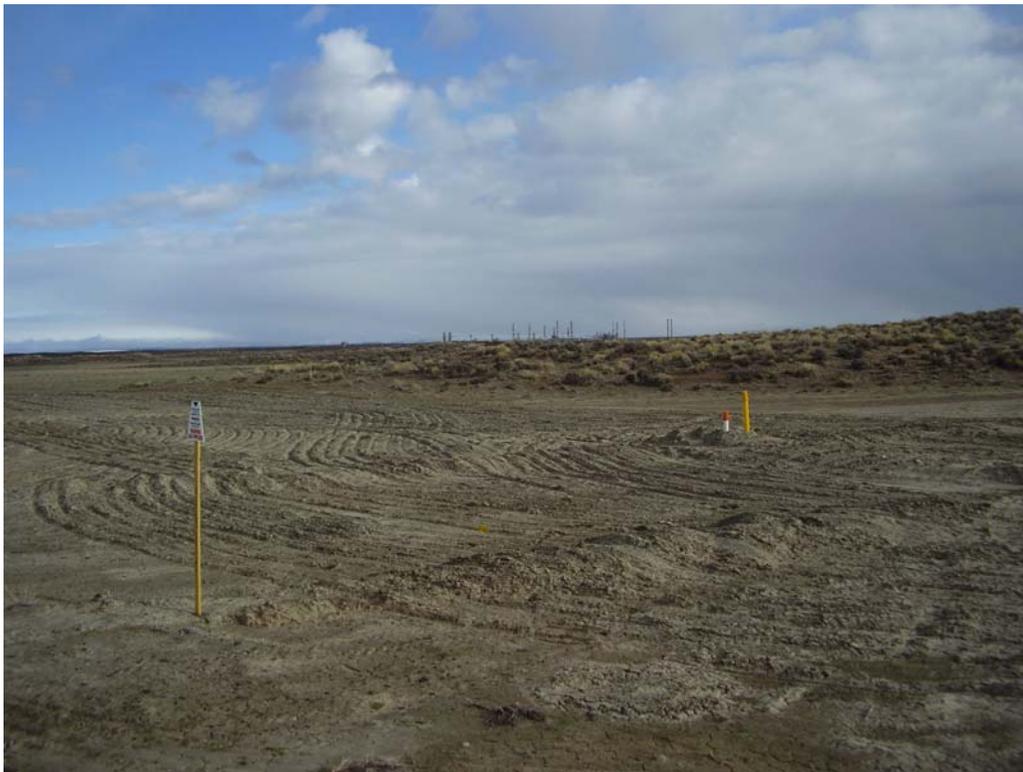
Three biologists on foot searched a one-quarter mile buffer of the above-mentioned proposed well pad, access road, and pipeline flags. The area was surveyed in a spiral configuration radiating out from the well flags and starting road point with biologists spaced approximately 100 meters apart starting at 50 meters. A Trimble Geo-XT GPS was utilized for recording the proposed well site and road stakes and the Garmin E-trex recorded biologist tracks and rabbit sign. The survey was conducted as per the "Surveying for Pygmy Rabbits (*Brachylagus idahoensis*), Fourth Draft dated June 3, 2004". Please refer to the survey protocol for further details on Pygmy rabbit identification, burrow classifications, and biologist track recording methods. Please see data sheets and map for more information.

Results/Discussion

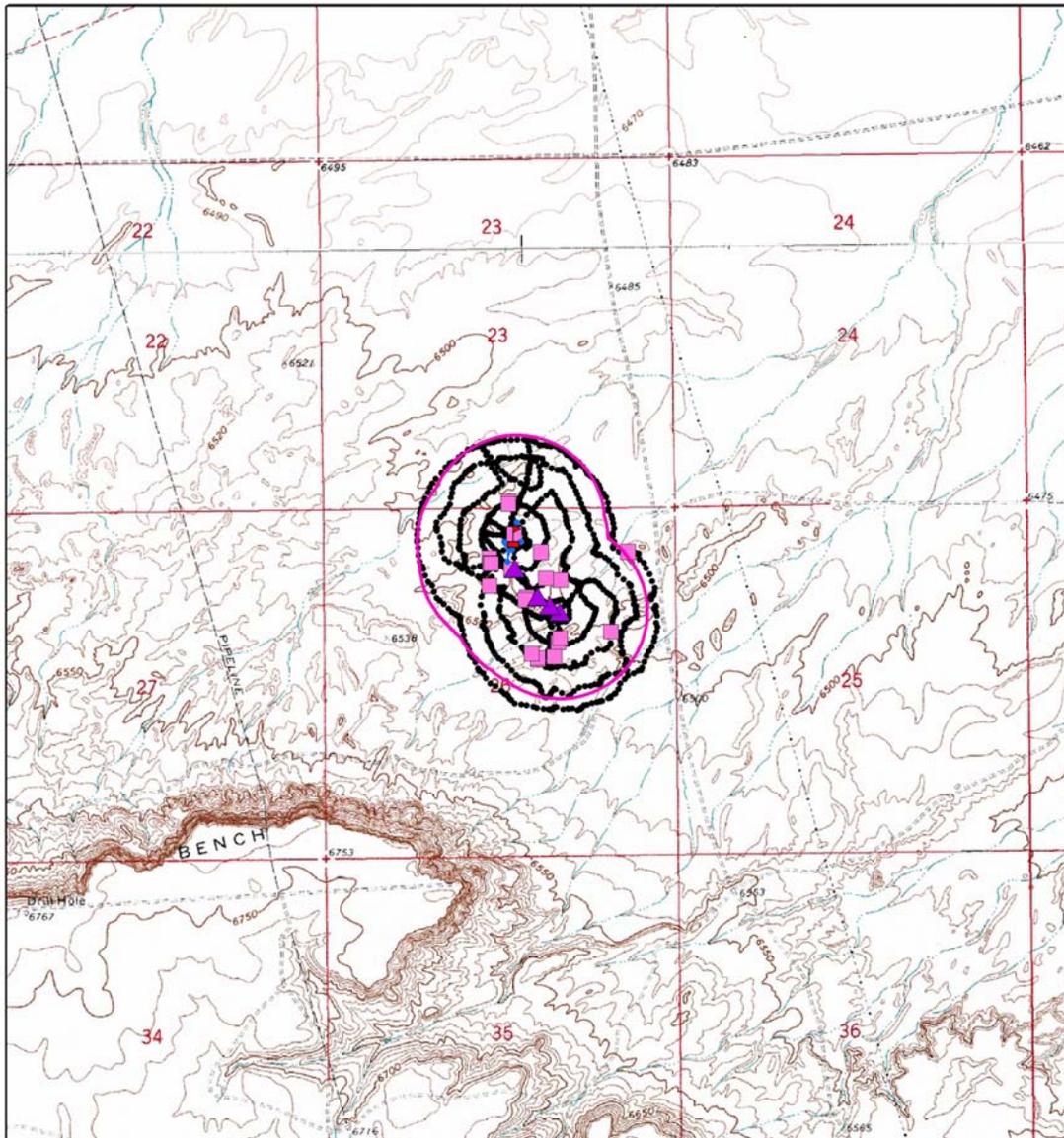
Pygmy Rabbits and Pygmy Rabbit sign was located within the proposed disturbance area, though biologists only discovered one used burrow complex in that area. The burrow complex located within the disturbance area consisted of a small amount of fresh pellets and recent excavation. A total of 21 burrow complexes were located during the survey of the one-quarter mile buffer. Please see map and data sheet for further details on these 21 burrows. The burrows were found mainly in the sandy hills with large concentration of *Artemisia spp.* Incidental wildlife observed includes pronghorn tracks, jackrabbits, cottontail rabbits sign, and coyote scat.



Pictured above is an occupied Pygmy rabbit burrow.



Pictured above is the survey site from the proposed road.

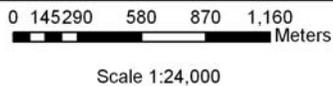


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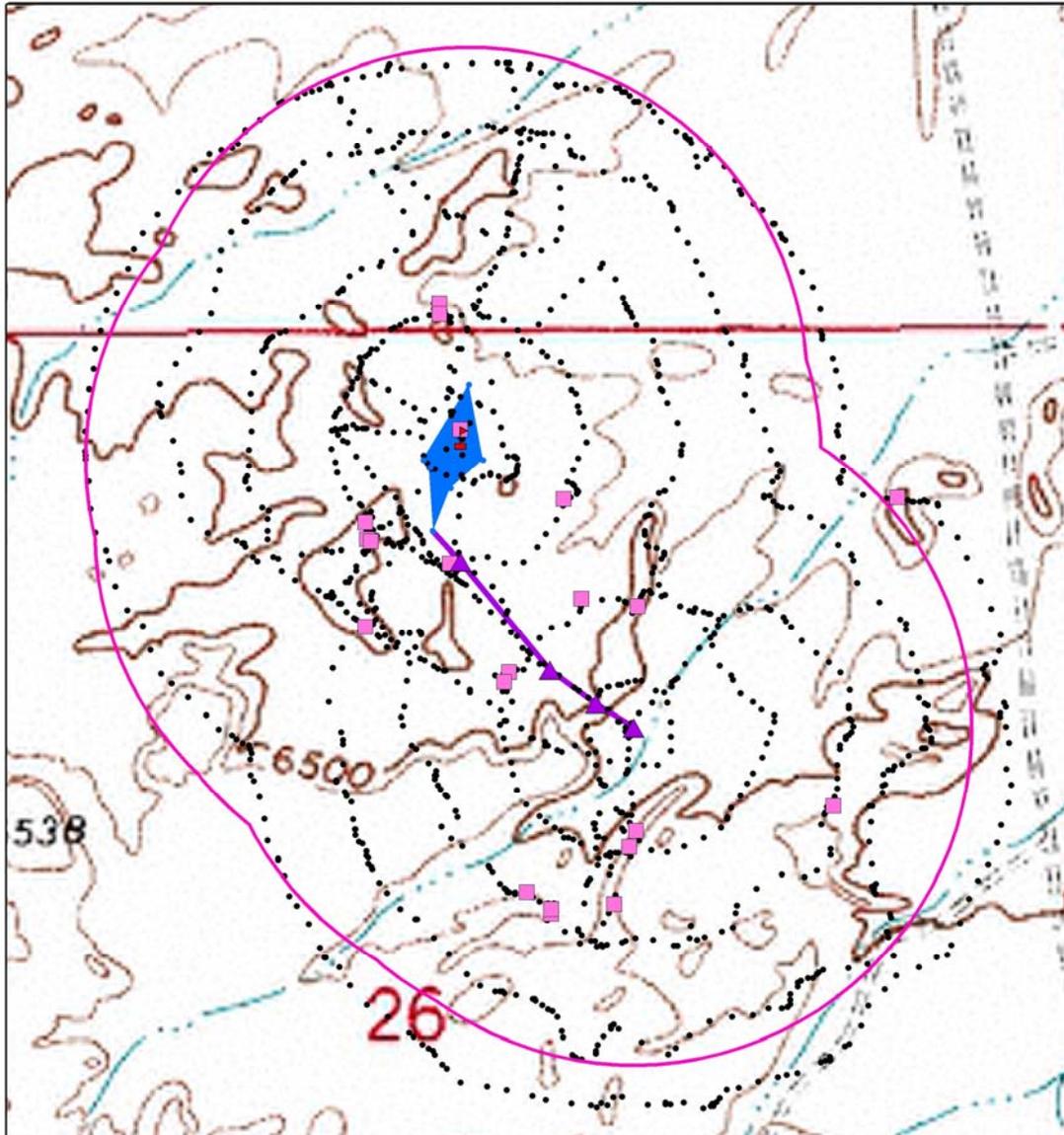
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- Pygmy Sign
- Proposed Well Pad
- ▲ Well Flag
- BiologistTracks
- Proposed Road
- ▲ Road Stakes
- Quarter Mile Buffer of Road and Well



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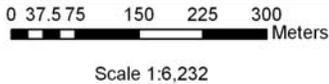


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Appendix A
Data Sheets

PYGMY RABBIT SURVEY FORM

Observer(s): Sarah Malick, Sarah Vincent, Jamie Coble Affiliation: Aster Canyon Consulting, Inc.
 Address: P.O. Box 1704 Phone: 307-367-6824

State: _____
 Observation Date: 4/23/2007 Site Name: Cow Creek Co.: Lincoln : WY Site #: 26-26
 Township: 22 N Range: 112 W Meridian: _____ Section: 26 Quarter/Quarter: _____ of Quarter: _____
 Project / Transect ID #: EOG Resources, Inc. Field Map ID: na
 Survey Method: Foot Search Time: Start: 10:19 am Stop: 12:18 pm

GPS Data

Projection: Decimal Degrees Decimal Minutes Degrees/Minutes/Seconds UTM Zone: 10 12
 Datum: NAD27 NAD83 WGS84
 Coordinates:
 Starting point Easting 575676 Northing 4634796 Elevation ~ feet
 Accuracy: PDOP na FOM na +/- _____ Feet Meters

Land Ownership: State BLM USFS USFWS Private* (state below)
 Tribal Military Nat. Park Other: _____
 *Private landowner / Address / Phone: na

Potential Threats to Area: Agriculture Fire Development Grazing OHV None Other: Oil and Gas Development

Summary of Results for Survey Route Pellets collected? Yes No

Pygmy rabbit observed? Yes No Pygmy Rabbit sign observed? Yes No Possible burrows Possible Pellets

Summary of numbers of burrows B+FP: 4 B+OP: 4 - B: 13 - UB+FP: - Col: - B+dig: - FP alone: - see report

Length of survey route Miles: na Feet: na Meters: na

Predators (T- tracks, S-scat, V-visual) Coyote T S V Fox T S V Badger T S V Weasel T S V Bobcat T S V
 Raptor T S V Other _____

Notes. Provide directions, describe landscape setting, note other animals, explain why if no pygmy rabbits were found, describe behavior of any pygmy rabbits seen, etc.

