

In 2020 two Class III surveys were conducted by Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc. The surveys included approximately 480 acres in the northwest corner of the permit area, including the PR-11 expansion area. The area covered by these surveys is shown on Map M45 and the results of these surveys are included in Appendix K, Parts XVIII and XIX. The surveys identified six sites for new recording and a revisit of one previously recorded Native American site. Three of the newly recorded sites were recommended as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; the remaining three sites were determined not eligible for listing. Archaeological sites identified as eligible for listing are discussed in Section 2.9.1. All surveys were authorized by and submitted to the Bureau of Land Management Little Snake Field office and conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act.

In 2023 two Class III surveys were conducted by Grand River Institute. The surveys included approximately 180 acres in the C, I, J and L Pit areas in advance of new stripping. The area covered by these surveys is shown on Map M45 and the results are included in Appendix K, Parts XX and XXI. The surveys identified no new sites but did document a segment of an existing site. A portion of historic State Highway 13 in the western portion of the permit area was investigated for eligibility on the National Register of Historic Places. The nature of the site is discussed in Section 2.9.2.

#### 2.9.1 Archaeological Sites

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