

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Research Firm/Institution:

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Sites examined:

18AG170

Project Details:

Phase I
Phase II
Phase III

Project Justification:

Despite the title of the report, the work is best described as Phase II testing (i.e. Phase III data recovery was not involved). The research was undertaken to provide information regarding the past occupation of an area that was going to be affected by the construction of a 138 kV electrical transmission line. Impact was, however, projected to be minimal given that areas of soil disturbance would be limited to the electrical tower footers and any remaining portions of any identified site would be maintained as pasture.

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Project Objectives:

-Assess the evidence for past habitation within the project area.
-Use the resulting data to generate project-specific recommendations and to provide a database for future review level planning.
-Recover a representative sample of material remains and feature data from the very limited areas impacted by the electrical tower footers.

Research Potential:

Evidence recovered at Black Oak (18AG170) indicates that the site likely served as a transient lithic chipping station, or it may have been the fringes of a semi-permanent or permanent prehistoric camp site. Indeed, a Late Archaic site (18AG116) is located along the southern edge of 18AG170 (this was not discussed in the Black Oak report). Given the rather limited nature of the work performed at Black Oak, little can be said about its potential research value.