

MAROON CLIFFS

Nominated ACEC: Maroon Cliffs ACEC

Nominated by: BLM

Size: 8,700 acres

Cultural Value

Relevance

A wide range of prehistoric site types and activities are represented within the Maroon Cliffs Archaeological District. The Maroon Cliffs area is topographically diverse, providing a variety of exploitable environments for prehistoric peoples. Recorded archaeological sites include open campsites dating from the Archaic period (5000 BC) to the Jornada Mogollon period (AD 900 to 1450). The area provides opportunities for research of environmental conditions, water sources, diet, and social networking that can contribute significantly to the understanding of prehistoric inhabitants' life ways within southeast New Mexico. The nominated ACEC is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as an Archaeological District.

Importance

- Has more than locally significant qualities which give it special worth, consequence, meaning, distinctiveness, or cause for concern, especially compared to any similar resource.
- Has qualities or circumstances that make it fragile, sensitive, rare, irreplaceable, exemplary, unique, endangered, threatened, or vulnerable to adverse change.