

## POPE'S WELL

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**Nominated ACEC:** Pope's Well ACEC

**Nominated by:** BLM

**Size:** 80 acres

### Historic Value

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#### ***Relevance***

Pope's Well is a unique and rare historic era cultural site that represents early American exploration in southeastern New Mexico. This nominated ACEC contains artesian well drill sites and stone remains of the army camp used by Captain John Pope in the mid-1850s. The camp and wells were constructed while trying to establish reliable water sources for the proposed southern route of the transcontinental railroad. This site is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

#### ***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.