

## **BOOT HILL DISTRICT**

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**Nominated ACEC:** Boot Hill District ACEC

**Nominated by:** BLM

**Size:** 1,100 acres

### **Cultural Value**

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#### ***Relevance***

The nominated Boot Hill ACEC contains a number of significant sites eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Significant cultural remains such as pronghorn, bison, and other faunal remains have been documented, giving us a window into the past for understanding the subsistence (dietary) strategies of the prehistoric occupants. In addition, several of the sites within the nominated ACEC are associated with surface semi-circular rock-lined structures located on the periphery of the site overlooking the landscape. The function of these structures is not yet understood. The ceramic assemblage has intrusive wares, which is indicative that the past occupants were in contact with other groups outside of southeastern New Mexico.

#### ***Importance***

- Has qualities or circumstances that make it fragile, sensitive, rare, irreplaceable, exemplary, unique, endangered, threatened, or vulnerable to adverse change.

### **Natural Systems or Processes**

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#### ***Relevance***

Fossil remains frequently occur in this area, as evidenced by the presence of a mammoth tusk found eroding from an arroyo wall and observations of other paleontological remains in the area.

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