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Archaeological Survey of 1.7 acres of land owned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Barry County, Michigan

Project Personnel:

Principal Investigator: Robert G. Kingsley, M.A., Research Associate

Purpose of Investigations:

This project was performed at the request of Mr. Spencer Greenhill of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Waterways. The 1.7 acres in question are proposed to be an expansion of an adjacent DNR Public Access site on Gull Lake. Fieldwork for this project was carried out on September 2, 1978.

Previous Research:

There has been no systematic archaeological research in this area of Barry County, or adjacent Kalamazoo County. The nearest known, or confirmed site to the project area is designated K-12, and is located in Kalamazoo County, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 14, Richland Township; this site is a single mound in a restaurant parking lot.

Description of Project Area:

The 1.7 acres is located in the center, N 1/2, N 1/2, SE 1/4, Sec. 36, Prairieville Township, Barry County, Michigan; it is located immediately adjacent to and west of an existing DNR public access site on the north end of Gull Lake.

The project area has undergone moderate to heavy impact already. The 1.7 acres contains 5 structures and 1 parking lot. Four of the structures are used as dwellings and the last is a garage; an estimated .2 to .3 acres of the total 1.7 lies under these buildings or parking lot.

The remaining areas are grass-covered and level. It was not determined conclusively whether or not these areas have undergone grading or landscaping, but this does not seem unlikely. Soil in the area was humus with large quantities of unsorted glacial till; sand was encountered near the lake edge. There are several large deciduous trees in the area.

Procedures:

Prior to fieldwork, the site files at the Department of Anthropology, Western Michigan University, were consulted to determine if known cultural resources existed in the project area.

Field procedures consisted of surface reconnaissance of the area; the small area involved precluded the necessity of systematic survey methods. The area was visually inspected; there are numerous spots in the area that lack grass cover and these areas were concentrated on. The exposed areas near the lake were also closely examined.

Sites Recorded:

Absolutely no cultural material (excepting modern refuse) was found within the 1.7 acre project area. The adjacent DNR Public Access area, which is of comparable size, was also walked and inspected, but nothing was found here either. This area was examined because there was little ground cover, and is adjacent to the present project area.

Recommendations:

Since no cultural material or sites of any kind were discovered in this area, this project, as outlined to me by Mr. Spencer Greenhill of DNR, should proceed as planned.

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