

July 1, 2021

Sixth Street Properties Sub Fund, LLC
433 N. Camden Drive, Suite 1000
Beverly Hills, Ca 90210
c/o General Counsel Mike Treiman

Re: Extended Phase I Archaeological Testing Program
Starpoint Properties Project
Assessor's Parcel Number 0278-191-37
City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California
CRM TECH Contract No. 3746

To Whom It Concerns:

CRM TECH has completed an Extended Phase I (XPI) archaeological testing program as a follow-up to the previously completed Phase I cultural resources survey for the project referenced above (Tang et al. 2021). The project entails the proposed construction of an industrial warehouse complex on approximately 9 acres of former rural-residential land. The project area is located northeast of the intersection of Pedley Road and 6th Street in the community of East Valley, near the City of San Bernardino. The property is in a portion the Rancho San Bernardino Land Grant, T1S R4W, San Bernardino Baseline and Meridian (Figure 1).

During consultations with the County of San Bernardino, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians (SMBMI or Tribe) indicated that they considered the project area, especially the northern part of the project area, to be sensitive for cultural resources. Ryan Nordness, Cultural Resource Analyst for the SMBMI, noted that the northwestern part of the project area is near Warm Creek. Besides being an area of more intensive resource procurement and the location of a recorded archaeological site, Nordness stated that a Tribal relocation route was known to have been alongside the Creek. Given the number and types of prior disturbances that have occurred on the property, Nordness suggested that Shovel Test Pits (STPs) on a grid spaced 30 meters apart across the northern part of the property (16 STPs) (Figure 2) would provide a sufficient amount of information regarding the subsurface sensitivity for buried cultural deposits.

Methods

CRM TECH implemented the "Extended Phase I" fieldwork based on this plan between June 23 and 25, 2021. Prior to beginning the field work, the locations of the STPs, based on the grid, were geo-referenced into our GIS software. Those points were then downloaded into a handheld GPS unit for use in the field. On June 23, 2021, CRM TECH Field Director Daniel Ballester, M.S., along with CRM TECH archaeologists Hunter O'Donnell B.A., and Arturo Aldaco, B.A. arrived at the project area to start the fieldwork. Talitha Lewis, representing the Tribe was also present.

Prior to the commencement of subsurface excavations, the ground surface in the project area was systematically resurveyed for any evidence of cultural resources or cultural use. Ground visibility was good (80-90%) though the surface was heavily soot-stained from a recent fire (Figure 3). The recent fire, though, actually made ground visibility in the area better than it had been during the initial Phase I survey. While the crew was conducting the field survey, Ballester, using a handheld GPS unit, marked the location for each of the 16 STPs, according to the previously agreed-upon plan (Figure 2).

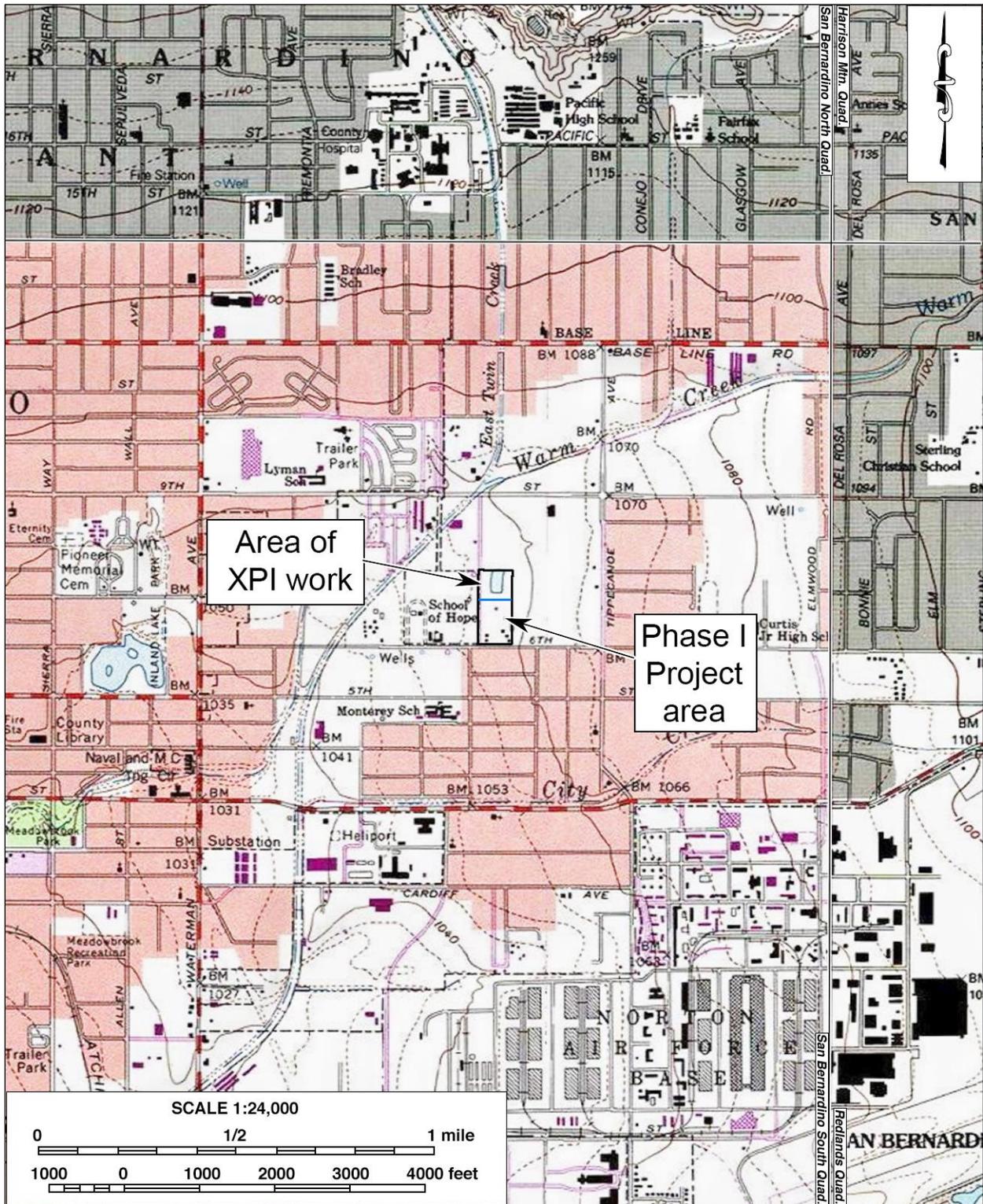


Figure 1. Location and configuration of the project area. (Based on USGS San Bernardino North Calif., and adjacent 1:24,000 quadrangles)



Figure 2. Aerial view of the project area, showing the location and orientation of Shovel Test Pits excavated during the XPI program.



Figure 3. Overview of the project area before archaeological excavations. (Photographed on June 24, 2021; view to the west)

After surveying the area and setting up the STP grid, O'Donnell and Aldaco began excavating the STPs. Each STP measured approximately 0.5 meters in diameter and they were excavated to a depth of 1 meter where possible (Figure 4). All excavated soils were sifted through an eighth inch hardwire mesh to look for artifacts. The work was documented by taking photographs of the work and written narratives that included describing the soils to provide relevant subsurface details (see attached level records). O'Donnell and Aldaco continued the work on June 24, accompanied by Ismael Becerra as the Tribal representative. The work was concluded on June 25, 2021.

Results

The resurvey of the project area encountered no evidence of any cultural resources from either the prehistoric or the historic period. No archaeological features or artifacts of prehistoric origin were observed in any of the Shovel Test Pits or the screened soil. STPs 3, 5, 10, 14, and 16 all contained colorless glass bottle body fragments of a potentially historical age; being undiagnostic and therefore unable to provide any definitive data, these glass fragments were not collected.

Fourteen of the STPs were excavated to a depth of 100 cm, with only two of the STPs being discontinued at 50 cm. The soil stratigraphy in the project area appears to be relatively uniform. The first 10 cm consisted of the topsoil, which was densely compacted greyish-brown alluvium. Roots and rodent intrusions were noted between 10 and 30 cm with caliche appearing between 20 and 30 cm, ceasing by 40 cm, with soil at this level lightening in shade to a chalky clayey grey before giving way to a yellowish-grey sandy loam by 40 cm. This sand then darkens slightly between 70 and 80 cm, with this soil variety continuing to 100 cm. Rocks are exceedingly few and small in size, being less than 5 mm across, and moderately angular throughout the study area as observed in the dirt from the STPs.



Figure 4. Typical STP Unit excavations. *Left: STP 10; right: STP 3.* (Photographed on June 25 and 23, 2021, respectively)

Conclusion

In summary, this Extended Phase I program encountered no cultural deposits and they demonstrate that the surface and near-surface soils have been heavily disturbed by prior ranching and land management activities. Based on these findings, CRM TECH concludes that the subsurface sediments in the project area appear to be relatively low in sensitivity for potentially significant cultural resources from the prehistoric or early historic period.

No further cultural resources investigation is recommended for the proposed project unless development plans undergo such changes as to include areas that have not been surveyed. However, if buried cultural materials are encountered during earth-moving operations associated with the project, all work in that area should be halted or diverted until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the finds.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service. If you have any questions or need further information regarding this investigation, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Michael Hogan, Ph.D.
Principal, CRM TECH

Reference

Tang, Bai "Tom" and Deirdre Encarnación, Terri Jacquemain, Daniel Ballester, and Nina Gallardo
2021 Historical/Archaeological Resources Survey Report: Sixth Street Properties Sub Fund, LLC
Warehouse Project, Assessor's Parcel No. 0278-191-37, near the City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino
County, California. On file, SCCIC and CRM TECH's office.

Soil (note type, color, texture, content, ect.; note any changes observed)

Greyish brown well-sorted alluvium; highly compacted. ^(very) coarse gravel
gravel present in sparse amounts

Disturbances [Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agricultural, construction, other)

Root disturbance: through 50cm, Rodent intrusion to 30cm

Highly compacted, pasture land?

Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

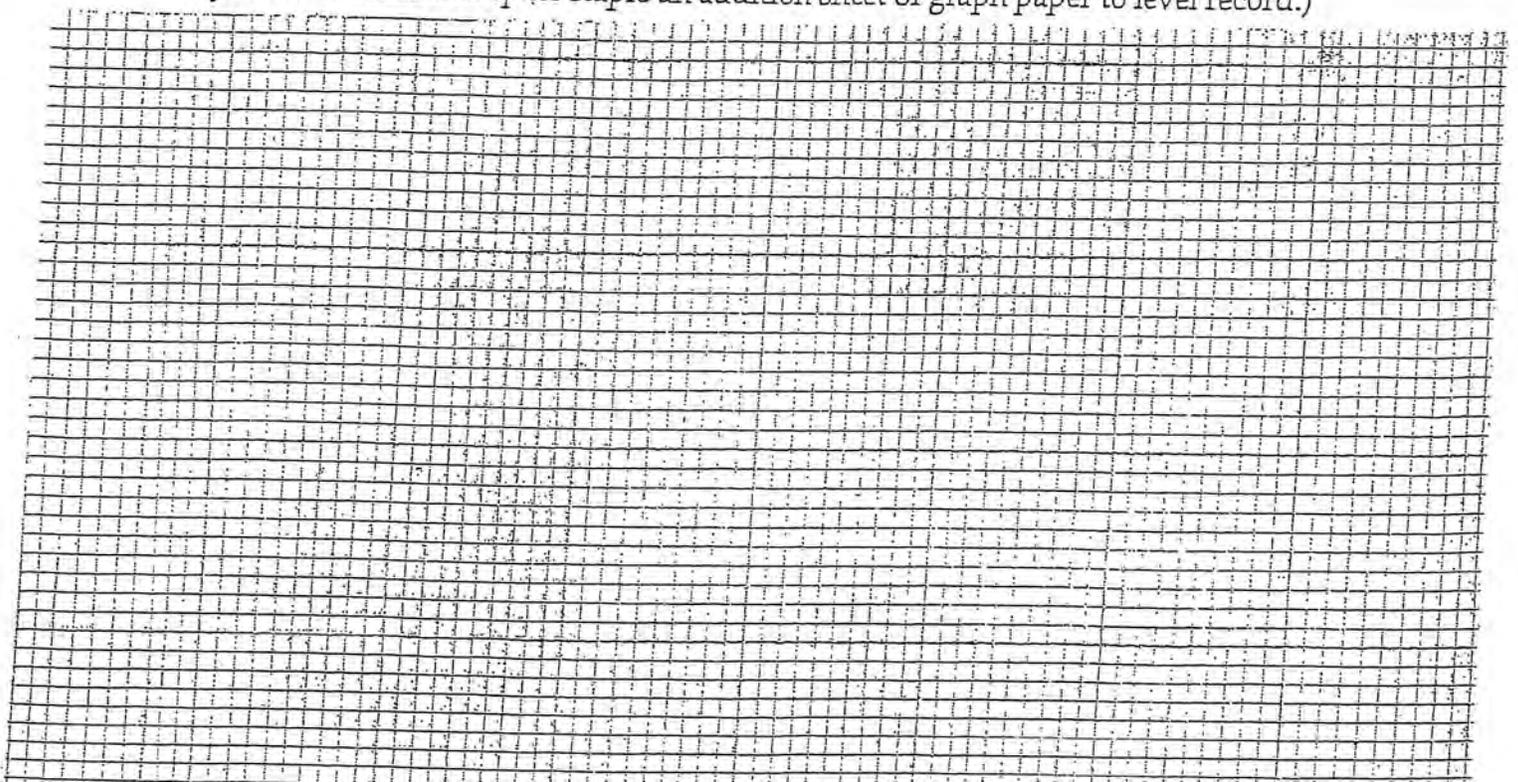
Burnt surface

LAST LEVEL EXCAVATED (when unit is terminated; list for each 1/2 or quad):

90-100 cm

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Soil (note type, color, texture, content, ect.; note any changes observed)

- Highly grayish brown
- Softer loamy soil
- Soil gets softer around 50-60 cm

Disturbances [Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agricultural, construction, other)

 Burial surface

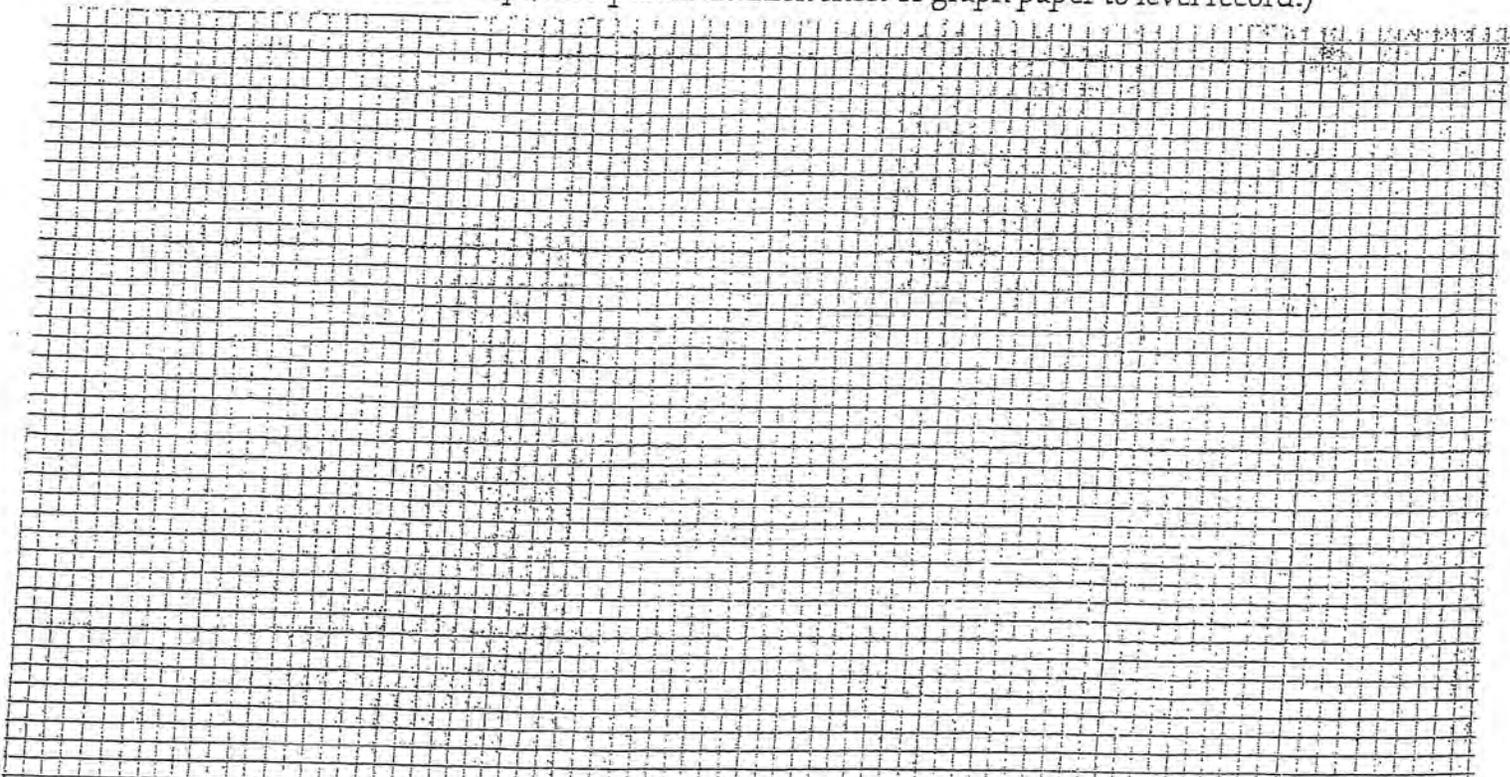
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CRM TECH UNIT and LEVEL RECORD

Site _____ Project Number 3746 Project Name Pedley 6th XPI

Unit / STP / Trench # 3 Date: 6-23-21 Excavators: Hunter Arturo
O'Donnell Aldaro

Unit Size: 50 by 50 cm Orientation _____ Datum corner: _____

Screen size: 1/2 1/4 1/8 in. Other information: _____

DEPTH	Lithic	Ceramic	CS	Faunal	Shell	Bead	Charcoal	FAR	Rock	FAC	Other
Surface											Burnt surface
0-10											compacted soil
11-20											historic glass found
21-30											highly compacted
31-40											grayish brown soil
41-50											—
51-60											—
61-70											—
71-80											—
81-90											—
91-100											—

Modern / Historic

Glass Small historic shard Metal _____
 Ceramic _____ Nails _____
 Other _____

Soil Profile type, color, texture, content, etc. (note any changes of strata):

- Compact soil greyish-brown. Historic glass found 10cm
- Soil gets softer around 50-60cm

Disturbances (Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agricultural, construction, other):
Burnt surface, rodent holes

Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

Highly compacted soil

LAST LEVEL EXCAVATED (when unit is terminated; list for each 1/2 or quad):

100 cm

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Soil (note type, color, texture, content, ect.; note any changes observed)

Almond silt, grayish brown, well-sorted; very few small gravel-sized rocks (gravel, etc.)

Lightens @ 30-40, becomes sandy

Darkens @ 60, still sandy

Disturbances [Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agricultural, construction, other)

Rodent holes: 0-10 cm

Cracks began in space @ 20 cm, gone @ 30 cm

Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

Burnt Surface

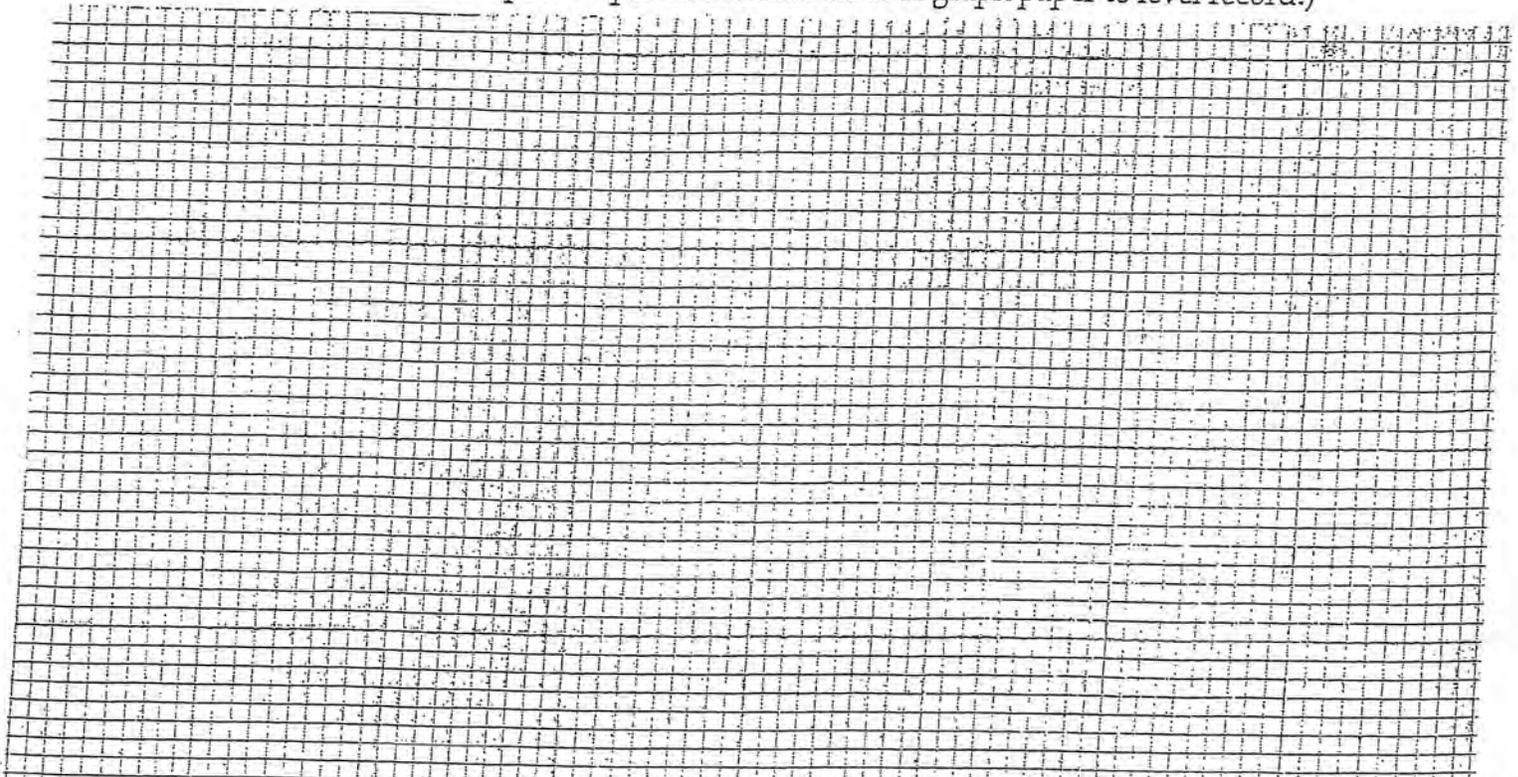
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90-100 cm

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Soil (note type, color, texture, content, ect.; note any changes observed)

Tannish gray below surface to 30cm, alluvium compacted but less than strips #1-4, turning tanner/softer by 40cm.
No rocks/gravel until 40-80cm, small granitic gravel.

Disturbances [Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agricultural, construction, other)

Rodent intrusions 20-30cm, roots @ 30-40cm including 1-1" thick tree root

Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

Burnt surface

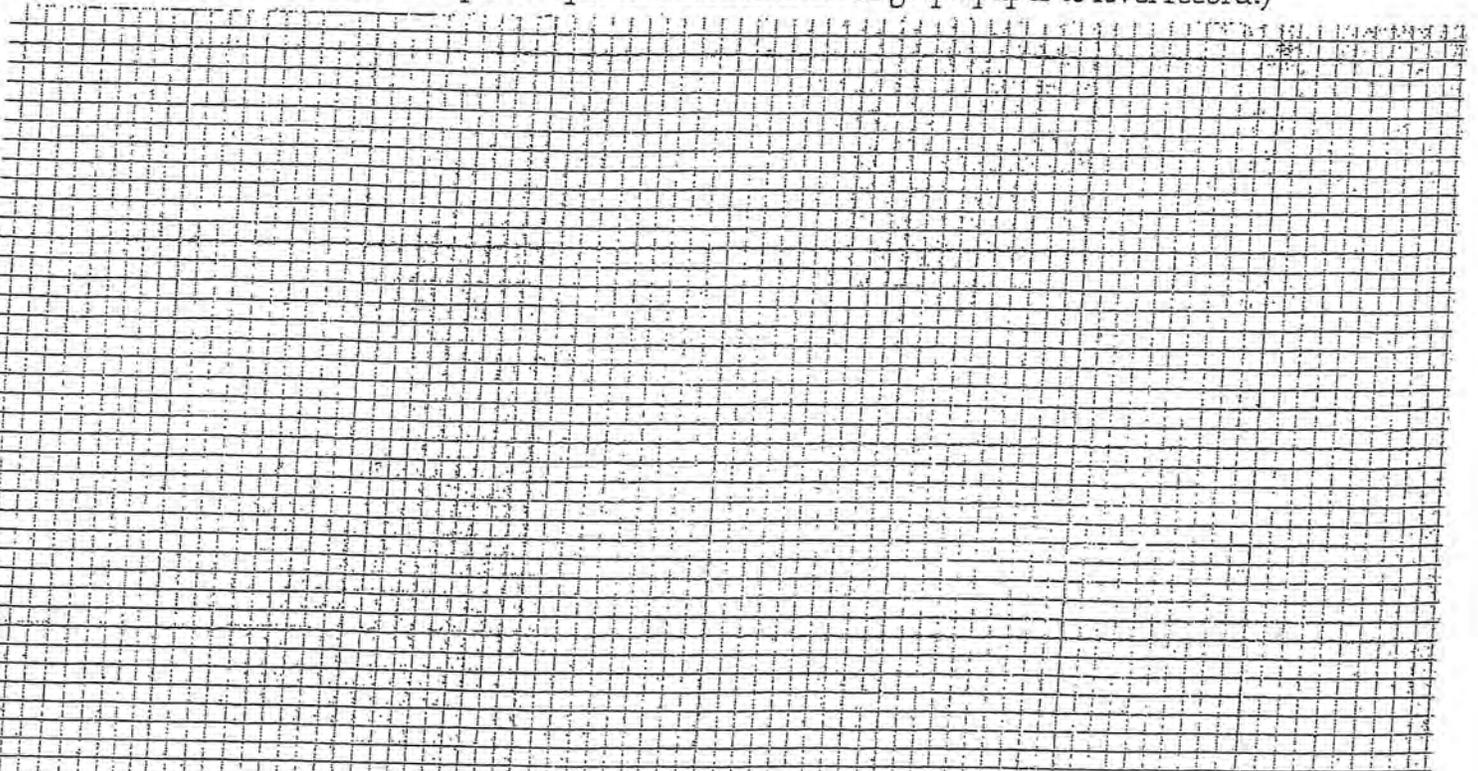
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Soil (note type, color, texture, content, ect.; note any changes observed)

- highly compacted soil
- soil gets softer around 50-60cm

Disturbances [Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agricultural, construction, other)]

Burnt surface, rodent holes

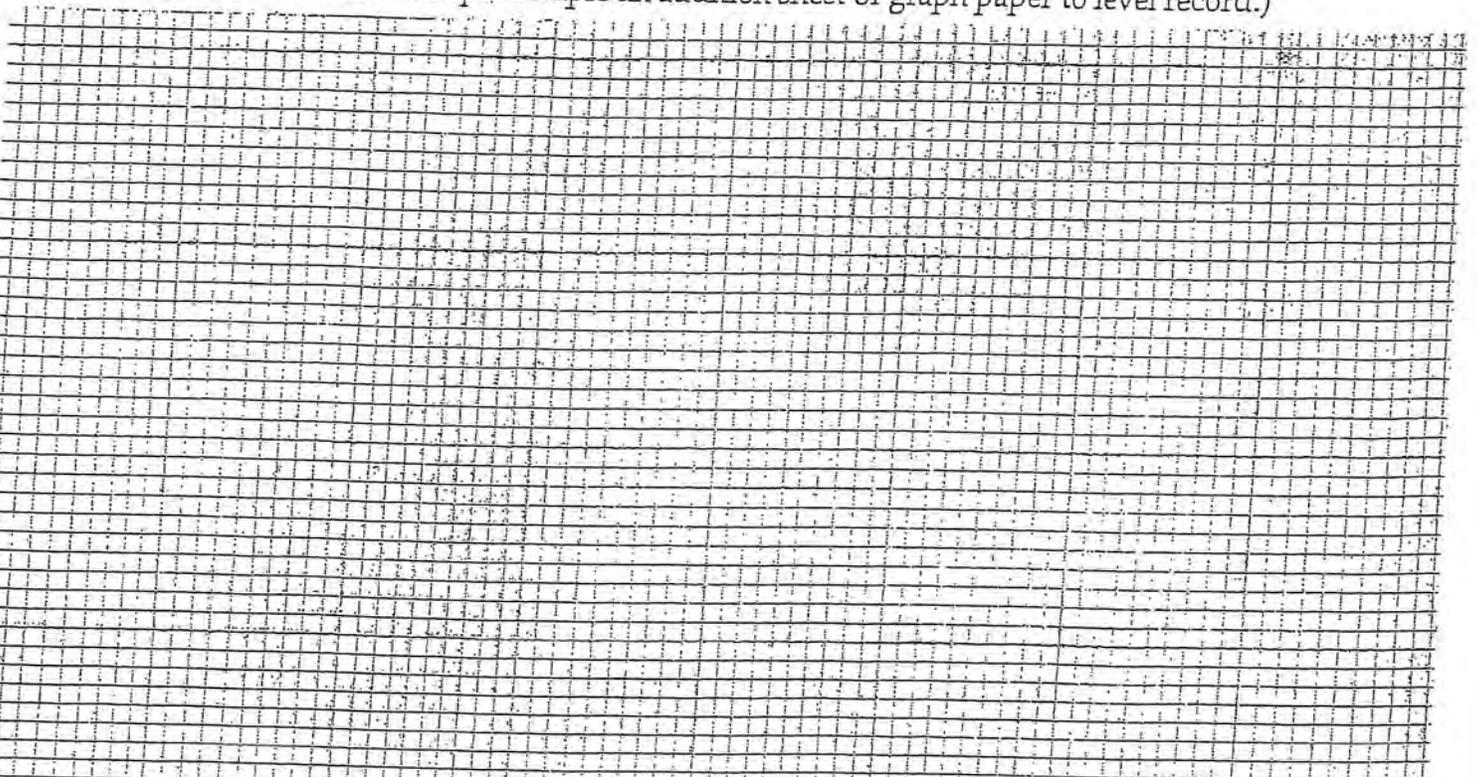
Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

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100cm

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Soil (note type, color, texture, content, ect.; note any changes observed)

Disturbances [Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agricultural, construction, other)

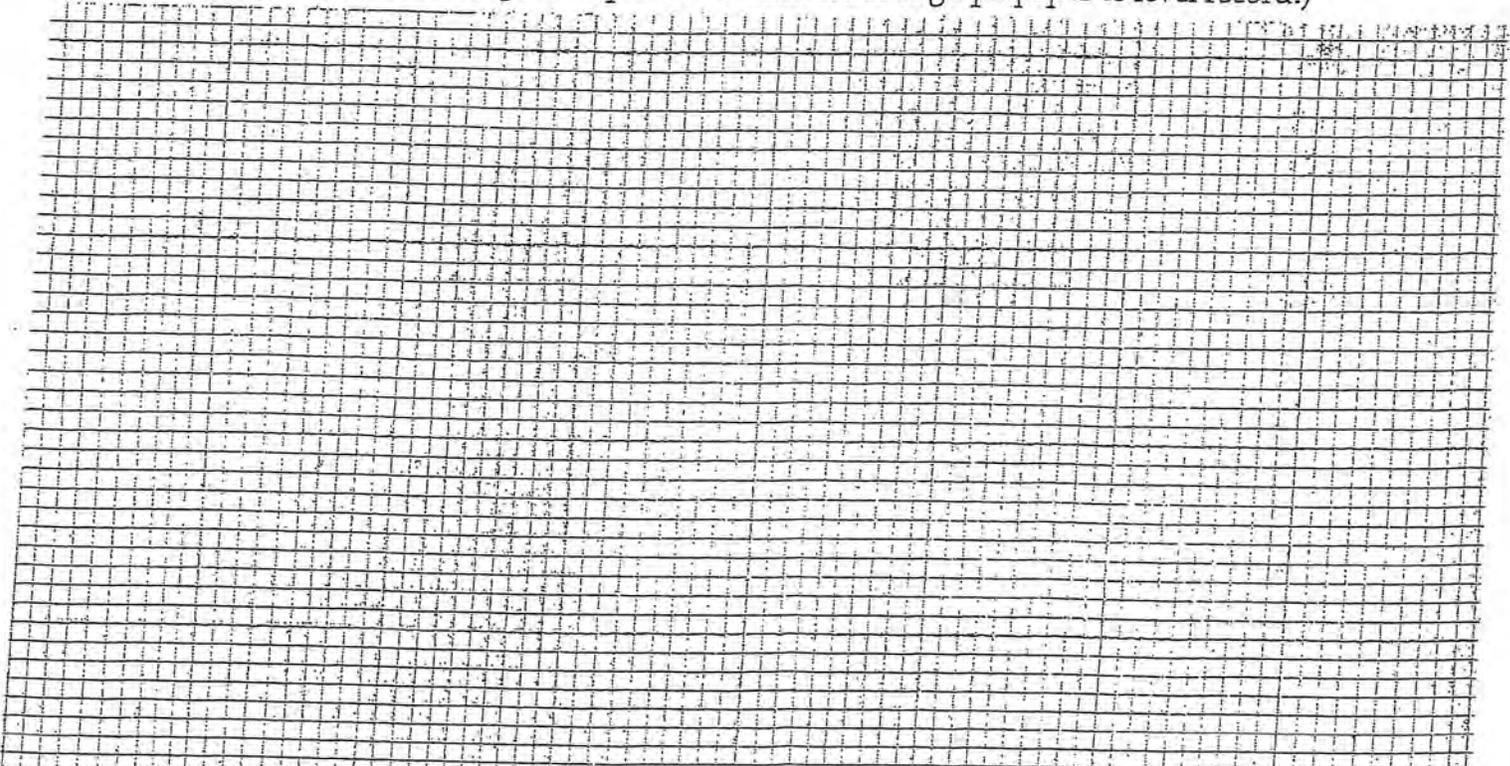
Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

Blunt surface

LAST LEVEL EXCAVATED (when unit is terminated; list for each 1/2 or quad):

90-100 cm

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Soil (note type, color, texture, content, etc. in the soil changes of section)

- highly compacted soil
- Soil gets softer around 50-60cm

Disturbances (Natural (roots, rodents, etc.) and/or Human (agriculture, construction, etc.))
Burnt surface, rodent holes

Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

LAST LEVEL EXCAVATED (when unit is terminated) list for each 1/2 or quad):

100cm

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Soil (note type, color, texture, content, ect.; note any changes observed)

Disturbances [Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agricultural, construction, other)

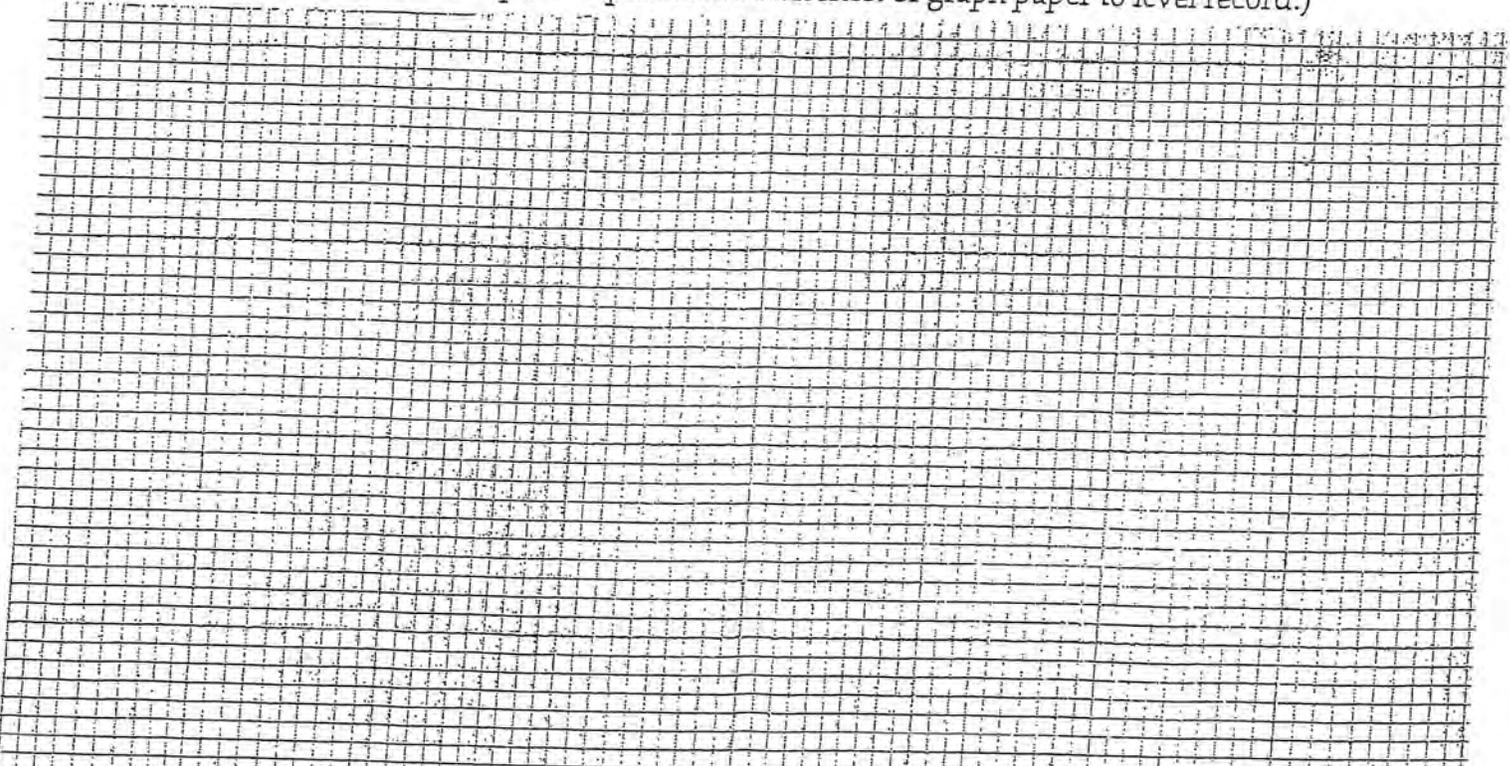
Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

Burnt surface

LAST LEVEL EXCAVATED (when unit is terminated; list for each 1/2 or quad):

99.190 cm

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Soil (note type, color, texture, content, etc. and any changes observed)

- Granular thick clusters
- Some glass historic shards found 60 cm
- soil softer 50-60 cm

Disturbances (Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agriculture, construction, other))

Burnt surface

Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

LAST LEVEL EXCAVATED (when unit is terminated; list for each 1/2 of quad):

100 cm

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Soil (state type, color, texture, content, etc; note any anomalies observed):

- Dark brown chert like soil
- Charcoal found
- Soil softer after 50-60 cm

Disturbances (Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agriculture, construction, other):

- Burnt surface
- Earth worms

Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

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100 cm

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Soil (note type, color, texture, content, ect.; note any changes observed)

Tanish gray below surface until 25 cm. 25-40 cm contained a high amount of caliche; 40-60 cm was light tan silty sand. 60-100 was yellowish-tan sand.

Disturbances [Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agricultural, construction, other)

Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

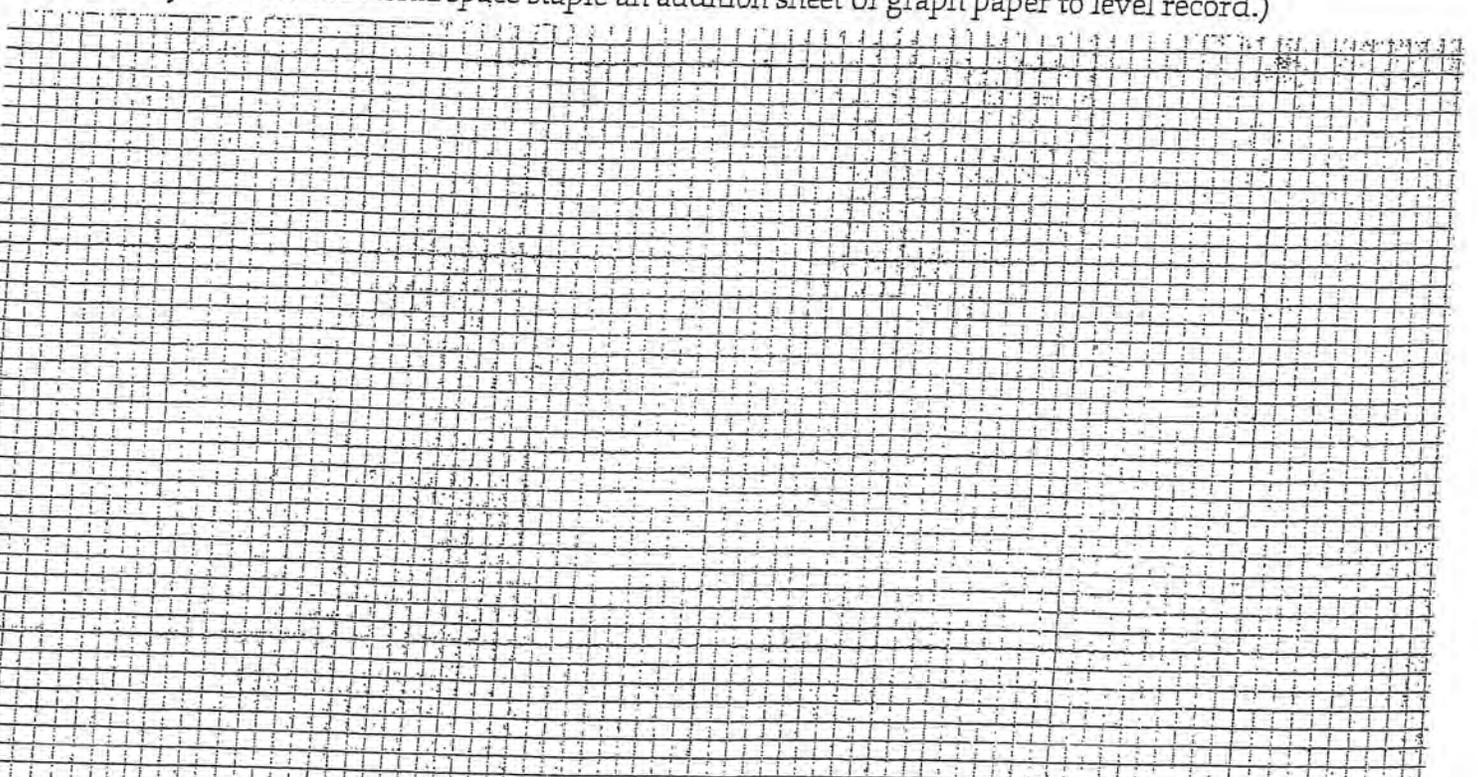
Burnt surface

LAST LEVEL EXCAVATED (when unit is terminated; list for each 1/2 or quad):

90-100 cm

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Soil (note type, color, texture, content, ect.; note any changes observed)

Caliche @ 25-40cm

40-60cm sand begins, tan w/ large granitic crystals

60-100cm sand lightens to a yellowish tan.

Disturbances [Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agricultural, construction, other)

• Roots until 30 cm

Redwood holes until 25 cm

Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

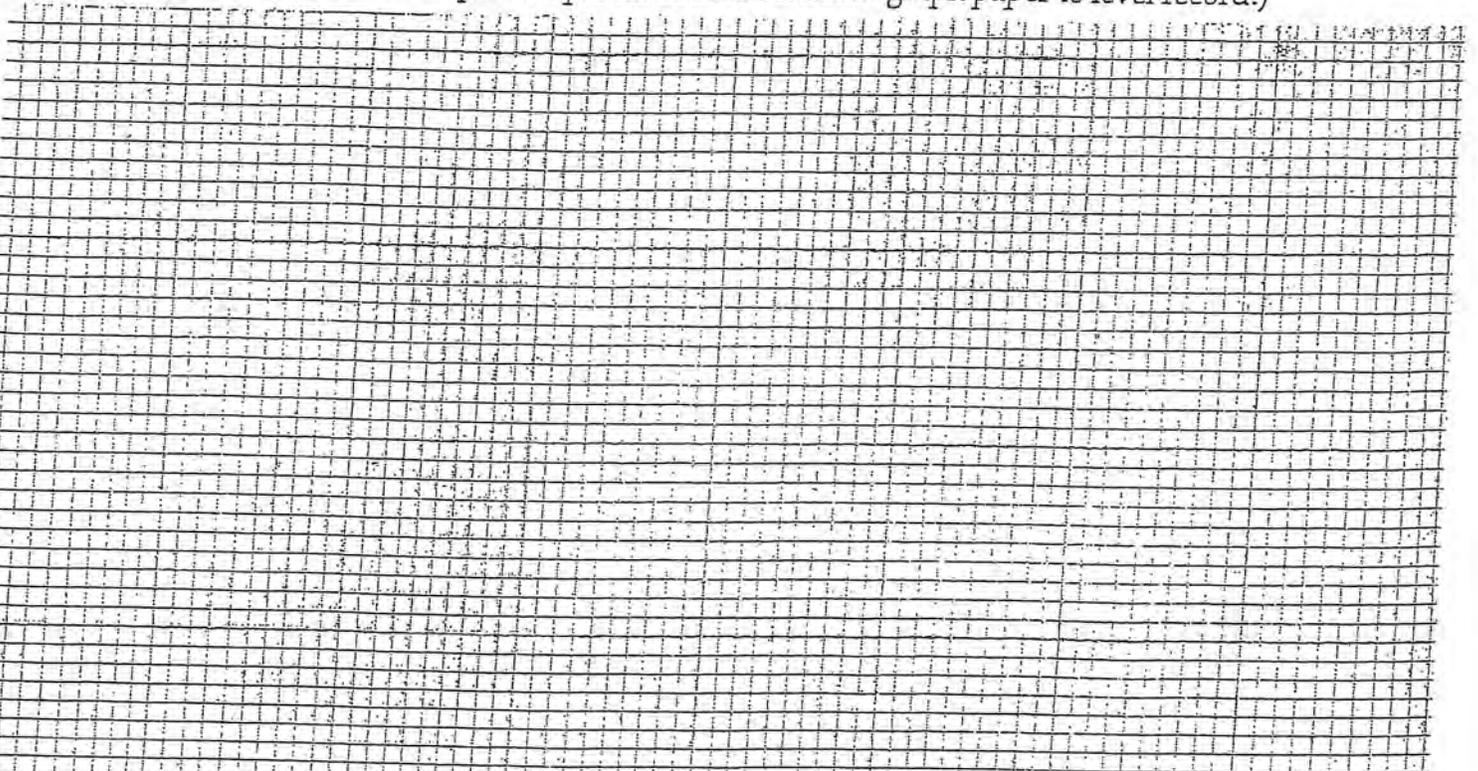
Burnt soil face

LAST LEVEL EXCAVATED (when unit is terminated; list for each 1/2 or quad):

90-100cm

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Soil (note type, color, texture, content, ect.; note any changes observed)

Greyish brown highly compact alluvium until 30 cm,
then caliche is introduced. Caliche gone @ 45 cm,
Turns tan sandy @ 55, gets yellowish-tan sandy @ 65-100+

Disturbances [Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agricultural, construction, other)

Rodent intrusions to 30 cm

Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

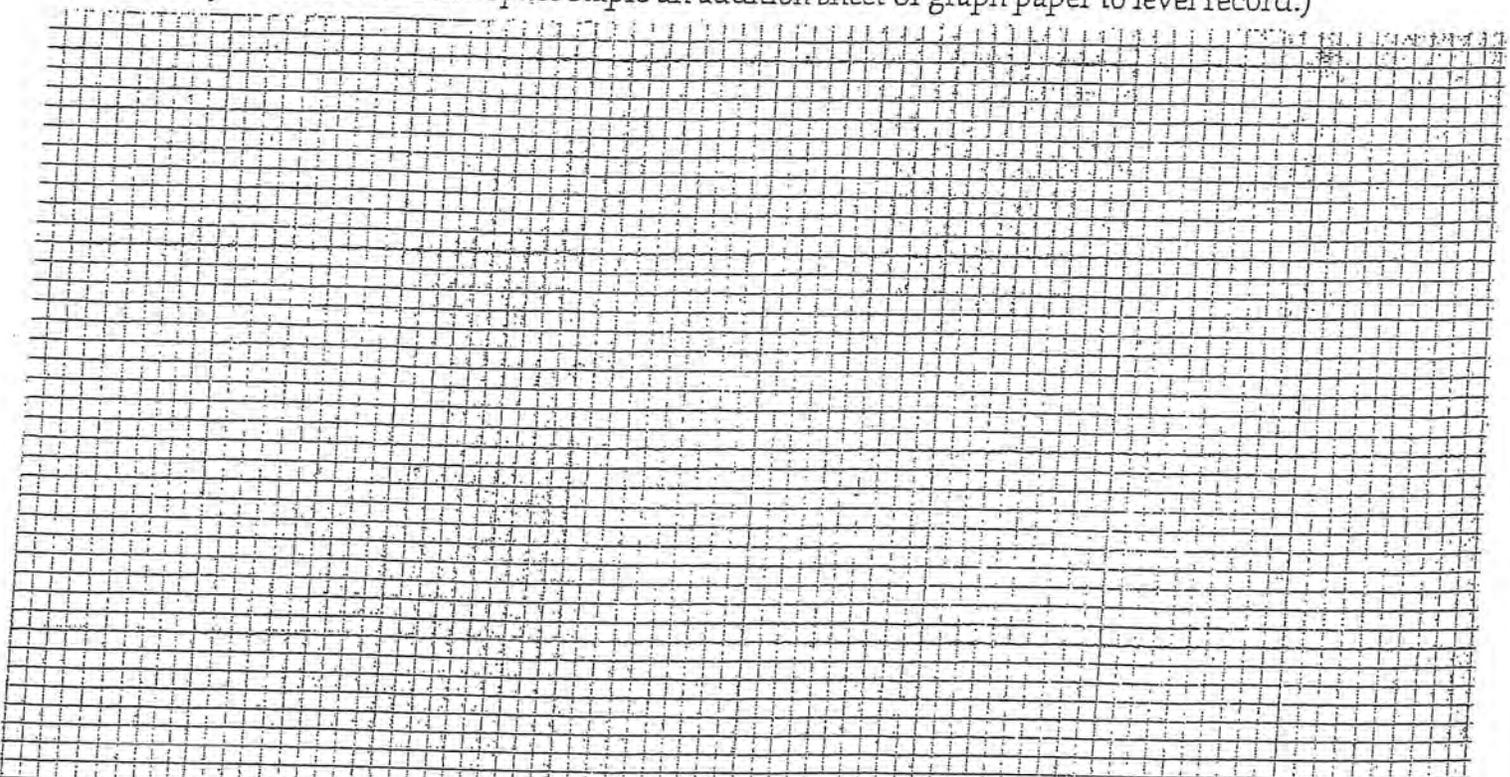
Burnt surface

LAST LEVEL EXCAVATED (when unit is terminated; list for each 1/2 or quad):

90-100 cm

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Disturbances [Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agricultural, construction, other)

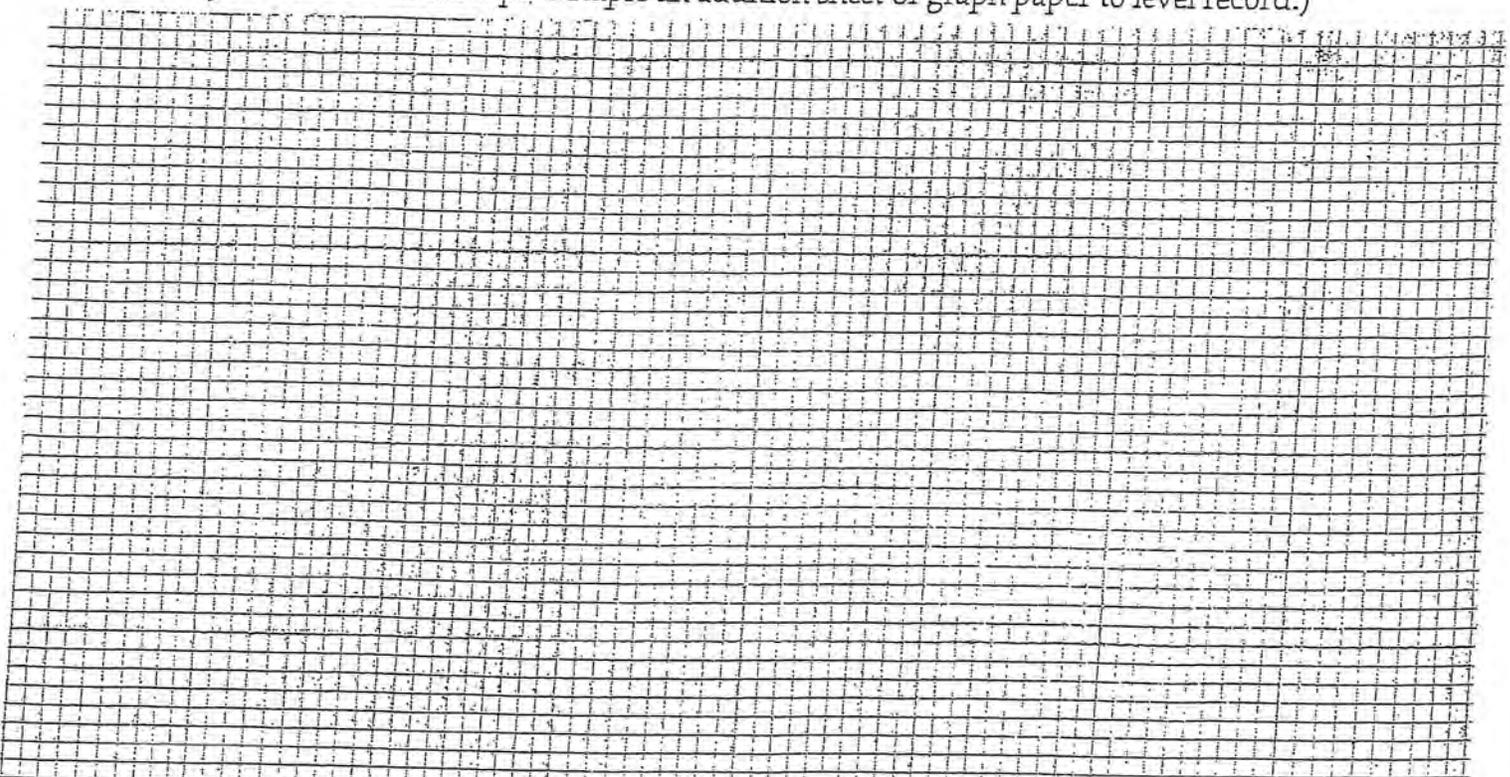
Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

Burnt surface

LAST LEVEL EXCAVATED (when unit is terminated; list for each 1/2 or quad):

40.50 cm

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Soil (note type, color, texture, content, etc. note any changes observed)

- Gravel for most of pit, Dark gray chelate soil
over all softer soil compared to other pits

Disturbances (Natural (roots, rodents, other) and/or Human (agriculture, construction, other))

- Rodent holes

Observations/Comments (what was not collected, anything unusual or different):

LAST LEVEL EXCAVATED (when unit is terminated) list for each 1/2 or quad):

50cm

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