

The Configuration and Use of Structures at Fort Ojo Caliente

In 2009-2010 the Gila Archaeological Project conducted limited exploration of Ojo Caliente, a fort used during the Apache Wars of the late 1800s. Investigations included ground-penetrating radar (GPR) and walkover surveys, and partial mapping of the adobe structures. This poster will analyze the information gathered, supplementing it with archival research, in order to better understand the fort's layout and the military's use of built and open space in fortifications. Of particular interest is predicting where an unmarked cemetery could fit into the fort's configuration, as its location has never been pinpointed, and suggesting areas for future GPR and surface survey.