

***Interactive comment on “Native American lithic procurement along the international border in the boot heel region of southwestern New Mexico” by K. E. Zeigler et al.***

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We would like to thank both our reviewers for their very helpful comments and we feel that our manuscript will be much improved in light of their critiques. Both reviewers felt that we did not address the human behavior aspect of this study to a significant degree or did not highlight what our results might mean for interpretation of human behavior. We need to clarify that this paper was not meant to be a full analysis of human behavior in the Boot Heel, in part because of the nature of the survey pattern that we were constrained to by the project. Instead, we had intended this paper to present a) preliminary data from an area that has had little archeological work done

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in the last few decades and b) a potential new statistical method that others could apply to their own work. We will rephrase portions of the abstract and Introduction to make these points more clearly but we will also make some modifications to the text to emphasize our limited conclusions concerning lithic procurement behaviors. In the attached supplement, we respond to each reviewer's comments specifically.

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Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<http://www.solid-earth-discuss.net/2/C166/2011/sed-2-C166-2011-supplement.pdf>

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