Identifying features in a 2D view or 3D scene

1 Activate either a 2D view or a 3D scene.

2 Activate the theme from which you wish to identify features.

3 Press the Identify tool on the left side of the toolbar in the ArcView application window when a view is active; or press the Identify tool on the left side of the control bar of the 3D viewer when a 3D scene is active.

4 Move the mouse into the active view or 3D scene over the feature you wish to identify, then click the left mouse button.

The Identify window will come up providing information for the identified feature. If you repeat the process for another feature, the second feature will be added to the Identify window as a separate entry.

If the active theme is a TIN theme, the Identify tool will return the elevation, slope, aspect, point value, and face value. If the active theme is a grid, the cell value and count (depending on the type of grid) will be returned. For 2D and 3D features, the attributes associated with the features will be identified.

While the Identify tool is active, you cannot navigate and change perspectives in a 3D scene. To perform these functions you have to make the Navigate tool active. A keyboard shortcut will then let you identify while the Navigate tool is active. To identify a feature while in navigate mode place the cursor over a feature, hold down the SHIFT key, and click the left mouse button.