



ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK SEVEN NEW CULTURAL PRESERVES ARE BEING PLANNED



California State Parks is pursuing classifying seven areas of outstanding historic and cultural interest in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park as Cultural Preserves. The proposed classifications were recommended in the approved 2005 A.B.D.S.P. General Plan. These areas are within Coyote Canyon, Culp Valley, Angelina Springs, Little Blair Valley, Vallecito, Piedras Grandes, and sections of the Southern Overland Route.



Sun motif pictograph-Little Blair Valley

The California State Legislature provided for the creation of Cultural Preserves within established State Park units in 1978. **“Cultural Preserves consist of distinct areas of outstanding cultural interest established within the boundaries of other state park system units for the purpose of protecting such features as sites, buildings, or zones which represent significant places or events in the flow of human experience in California. Areas set aside as**

cultural preserves shall be large enough to provide for the effective protection of the prime cultural resources from potentially damaging influences, and to permit the effective management and interpretation of the resources. Within cultural preserves, complete integrity of the cultural resources shall be sought, and no structures or improvements which conflict with such integrity shall be permitted.” Public Resources Code—Div.5, Chapter 1, Article 1, 5019.74



Culp Valley rock shelter.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is over 640,000 acres, for a park of that extreme size these sub classifications will provide the assurance of focused management for the cultural resources present and an increased awareness of the historic significance of the areas.



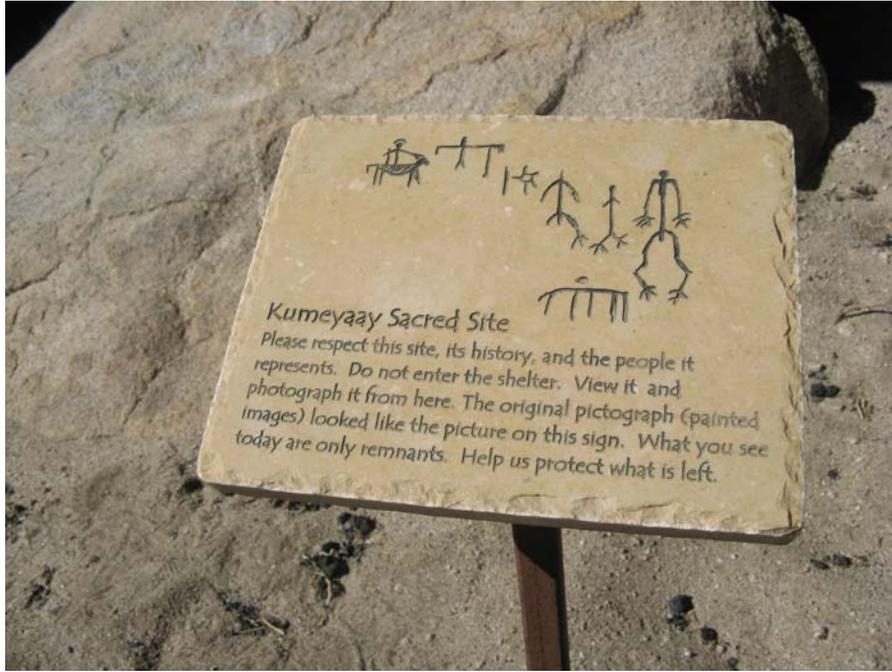
Vallecito Valley. Photo by Mel Sweet

The new Cultural Preserves will also enhance the visitor experience through informative interpretation and by allowing for appropriate recreational opportunities.



Hiking along the original Southern Overland Route.

The Public will be allowed to hike or ride horses along the Southern Overland Route, mountain bike through a preserved historic setting at Vallecito or take an interpretive trail to view prehistoric rock art. Visitors will also benefit from interpretation about the lineages of Native California Indians that come from the Park and the many explorers, pioneers and overland travelers the traversed Anza-Borrego in historic times. The creation of these Preserves has generated a unique opportunity to work with local tribal people and historic groups associated with these particular areas.



Interpretive sign-Piedras Grandes



Angelina Springs

The multi disciplined State Park planning team proposes future boundaries for these Preserves that maintain, by exclusion from the Preserve, necessary routes of travel for vehicles. New management goals and guidelines for these internal units will be consistent with the current General Plan and policies for the Park.



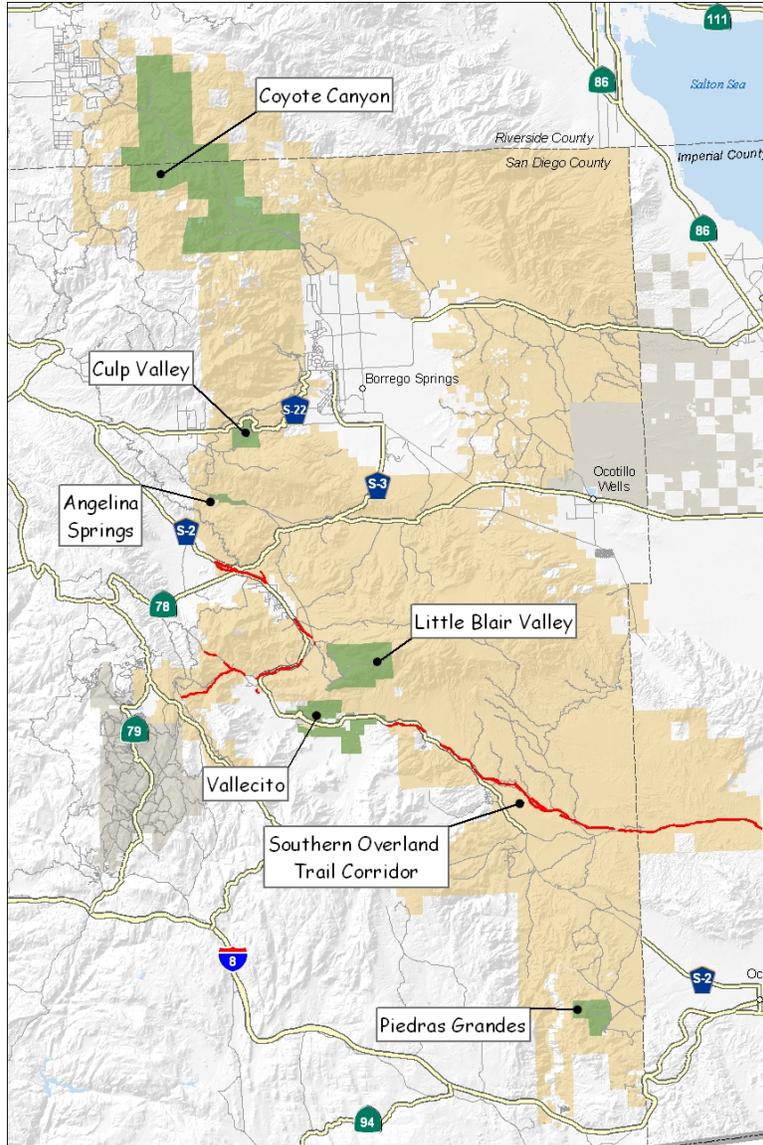
State Parks staff in the field planning for the Cultural Preserves-Upper Coyote Canyon



Yaquitepec Site-Little Blair Valley

This project will create an opportunity to effectively protect and manage significant cultural resources in perpetuity. The Cultural Preserves will serve as

conduits of education for the public about the vast and varied history present at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and they will introduce them to a landscape that will be preserved and interpreted.



Map of proposed Cultural Preserve locations. A. Kilgore

California State Parks will be hosting 3 “open house” meetings to inform the public of these proposed internal Park units, anticipated changes in use, and to receive feedback on potential names for the Preserves.

PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULE:

Riverside, CA

March 20, 2010

3-6 pm

Magnolia Room

Riverside Convention Center – (free parking)
3443 Orange Street at the corner of Main Street
Riverside, CA

Borrego Springs, CA

April 1, 2010

4-7 pm

Borrego Springs Resort

1112 Tilting T Drive
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

San Diego, CA

April 13, 2010

5-8pm

**Mission Trails Regional Park
Visitor and Interpretive Center**

One Father Junipero Serra Trail
San Diego, CA 92119-1008

Please come and preview information materials and speak with various planning team members about the project

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