

ANGELINA SPRINGS

A Passage Between High and Low Places



Description: (436.7 acres; 26 recorded cultural resource sites)

- Prehistoric stopping place for Kumeyaay Peoples in their seasonal passages from the mountains to the deserts and back again.
- Extremely rich in natural resources.
- Important to Kumeyaay groups of the area.
- Nominated to Sacred Lands files of Native American Heritage Commission
- Used today by Kumeyaay People for gathering and educational visits
- Previous scientific archaeological studies since the 1930s
- Found eligible for National Register nomination as Archaeological District (Noah and Gallegos 2008). New trinomial assigned reflecting the cohesiveness and sensitivity of the spring area.
- Spring also important historically to miners and cattle ranchers who subsequently used the area.

Issues:

- The traditional ABDSP policy of allowing open car-camping in most areas has caused documented damage to cultural and natural resources within the Preserve, especially adjacent to the spring.
- Illegal recreational use (off trail four wheel driving) has caused damage to cultural and natural resources
- Highly sensitive areas are known to Kumeyaay People of the area. They have expressed the need for a higher level of management at Angelina Spring.
- Significance of the area has been expressed by non-Parks archaeologists during recent survey work in the area. Potential National Registered Archaeological District, numerous other sites eligible as individual properties for the National and State Historic Registers.
- Existing power poles are anchored into archaeological features.

Recommendations:

- Cultural Preserve classification
- Native voice in interpretive panels to be installed at the spring location.
- No overnight camping or campfires will be permitted within the Preserve.
- Convert short spur road into the spring location to a hiking trail.
- Establish a small parking area near the trailhead to the spring so that motorized vehicles can pull off the road.
- Main road through Angelina Spring Cultural Preserve will be excluded from the Preserve and the thoroughfare maintained; parking pullouts along this road will be placed appropriately so that motor vehicles can pass without going onto surrounding sensitive areas.
- Efforts will be made to restore natural vegetation in the spring area.
- Future consideration for designating campgrounds at other locations within Grapevine Canyon and outside of the Cultural Preserve.
- Power line pole replacements will be considered in light of the designation of Angelina Spring Cultural Preserve.
- Archaeological Site Stewardship Program, already in-place, will continue.

ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK

Proposed Cultural Preserve Angelina Springs 436.7 Acres

Legend

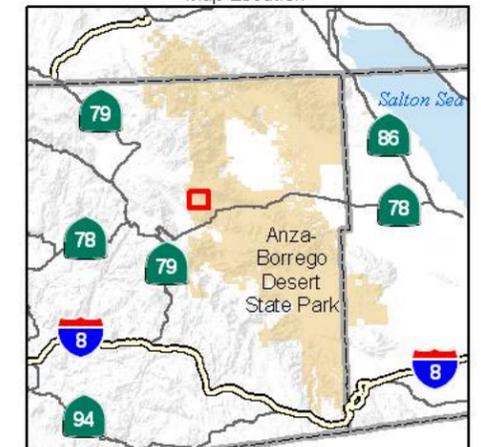
-  Proposed Cultural Preserves
-  Anza Borrego Desert State Park
-  Existing Subunits (Wilderness, Preserves)
-  Hwy
-  Local Rd
-  State Park Rd
-  State Park Trail

Base Map: USGS 1:24,000
Contour Interval: 40'

Representative Fraction: 1:14,852
1 inch = 1,238 feet



Map Location



NOTES:

Parcel boundaries are approximate and should not be considered legal descriptions. Maps are intended for study purposes only.

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