



CULP VALLEY

A Cahuilla Village in the Boulders of an Upland Valley



Description: (1277 acres; 26 recorded cultural resources)

- A ridge top valley with abundant springs and luxuriant vegetation.
- Intermediate stop on seasonal rounds of indigenous Cahuilla People in spring and fall.
- Wide vistas eastward toward the desert, as well as to surrounding mountains.
- Noted site of a Cahuilla village with still-standing structures in the early 1920s.
- Site of the Historic Paroli Homestead (pioneer cattle-ranching family of the area).
- Portions of the historic Wilson and Jasper Cattle Trails.
- Use area with access roads and picnic facilities.

Issues

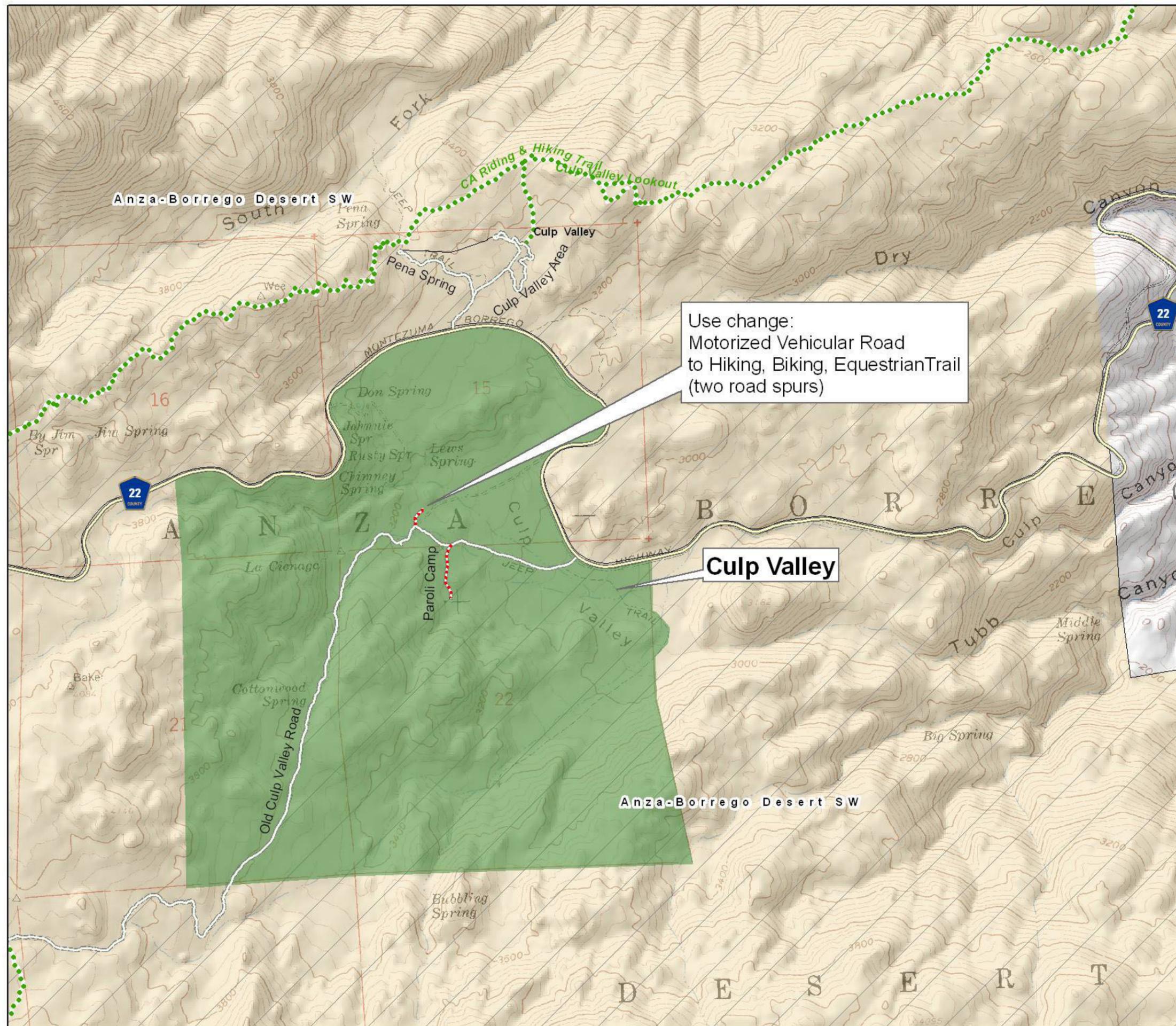
- Culp Valley gets very heavy use by visitors; cultural resources are inadvertently impacted.
- Access is directly off Montezuma Road (Route 22), main western entry to ABDSP.
- There are many existing cultural resources within Culp Valley that have not yet been recorded (Less than 15% of the area has been systematically inventoried).
- Numerous sites and features are potentially eligible for nomination to the National and State Historic Registers
- This area is highly significant and particularly important to local Native peoples.
- 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 within and directly adjacent to rockshelters and the Paroli Homesite.

Recommendations

- Cultural Preserve classification
- Day use and picnicking will be allowed within designated areas in the Preserve.
- Main roads in and out of the area will be excluded from the Preserve and remain open to motorized vehicles.

- Two short road spurs with no outlets will be converted in use from motorized vehicles to hiking, biking, and equestrian use.
- A picnic area will be established near the Paroli Homesite. This will provide picnic facilities with appropriate parking area, interpretive sign(s) and suggestions for hikes.
- Interpretive panels describing the prehistory of the area will incorporate a Cahuilla voice and will include the Native names of the plants that thrive within the Preserve.
- In areas where designated State Wilderness overlaps the Preserve, State Wilderness policies will apply.
- An interpretive panel describing the cattle-ranching era of the Preserve and the personalities of that era will be installed.
- No camping or campfires will be permitted in the Preserve.
- Overnight campers will be directed to Culp Valley Camp, a developed campground a short distance away, across Route 22. This campground has restroom facilities. Culp Valley Camp will be further improved in terms of roads and other facilities. Interpretive panels will also be placed within the campground.
- Culp Valley Road, a popular jeep trail between Culp Valley and Grapevine Canyon, will remain open to motorized vehicles.
- Continued stewardship of the Cultural Preserve will be provided by trained Archaeological Site Stewards of the Colorado Desert District.

ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK Proposed Cultural Preserve Culp Valley 1,277.5 Acres



Legend

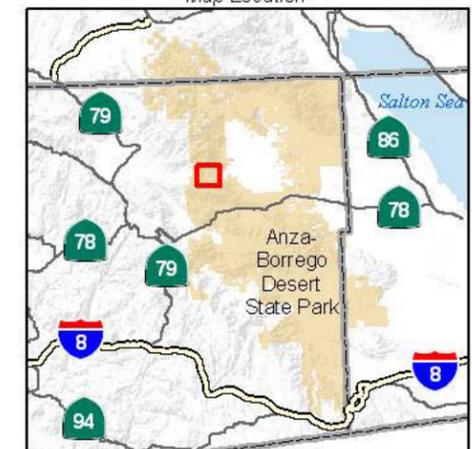
- Proposed Cultural Preserves
- Anza Borrego Desert State Park
- Existing Subunits (Wilderness, Preserves)
- Hwy
- Local Rd
- State Park Rd
- State Park Trail

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

Representative Fraction: 1:19,000
 1 inch = 1,583 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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