



PIEDRAS GRANDES

The Living Rocks



Description: (1923.9 acres; 44 recorded cultural resource sites)

- Massive boulder landscape provided many shelters used by Kumeyaay People in prehistoric and contact eras.
- Includes multiple well-known rock art panels including the most famous rock art panel in ABDSP: the “Horse and Rider” Pictograph Interpretive Site.
- Highest concentration of prehistoric rock shelter sites, archaeological features, and rock art in southern ABDSP.

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 within and directly adjacent to rock shelters and rock art panels.
- 2008 Superintendent’s Closure of jeep trail has resulted in substantial reduction of impacts to important cultural resources along the trail. Natural resources have also regenerated.
- Looters’ pits near rock shelter sites need repair.
- Damaged rock art site has been professionally restored; others need to be restored.

Recommendations

- Cultural Preserve classification
- Preserve status will make permanent the Superintendent’s closure of the jeep trail.
- Trail will continue to be used by hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians.
- Motorized vehicle parking will be in designated parking areas excluded from the Preserve.
- Overnight campers will be directed to designated camping areas at Morteros Palms and Dos Cabezas.
- Road to Morteros Palms will be excluded from the Preserve and motorized vehicle use of the road will continue.
- Interpretive information will be provided to inform visitors of the sensitivity of rock art and other cultural resources.
- Kumeyaay voice will be incorporated in all interpretation of the Cultural Preserve.

- Stewardship of the Preserve will be a collaborative effort by CDD Staff, local Kumeyaay monitors, and CDD Archaeological Site Steward Program.

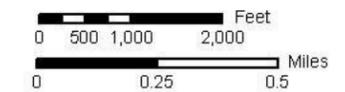
ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK Proposed Cultural Preserve Piedras Grandes 1,923.9 Acres

Legend

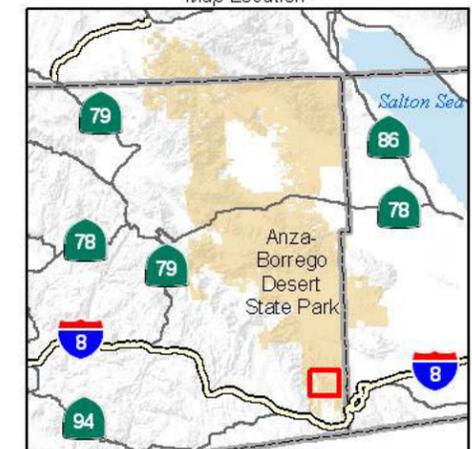
- Proposed Cultural Preserves
- Anza Borrego Desert State Park
- Existing Subunits (Wilderness, Preserves)
- Hwy
- Local Rd
- State Park Rd
- State Park Trail

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

Representative Fraction: 1:24,000
1 inch = 2,000 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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