



# VALLECITO

*An Ancient Community and a Node Of Human Existence in the Desert*



## **Description: (4385.8 acres; 27 recorded cultural resource sites)**

- *HAWI* in Kumeyaay means the place where tules grow, indicative of a *ciénega* environment.
- *Vallecito* means little valley in Spanish.
- Documented Native trails exist from Laguna Mountains to the Preserve area
- Three important, extensive, and highly sensitive Kumeyaay village sites occur within the area.
- Important named location on Southern Overland Trail – travel corridor from the Colorado River to coastal California. Used from prehistoric times to present by indigenous Peoples, explorers, Mexicans, Europeans, early U.S. military, mail, pioneer settlers in wagons, stage coaches, gold-seekers, cattlemen, ranchers, and other pioneer travelers.
- Area is adjacent to Vallecito Butterfield Stage-Overland Mail Station in San Diego County Park
- 19<sup>th</sup> century homestead of James E. Mason (Mason Valley)
- Olin-Bailey Earthen Structure (rammed earth) of early 20<sup>th</sup> century; protective shelter recently constructed (Prop 84 funds allocated for stabilization of the structure, interpretation, and fencing).
- Campbell Ranch Historic Complex of mid-20<sup>th</sup> century; eligible for National Register as an Historic District

## **Issues:**

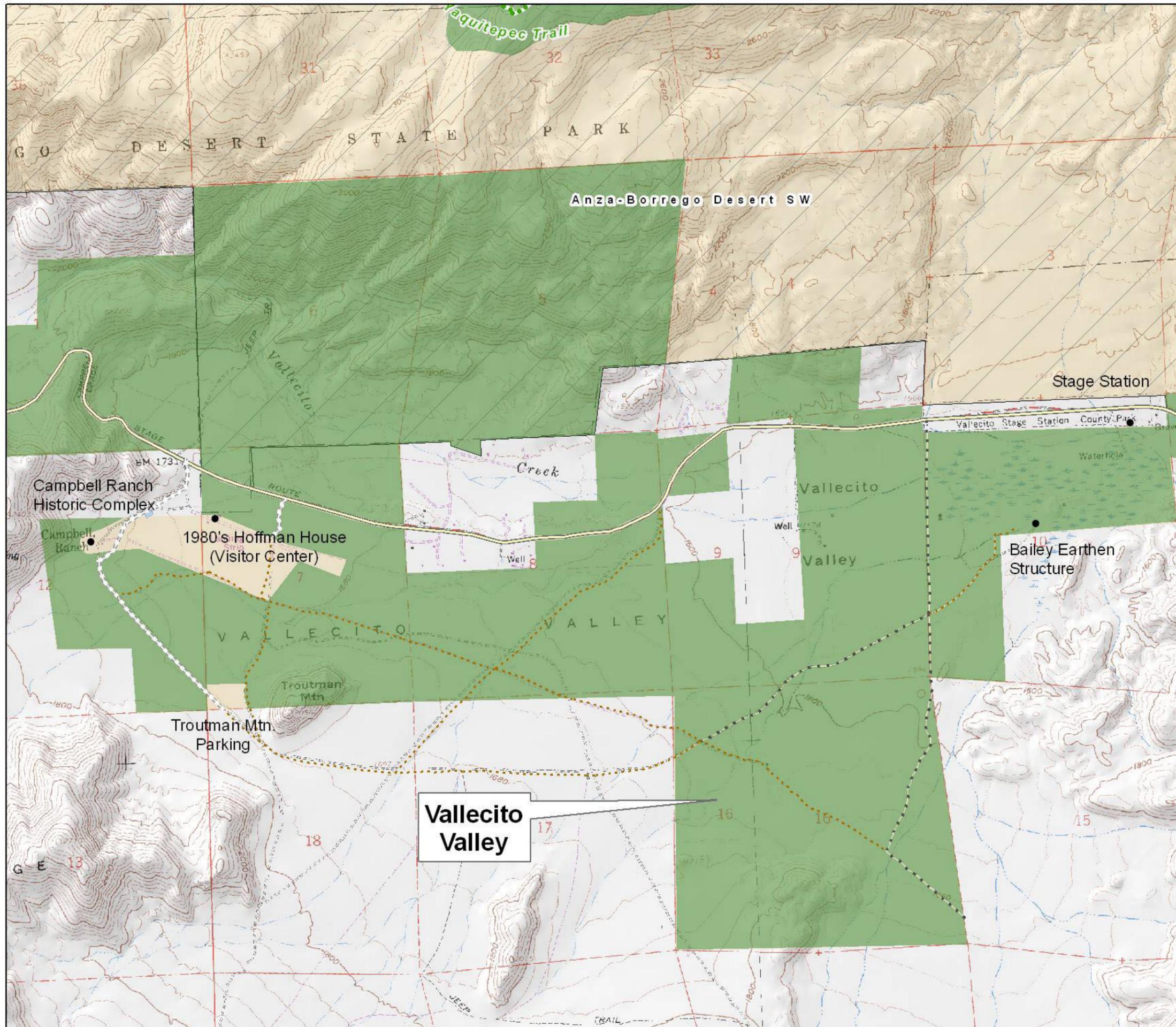
- Vallecito area was newly opened for public use on March 7, 2010.
- This area is particularly important to the Kumeyaay and other Native Peoples of the region.
- The area has been in private ownership since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, thus partially protecting the prehistoric and historic cultural resources from most impacts. Where ranching and agricultural activities have occurred within the Preserve, impacts to both the cultural and natural resources are evident.
- Looting of archaeological sites in the past has impacted some areas within the area.
- Limitations in funding have prevented the stabilization and restoration of historic structures.

## **Recommendations:**

- Cultural Preserve classification.
- Kumeyaay and other Native American persons or groups associated with the area will be encouraged to work with ABDSP staff and volunteers to interpret, preserve, and protect the cultural resources within and surrounding the Preserve
- Ranch roads will be converted to Interpretive Trails for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians.

- A Heritage Center Learning Facility will be developed in the 1980s Hoffman home that is within the FUZ 2 of the ABDSP GP.
  - An Equestrian Staging Area will be developed in the FUZ 1 on the Hoffman-era airplane runway. An access road for motorized vehicles to the staging area will be established outside of the Preserve, connecting it with County highway S-2. Until further funding is available, the Equestrian Staging Area will be designated for day-use only.
  - A ranch road will be designated and excluded from the Preserve to provide motorized vehicle access to the BLM lands to the south of the Preserve. At the southern boundary of the Preserve, a vehicle parking/staging area and gate to BLM lands will be established and will be outside of the Preserve.
  - No overnight camping or campfires will be permitted within the Preserve; in the future, these uses may be allowed in designated campgrounds located in FUZ(s).
  - The Bailey Earthen Structure will be accessed by hiking, biking, and equestrian trails. Appropriate interpretive signing will be placed at the Bailey structure.
  - The historic Campbell Ranch complex will be protected by (1) re-routing the access road to the BLM boundary and (2) by fencing until such time as funds are available for restoration or other treatment. Interpretive signs will be placed at several locations overlooking the ranch complex.
  - Motorized vehicle access to the proposed Visitor-Centered Facility will be on an established road that will be excluded from the Preserve. Gates will be placed at appropriate points to prevent motorized-vehicle entry to all other areas of the Preserve.
  - The section of County Road 2, running east-west through the center of the Preserve, will be excluded from the Preserve boundaries.
  - Designated trails will have directive signs and environmentally appropriate fencing to encourage hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers to stay on the trails.
  - Cultural resources protection signs will be posted at all entry points to the Cultural Preserve and at all designated parking and interpretive areas
- The portion of the *Hawi-Vallecito* Cultural Preserve on the north side of County Road S-2 (Vallecito Creek drainage) will be posted with “*No Trespassing/California State Parks Property*” signs until such time as the cultural and natural resources within this area are evaluated.
- Efforts will be made to reestablish native vegetation.
  - The present Archaeological Site Stewardship efforts for the historic ranch complex should be expanded to include at least one additional site steward as well as a Kumeyaay monitor.
  - A cooperative arrangement with BLM and San Diego County Parks would enhance the interpretive and educational experiences of visitors to the Preserve area and treat the immediate region as a Cultural Landscape

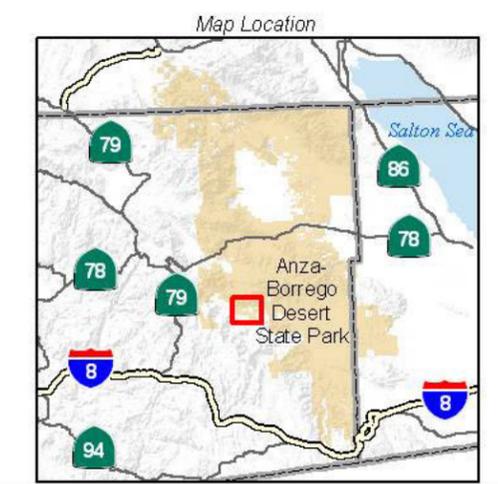
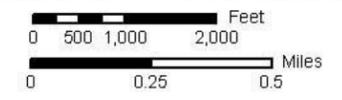
# ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK Proposed Cultural Preserve Hawi - Vallecito 4,385.8 Acres



- Proposed Cultural Preserves
- Anza Borrego Desert State Park
- Existing Subunits (Wilderness, Preserves)
- Vallecito Roads and Trails**
- Horse, Bike, Hike, No Vehicles
- Horse, Bike, Hike, Authorized Vehicle
- Horse, Bike, Hike, Public vehicle
- Regional Roads**
- 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



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

**PLANNING DIVISION**  
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**GENERAL PLAN SECTION**

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 Sources:  
 Calif. Dept. of Parks & Recreation,  
 Colorado Desert District

