

International Boundary Monument No. 163



Identification:

Preferred Structure Name:	International Boundary Monument No. 163
Structure Number:	MKR163
Other Structure Name(s):	Other Structure Name(s) No records.
Park:	Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
Historic District:	Historic District No records.
Structure State:	Arizona
Structure County:	Pima
Region:	Intermountain
Cluster:	Southwest
Administrative Unit:	Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
LCS ID:	056739

Historical Significance:

National Register Status:	Determined Eligible - SHPO
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National Register Date: 09/26/1995

National Historic Landmark?: No

Significance Level: National

Short Significance Description: International Boundary Marker 163, Organ Pipe NM, determined eligible, national level, Criteria A, assoc'n w/Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, 1848; Gadsden Treaty, 1853; & Barlow-Blanco survey, 1892, resurvey of US - Mexico boundary agreed upon in Gadsden Treaty. Period of significance, 1892 – present.

Long Significance Description: Monument 163 is a 6' high cast iron obelisk which straddles the international boundary between the US and Mexico. It is jointly owned by the two countries and maintained by the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC).

The obelisk has a 12" square base and tapers to 9" square. The "Pyramid" at the top is six inches high. The marker weighs 710 pounds. The west side has two sockets to hold a flag, which when in place, is directly over the boundary line. The numerals 163 have been attached to the east side. The inscription on the north side reads: "Boundary of the United States, treaty of 1853, re-established by treaties of 1882-1889." The inscription on the south side reads: "Limite de la Republica Mexicana, tratado de 1853, restablecido por tratados de 1882-1889."

The obelisk is anchored to a square concrete foundation, 3' by 3', and 2' high.

Construction Period:

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Historic

Chronology:

		Begin		End			
	Physical	Begin	Year	End	Year	Designer	Occupation
	Event	Year	AD/BC	Year	AD/BC		
1.	Built	1892	AD	1984	AD	Int'l Boundary and Water Commission	Engineer

Function and Use:

Primary Historic Function: Monument (Marker, Plaque)

Primary Current Use: Monument (Marker, Plaque)

Structure Contains Museum Collections?: No

Other Functions or Uses:

Other Function(s) or Use(s) Historic or Current
No records.

Physical Description:

Structure Type:

Outdoor Sculpture

Material(s):

Structural Component(s)		Material(s)
1.	Foundation	Concrete
2.	Superstructure	Cast Iron

Short Physical Description:

6' high cast iron obelisk which weighs 710 lbs & straddles boundary. Cast in 7 pieces. 12" square at base, tapers to 9". 2 sockets for flag W side; numerals 163 on E side. Inscription on N side in English, on S in Spanish. Set on conc fndn 3'x3'x2'.

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