

International Boundary Monument No. 165

Identification:

Preferred Structure Name:	International Boundary Monument No. 165
Structure Number:	MKR165
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:	056741

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 165, 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:	International Boundary Marker 165, Organ Pipe NM, was determined eligible, at the national level, under Criteria A, assoc'n w/Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, 1848; Gadsden Treaty, 1854; & Barlow-Blanco survey, 1892, resurvey of US -Mexico boundary agreed upon in Gadsden Treaty, for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, with a period of significance, 1892 – present. The monument is one of 258 erected along the new boundary during the re-survey from El Paso, Texas to the Pacific Ocean at San Ysidro, California. The monument not only signifies the border between the two countries but symbolizes the relationship between them.
	Constructed of cast iron, and mounted on a concrete base, the obelisk bears the number 165 on its east face and two sockets to hold a flag on its west face. Metal placques adorn the north and south faces describing the boundary in English and Spanish. It is jointly owned by both US and Mexico and is managed and maintained by the International Boundary and Water Commission, initially established by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848.
	The Determination of Eligibility for International Boundary Marker 165 was signed by the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer on September 26, 1995.

Construction Period:

Construction Period:		Histo	oric						
	Chronology:				Begin		End		
			Physical	Begin	Year	End	Year		Designer
			Event	Year	AD/BC	Year	AD/BC	Designer	Occupation
		1.	Built	1892	AD	1894		Int'l Boundary and Water Commission	Other

Function and Use:

Primary Historic Function:Monument (Marker, Plaque)Primary Current Use:Monument (Marker, Plaque)Structure Contains MuseumNoCollections?:Collections

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Other Functions or Uses:

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

Physical Description:

Structure Type:	Outdoor Sculpture				
Square Feet: <i>Material(s):</i>	9 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. 12" square at base, tapers to 9". 2 sockets for flag W side; numerals 165 on E side. Inscription on N side in English, on S in Spanish. Anchored to concrete fndn 3'x3'x2'.				
Long Physical Description:	Monument 165 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 165 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.				