

PROTECTING PETROGLYPHS

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To us these petroglyphs are not the remnants of some long lost civilization that has been dead for many years They are part of our living culture. What is stored in the petroglyphs is not written in any book or to be found in any library. We need to return to them to remind us of who we are and where we came from, and to teach our own sons and daughters of it.

The petroglyphs are under a severe threat from vandalism and land development activities. For this reason, there is a need to protect the petroglyphs in a way that will allow us to continue to use them for religious purposes, as well as to save them for the benefit of both Indians and non-Indian visitors who come to appreciate our culture.

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