

## Stupa and Private Property Stolen by the FEDS Using Eminent Domain at Petroglyph National Monument

Petroglyph National Monument is 7,236 acres, it was authorized on June 27, 1990.

A Tibetan Buddhist stupa was built and consecrated on private property owned by Harold Cohen and Ariane Emery in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1989. The stupa is a 9-foot-tall white shrine that contains relics of the enlightened Buddha.

The National Park Service subsequently used eminent domain to seize this land in 1996 and make it part of the Monument, over the owners' objections. The stupa was not removed, but all buildings on the land were razed!

On June 10, 2010, the Superintendent of Petroglyph National Monument sent an email stating that "while soils are being stockpiled nearby for the future construction of an amphitheater, the National Park Service has no plans for the Stupa." The Monument website was also updated to describe the construction projects and clarify that the Stupa was not to be demolished. Despite being a National Monument, trash continues to be dumped throughout the petroglyph area and motocross riders ignore fenced-off areas as they ride through. Do you want to watch the national monument steal our Stupa because they like the land and want to expand their park boundary?