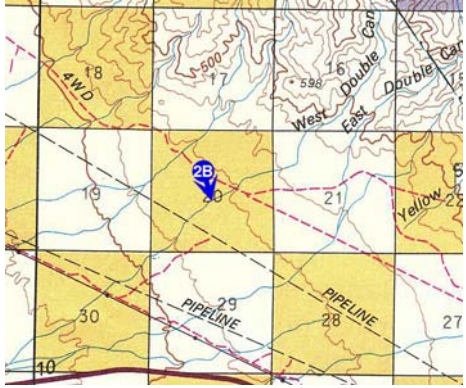



**United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management
Scenic Quality Field Inventory**

Date 8/23/05		
District California Desert		
Field Office Palm Springs		
Scenic Quality Rating Unit 02		
Viewpoint 2B : 4WD Access Road		
Evaluator(s) Michael Clayton		

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

	LANDFORM / WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES
Form	Sloping to level alluvial fans, backdropped by the low, rugged, Mecca Hills and the more distant Santa Rosa and Vallecito Mountains to the south and southwest.	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs. Coverage appearing more consistent at distance.	Linear to structurally complex transmission towers. Utility infrastructure appears subordinate but is noticeable.
Line	Horizontal for the alluvial fans. Horizontal to Irregular and jagged for the hill and mountain ridgelines.	Irregular for individual shrubs. Indistinct for more distant vegetation.	Vertical to horizontal to diagonal (lattice structures).
Color	Gray to Light-tan rocks and soils in the foreground. Brown for the Mecca Hills and tan to bluish and lavender hues for the mountains.	Tan to pale-yellow grasses with tanish-gray to green shrubs.	Gray.
Texture	Rocks and soils in the immediate foreground appear granular. Hill and mountain surfaces appear matte to smooth.	Medium grain to matte.	Smooth.

Narrative: SQRU 02 includes the alluvial fans and level terrain south of the BLM access road and north of I-10 between Dillon Road to the west and Chiriaco Summit to the east. Within this unit are transmission line and pipeline rights of way as well as mineral extraction operations. Viewpoint 2B is representative of the majority of views within SQRU 02, encompassing foreground alluvial fans punctuated by vertical utility infrastructure and backdropped by distant hills and mountains that appear relatively low on the horizon. Vegetation is non-distinct and low growing. Landscape colors range from light tans and greens to brown to muted blues and lavenders with increasing distance. Compared to Unit 01 to the north, the Unit 02 landscape is more influenced by built features and less influenced by the close proximity of mountainous terrain.

Score					SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION <input type="checkbox"/> A 19 or more <input type="checkbox"/> B 12 - 18 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C 11 or less
	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	
a. Landform			1	Level alluvial fans	
b. Vegetation			1		
c. Water			0		
d. Color		2			
e. Adjacent Scenery		2		Mecca Hills	
f. Scarcity			1		
g. Cultural Modifications			-1	Lattice transmission structures are noticeable though not dominant	
TOTALS	0	4	2	6	