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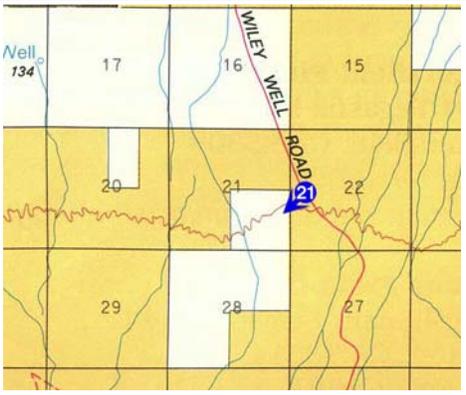
Date 8/19/05	
District California Desert	
Field Office Palm Springs	
Scenic Quality Rating Unit 13	
Viewpoint 21 : Wiley Well Road	
Evaluator(s) Michael Clayton	

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

	LANDFORM / WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES
Form	Broad, flat valley floor, backdropped by the rugged Little Chuckwalla Mountains.	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs.	None, with the exception that the bladed road is prominent when viewing in-line with the road.
Line	Horizontal for the valley floor. Irregular and jagged for the mountain ridgelines.	Irregular for individual shrubs. Horizontal as defined by the valley floor.	None (though curvilinear for the bladed road).
Color	Light-tan soils. Dark-brown to bluish tones for the more distant mountains.	Tan to pale- and golden-yellow grasses with muted greens for the shrubs.	None.
Texture	Soils in the immediate foreground appear granular. More distant mountain surfaces appear smooth to matte.	Medium grain to matte.	None

Narrative: The eastern portion of SQRU 13 includes the southern portion of Chuckwalla Valley between the Little Chuckwalla Mountains on the west and the Mule Mountains on the east. The valley floor is flat and relatively non-descript with low growing grasses and shrubs. Colors in this arid landscape are muted though the more distant Little Chuckwalla Mountains provide some variety in color and form. Unlike Unit 12 to the north, the Unit 13 landscape is not substantially influenced by cultural modifications (structures).

Score					SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION
	High	**Medium**	**Low**	**Explanation or Rationale**	
a. Landform		2		Little Chuckwalla Mountains	
b. Vegetation			1		☐ A 19 or more
c. Water			0		
d. Color		2			
e. Adjacent Scenery		2			☐ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity			1		
g. Cultural Modifications			0	Access road is noticeable	☒ C 11 or less
TOTALS	0	6	2	**8**	