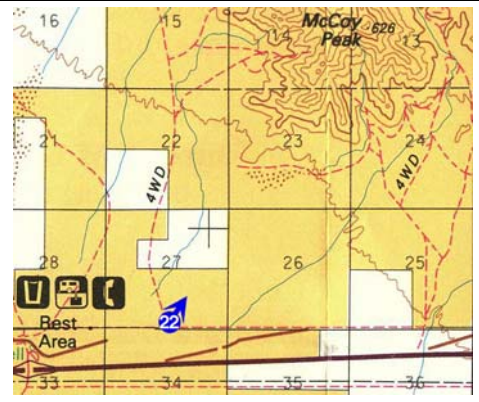



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Scenic Quality Field Inventory**

<b>Date</b> 8/19/05		
<b>District</b> California Desert		
<b>Field Office</b> Palm Springs		
<b>Scenic Quality Rating Unit</b> <b>14</b>		
<b>Viewpoint</b> <b>22 : McCoy Peak Access</b>		
<b>Evaluator(s)</b> Michael Clayton		

<b>LANDSCAPE CHARACTER</b>			
	<b>LANDFORM / WATER</b>	<b>VEGETATION</b>	<b>STRUCTURES</b>
<b>Form</b>	Flat valley floor, backdropped by the rugged, angular McCoy Peak and the south end of the McCoy Mountains.	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs, coverage appearing more consistent at distance.	None, with the exception that 4WD tracks are apparent when viewing in-line with the track.
<b>Line</b>	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 4WD track).
<b>Color</b>	Light-tan soils. Dark-brown to bluish tones for the mountains.	Tan to pale-yellow grasses with tanish-gray to green shrubs.	None.
<b>Texture</b>	Soils in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular. Mountain surfaces appear granular to matte.	Medium grain to matte.	None

**Narrative:** SQRU 14 encompasses McCoy Peak and the southern end of the McCoy Mountains. The Chuckwalla Valley floor that abuts the McCoy Mountains is flat and relatively non-descript with low growing grasses and shrubs. Colors are dominated by the light tan-to pale yellow grasses and green shrubs. The McCoy Mountains provide some variety in color with hues ranging from blue to magenta to brown. Unlike the surrounding Units (10, 12, and 15), the Unit 14 landscape is dominated by rugged mountainous terrain with little influence from built structures (though 4WD access tracks are visible as linear features when viewed in-line).

<b>Score</b>					<b>SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION</b>
	<b>High</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Explanation or Rationale</b>	
<b>a. Landform</b>	4			McCoy Peak	
<b>b. Vegetation</b>		2			
<b>c. Water</b>			0		
<b>d. Color</b>		2			
<b>e. Adjacent Scenery</b>		3		McCoy Mountains	
<b>f. Scarcity</b>		3			
<b>g. Cultural Modifications</b>			0	Access road is noticeable	
<b>TOTALS</b>	4	10	0	<b>14</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> A 19 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B 12 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> C 11 or less