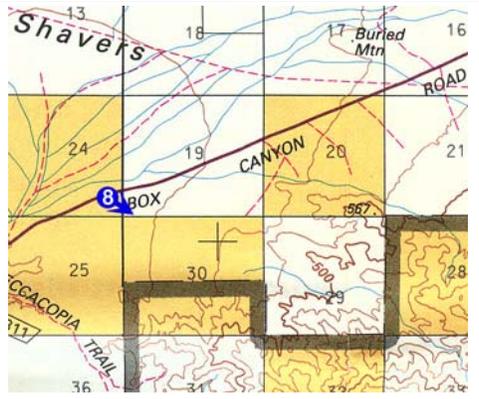


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Scenic Quality Field Inventory**

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

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER			
	LANDFORM / WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES
Form	Broad, flat valley floor and alluvial fans transitioning to rugged mountain foothills.	The irregular clumps of low shrubs and grass transition to an indistinct and more uniform distribution at distance with a mottled appearance.	None
Line	Horizontal for the valley floor. Irregular to curvilinear for mountain foothills and ridgelines (beyond the unit boundary).	Irregular defined by individuals and clumps in the immediate foreground. Horizontal defined by transition line between valley floor and mountains.	None
Color	Light-tan to gray foreground soils. Bluish to lavender tones for more distant foothills and mountains.	Yellowish-tan grasses and light- to dark-green shrubs.	None
Texture	Soils in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular. More distant foothills appear smooth to matte.	Smooth to medium grain and uneven and random in the immediate foreground. Smooth to coarse with more even distribution at distance.	None

Narrative: SQRU 05 encompasses the southern portion of Shavers Valley extending from the southern boundary of SQRU 04 south to the Orocopia Mountains. The valley bottom and alluvial fans are flat and relatively non-descript with low growing grasses and shrubs. However, the southern edge of this unit begins to transition into the rugged foothills of the Orocopia Mountains. The visual variety of this unit is enhanced by the presence of the rugged foothills within this unit and the backdrop of rugged mountain ridgelines immediately adjacent and to the south. Compared to Unit 04 to the north, Unit 05 is more influenced by rugged mountainous features and not at all influenced by built features such as existing transmission lines (though paved Box Canyon Road is a prominent linear feature in the landscape).

Score					SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION
	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	
a. Landform		2			
b. Vegetation		2			
c. Water			0		
d. Color		3			
e. Adjacent Scenery	4			Orocopia Mountains Wilderness	
f. Scarcity		2			
g. Cultural Modifications			0	None visible	
TOTALS	4	9	0	13	<input type="checkbox"/> A 19 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B 12 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> C 11 or less