

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

<b>Date</b> 8/23/05		
<b>District</b> California Desert		
<b>Field Office</b> Palm Springs		
<b>Scenic Quality Rating Unit</b> 12		
<b>Viewpoint</b> 19 : Mule Mtns. Access Rd.		
<b>Evaluator(s)</b> Michael Clayton		

<b>LANDSCAPE CHARACTER</b>			
	<b>LANDFORM / WATER</b>	<b>VEGETATION</b>	<b>STRUCTURES</b>
<b>Form</b>	Flat mesa and valley floor.	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs. Coverage appearing more consistent at distance.	Linear and complex for transmission line towers.
<b>Line</b>	Horizontal for the mesa/valley floor.	Irregular for individual shrubs. Horizontal as defined by the mesa/valley floor.	Vertical, horizontal, and diagonal for lattice structures.
<b>Color</b>	Light-tan soils.	Tan to pale-yellow grasses with tanish-gray to green shrubs.	Gray.
<b>Texture</b>	Soils in the immediate foreground appear granular.	Medium grain to matte.	Smooth

**Narrative:** Viewpoint 19 is located on Palo Verde Mesa at the eastern end of SQRU 12. Viewing to the west toward Chuckwalla Valley, the landform is flat with relatively non-descript vegetation of subtle hues of yellow and green. Though distant mountain ranges (McCoy Mountains to the north, Chuckwalla Mountains to the southwest, Mule Mountains to the south) provide backdrops of visual interest (not part of this unit), SQRU 12 is primarily influenced by the dominant presence of existing utility infrastructure.

<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>			1	Palo Verde Mesa / Chuckwalla Valley Floor	
<b>b. Vegetation</b>			1		
<b>c. Water</b>			0		
<b>d. Color</b>		2			
<b>e. Adjacent Scenery</b>		3		McCoy, Chuckwalla, and Mule Mountains	
<b>f. Scarcity</b>			1		
<b>g. Cultural Modifications</b>			-3	Transmission Line	
<b>TOTALS</b>	0	5	0	<b>5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> A 19 or more <input type="checkbox"/> B 12 - 18 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C 11 or less