

	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER							
	LANDFORM / WATER VEGETATION STRUCTURES							
Form	Flat basin floor, backdropped by the angular Jacumba Mountains (not part of the unit).	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs transitions to a more uniform distribution at distance.	Linear and complex for the transmission line towers.					
Line	Horizontal for the basin floor.	Irregular for individual foreground shrubs and clumps of grass. Horizontal as defined by the basin floor.	Vertical, horizontal, and diagonal for lattice structures, curvilinear for the conductors.					
Color	Light tan soils.	Tan to pale-yellow and golden grasses with tanish-gray to green shrubs.	Gray.					
Texture	Soils in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular.	Medium grain to matte.	Smooth.					

Narrative: SQRU 01 encompasses a portion of the Yuha Desert that generally follows existing transmission line and transportation corridors from the U.S.-Mexico border north to Plaster City and then west to just west of Ocotillo. See Maps 1 and 2 for the complete boundaries of SQRU 01. Viewpoint 1 is representative of many views within SQRU 01, encompassing foreground to middleground flat desert landscape with grass and low-growing shrubs of subdued color and prominent utility infrastructure with complex structural forms and industrial character. Though distant mountain ranges (Jacumba Mountains) to the west provide a limited backdrop of visual interest (not part of this unit), SQRU 01 is primarily influenced by the flat basin landform and the prominent utility infrastructure.

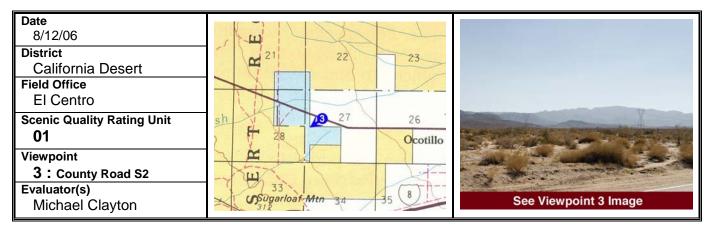
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b. Vegetation			1		
c. Water			0		☐ A 19 or more
d. Color		2			
e. Adjacent Scenery		2		Distant Jacumba Mountains	□ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity			1	Extensive basin floor	
g. Cultural Modifications			-4	Prominent, multiple transmission lines	☐ C 11 or less
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	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER							
	LANDFORM / WATER VEGETATION STRUCTURES							
Form	Flat basin floor, backdropped by the rounded to angular C Centinela Mountain (not part of the unit).	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs along the horizon.	Linear and complex for the transmission line towers.					
Line	Horizontal for the basin floor.	Irregular for individual foreground shrubs and clumps of grass. Horizontal as defined by the basin floor.	Vertical, horizontal, and diagonal for lattice structures, curvilinear for the conductors.					
Color	Light tan soils.	Tan grasses and tanish-gray to green shrubs.	Gray.					
Texture	Soils in the immediate foreground appear granular.	Medium grain to matte.	Smooth.					

Narrative: SQRU 01 encompasses a portion of the Yuha Desert that generally follows existing transmission line and transportation corridors from the U.S.-Mexico border north to Plaster City and then west to just west of Ocotillo. See Maps 1 and 2 for the complete boundaries of SQRU 01. Viewpoint 2 is representative of many views within SQRU 01, encompassing foreground to middleground flat desert landscape with sparse to more consistent distributions of grass and low-growing shrubs of subdued color and prominent utility infrastructure with complex structural forms and industrial character. Though distant mountain landform (C Centinela) to the south provides a limited backdrop of visual interest (not part of this unit), SQRU 01 is primarily influenced by the flat basin landform and the prominent utility infrastructure.

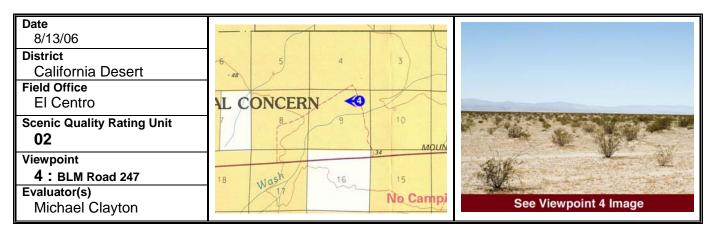
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a. Landform			2	Yuha Basin floor	CLASSIFICATION		
b. Vegetation			1		_ ^ 10 or mare		
c. Water			0		☐ A 19 or more		
d. Color		2					
e. Adjacent Scenery		2		C Centinela	☐ B 12 - 18		
f. Scarcity			1	Extensive basin floor	_		
g. Cultural Modifications			-4	Prominent utility infrastructure	C 11 or less		
TOTALS	0	4	0	4			



	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER								
	LANDFORM / WATER VEGETATION STRUCTURES								
Form	Flat basin floor, backdropped by the rugged, angular Jacumba Mountains.	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs transition to an indistinct and more uniform distribution at distance.	Linear and complex for the transmission line towers.						
Line	Horizontal for basin floor.	Irregular for individual foreground shrubs and clumps of grass. Horizontal for more distant vegetation defined by basin floor	Vertical, horizontal, and diagonal for lattice structures, curvilinear for the conductors.						
Color	Gray to light-tan soils in the foreground.	Tan grasses with tan to brown and pale green shrubs.	Gray.						
Texture	Soils appear smooth to granular.	Medium grain to matte.	Smooth.						

Narrative: SQRU 01 encompasses a portion of the Yuha Desert that generally follows existing transmission line and transportation corridors from the U.S.-Mexico border north to Plaster City and then west to just west of Ocotillo. See Maps 1 and 2 for the complete boundaries of SQRU 01. Viewpoint 3 is representative of views within the western portion of SQRU 01 in closer proximity to the Jacumba Mountains. This view encompasses a foreground to middleground flat desert landscape with irregular to consistent distributions of grass and low-growing shrubs of subdued color. Utility infrastructure is prominent with complex structural forms and industrial character. Though the Jacumba Mountains in the background provide a backdrop of visual interest (not part of this unit), SQRU 01 is primarily influenced by the flat basin landform and the prominent utility infrastructure.

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	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	SCENIC QUALITY
a. Landform			2	Yuha Basin floor	CLASSIFICATION
b. Vegetation			2		
c. Water			0		☐ A 19 or more
d. Color		2			
e. Adjacent Scenery		3		Jacumba Mountains	□ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity			2	Extensive basin floor though closer proximity to mountains	C 11 or less
g. Cultural Modifications	0		-4	Prominent utility infrastructure	☑ C Trolless
TOTALS	0	5	2	7	



	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER						
	LANDFORM/WATER	STRUCTURES					
Form	Flat basin floor, backdropped by the angular Jacumba Mountains (not part of the unit).	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs transitions to a more uniform distribution at distance.	None, with the exception of the 4WD access roads within this unit.				
Line	Horizontal for the basin floor.	Irregular for individual foreground shrubs and clumps of grass. Horizontal as defined by the basin floor.	None				
Color	Light tan soils.	Tan to pale-yellow and golden grasses with tanish-gray to green shrubs.	None.				
Texture	Soils in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular.	Medium grain to matte.	None				

Narrative: SQRU 01 encompasses a portion of the Yuha Desert south of Interstate 8 to the U.S.-Mexico border, west of SQRU 1, and east of the Jacumba Wilderness. See Map 1 for the complete boundary of SQRU 02. Viewpoint 4 is representative of many views within SQRU 02 from the local BLM access roads. Views encompass a foreground to middleground flat desert landscape with grass and low-growing shrubs of subdued color. Though distant mountain ranges (Jacumba Mountains) to the west provide a backdrop of some visual interest (not part of this unit), SQRU 02 is primarily influenced by the flat basin landform. Built features are generally absent from this unit.

	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	SCENIC QUALITY
a. Landform			1	Yuha Basin floor	CLASSIFICATION
b. Vegetation			1		□ A 40 = 11 = 10 = 10 = 10 = 10 = 10 = 10 =
c. Water			0		A 19 or more
d. Color		2			
e. Adjacent Scenery		2		Distant Jacumba Mountains	☐ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity			1	Extensive basin floor	_
g. Cultural Modifications			0	None Visible	C 11 or less
TOTALS	0	4	3	7	

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Viewpoint 5: De Anza Historic Trail Evaluator(s) Michael Clayton	Geoglyph Vista De Anza	See Viewpoint 5 Image

	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER						
	LANDFORM / WATER VEGETATION STRUCTURES						
Form	Rugged, undulating to angular landforms with some incised drainages adding additional topographic complexity.	Sparse with irregular distribution of low growing grasses. Scattering of low growing shrubs in the distance.	None, with the exception of the 4WD access roads within this unit.				
Line	Irregular to diagonal for foreground landforms. Horizontal for more distant basin floor and horizon.	Irregular for individual foreground clumps of grass. Indistinct for more distant shrubs.	None (though curvilinear for the 4WD access road).				
Color	Gray to brown rocks with light-tan to brown soils in the foreground. Brown to bluish hues for distant landform horizon.	Tan to brown grasses with tanish-gray to muted green shrubs.	None.				
Texture	Rocks and soils in the immediate foreground appear coarse to granular.	Medium grain to matte.	None				

Narrative: SQRU 03 encompasses a portion of the Yuha Basin in the vicinity of Vista De Anza, Yuha Geoglyph, Yuha Well and the Oyster Shell Beds. See Map 1 for the complete boundary of SQRU 03. Viewpoint 5 is located on the De Anza National Historic Trail (BLM Road 274) and is representative of the views of the rugged landforms characteristic of SQRU 03 west of Yuha Buttes. The unit is almost devoid of vegetation. However, the rugged, bad-lands landscape enhances visual variety and there are no built features or modifications that noticeably detract from the overall natural appearing landscape.

	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	
a. Landform	4			Area of rugged, irregular, highly eroded landforms.	SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION
b. Vegetation			1		
c. Water			0		☐ A 19 or more
d. Color		2			
e. Adjacent Scenery			1	Flat basin floor.	⊠ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity	4			Limited area of highly variable topography surrounded by relatively uniform basin floor.	☐ C 11 or less
g. Cultural Modifications			0	None Visible.	
TOTALS	8	2	2	12	

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Viewpoint 6: Jacumba Wild North Evaluator(s) Michael Clayton	Davies	See Viewpoint 6 Image

	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER						
	LANDFORM / WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES				
Form	Flat basin floor, backdropped by the angular and irregular forms of the Jacumba Wilderness (not part of the unit).	Sparse and irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs transitions to a more uniform distribution at distance.	None				
Line	Horizontal for the basin floor.	Irregular for individual foreground shrubs and clumps of grass.	None				
Color	Light tan soils.	Tan to brown grasses with tanish-gray to muted green shrubs.	None.				
Texture	Soils in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular.	Medium grain to matte.	None				

Narrative: SQRU 04 encompasses a small portion of the Yuha Desert that is located in close proximity to the Jacumba Wilderness. See Maps 1 and 2 for the complete boundaries of SQRU 04. Viewpoint 6 is representative of the views within SQRU 04, encompassing a foreground to middleground flat desert landscape with sparse grass and low-growing shrubs of subdued color, backdropped by the rugged and visually interesting landforms of the adjacent Jacumba Wilderness (not part of this unit).

	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	SCENIC QUALITY
a. Landform			1	Yuha Basin floor	CLASSIFICATION
b. Vegetation			1		
c. Water			0		A 19 or more
d. Color		2			
e. Adjacent Scenery	4			Jacumba Wilderness	□ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity		3		Close proximity to mountains with no intrusion by built features	☐ C 11 or less
g. Cultural Modifications			0	None Visible	□ C IT Offices
TOTALS	4	5	2	11	

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Viewpoint 7: SR 98, Yuha Desert Evaluator(s) Michael Clayton	Davies	See Viewpoint 7 Image

	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER						
	LANDFORM / WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES				
Form	Flat basin floor, backdropped by the angular and irregular forms of the Coyote Mountains (not part of the unit).	Sparse and irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs transitions to a more uniform distribution at distance.	Linear and complex for communication tower.				
Line	Horizontal for the basin floor.	Irregular for individual foreground shrubs and clumps of grass.	Vertical and diagonal for tower components.				
Color	Light tan soils.	Tan to brown grasses with tanish-gray to muted green shrubs.	Gray.				
Texture	Soils in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular.	Medium grain to matte.	Smooth				

Narrative: SQRU 05 encompasses a small portion of the Yuha Desert in the vicinity of Coyote Wells that is bordered by I-8 on the north and SR 98 on the south. See the VRM Map for the complete boundaries of SQRU 05. Viewpoint 7 is representative of the views within SQRU 05, encompassing a foreground to middleground flat desert landscape with sparse grass and low-growing shrubs of subdued color, bisected by an existing rail line and punctuated by vertical communication towers. The unit is backdropped by the Coyote Mountains (not part of this unit) and vertical forms of the SWPL transmission line on the horizon (also not part of this unit).

	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	SCENIC QUALITY
a. Landform			1	Yuha Basin floor	CLASSIFICATION
b. Vegetation			1		
c. Water			0		A 19 or more
d. Color		2			
e. Adjacent Scenery			1	Basin floor, transportation corridor	□ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity			1	Extensive basin floor	<u> </u>
g. Cultural Modifications			-1	Communication towers, rail line	C 11 or less
TOTALS	0	2	3	5	

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Viewpoint 8: I-8 / Devils Canyon		
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	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER					
	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES			
Form	Rugged, diagonal to curvilinear landforms with sloping canyon walls of boulders adding additional visual interest.	Sparse with irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs.	Linear and complex for the transmission line towers. Linear for the road.			
Line	Irregular to diagonal for foreground slopes and ridgelines.	Irregular for individual foreground clumps of grass and shrubs, becoming less distinct with distance.	Vertical, horizontal, and diagonal for lattice structures, diagonal to curvilinear for the road			
Color	Gray to brown rocks with light-tan to brown soils in the foreground. Brown to bluish hues for distant landform horizon.	Tan to brown grasses with tanish-gray to muted green shrubs.	Gray.			
Texture	Rocks and soils in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular, transitioning to the dense coarseness	Medium grain to matte.	Smooth to granular.			

Narrative: SQRU 06 encompasses portions of Devils Canyon and In-Ko-Pah Gorge along Interstate 8, southwest of Ocotillo. See Map 2 for the complete boundary of SQRU 06. Viewpoint 8 is representative of views within the canyon while traveling Interstate 8, the primary travel corridor that winds through the canyon past angular ridgelines and sloping walls of boulders and cobbles. The existing Southwest Powerlink transmission line is a noticeable built landscape feature with complex form and lines and industrial character that detracts from the otherwise natural appearing landscape.

	Score						
	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale			
a. Landform	4			Distinctive slopes of boulders and cobbles	SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION		
b. Vegetation			1		CLASSIFICATION		
c. Water			0		□ A 10 or more		
d. Color			1	Muted colors of limited variation	☐ A 19 or more		
e. Adjacent Scenery		3		Jacumba Mountains though substantially screened by slopes	☐ B 12 - 18		
f. Scarcity		3		Limited to the immediate vicinity of the canyon and In-Ko-Pah Gorge	□ C 11 or less		
g. Cultural Modifications			-2	Noticeable utility infrastructure though views are limited.			
TOTALS	4	6	0	10			



	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER						
	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES				
Form	Flat basin floor, backdropped by the horizontal to angular form of the Coyote Mountains (not part of the unit).	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs transitions to a more uniform distribution at distance.	None				
Line	Horizontal for the basin floor.	Irregular for individual foreground shrubs and clumps of grass. Horizontal as demarcated by basin floor.	None				
Color	Light tan soils with tan to gray rocks	Tan to brown grasses with tan to gray and muted green for shrubs.	None.				
Texture	Soils in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular.	Medium grain to matte.	None				

Narrative: SQRU 07 encompasses the western portion of the Yuha Desert west of Ocotillo and extending to the San Diego/Imperial County line. See Map 2 for the complete boundaries of SQRU 07. Viewpoint 9 is representative of views within SQRU 07, encompassing a foreground to middleground flat desert landscape with grass and low-growing shrubs of subdued color. Though the rugged and visually interesting landforms of the adjacent Coyote Mountains provide a backdrop of visual interest, they are not part of this unit.

	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	SCENIC QUALITY
a. Landform			1	Yuha desert floor	CLASSIFICATION
b. Vegetation			1		
c. Water			0		A 19 or more
d. Color			1		
e. Adjacent Scenery		3		Coyote Mountains	□ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity		3		Close proximity to mountains with no intrusion by built features	☐ C 11 or less
g. Cultural Modifications			0	None Visible	☑ C TI UI less
TOTALS	0	6	3	9	

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	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER							
	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES					
Form	Rugged, horizontal to angular landforms with vertical erosional cuts adding additional visual interest.	Sparse with irregular distribution of low growing grasses and a scattering of low growing shrubs in.	None, with the exception of the 4WD access road within this unit.					
Line	Irregular to diagonal and horizontal for canyon and gorge walls. Curvilinear as demarcated by access road.	Irregular for individual clumps of grass and shrubs.	None					
Color	Gray to tan rocks with areas of darker brown color with some reddish overtones. Soils are light gray to tan.	Tan to brown grasses with gray to muted green shrubs.	None.					
Texture	Rocks and soils in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular, transitioning to coarse along canyon and drainage walls.	Medium grain to matte.	None					

Narrative: SQRU 08 encompasses Painted Gorge and the immediate vicinity surrounded by Coyote Mountains Wilderness on three sides. See Maps 1 and 2 for the complete boundary of SQRU 08. Viewpoint 10 is located on Painted Gorge Road (BLM Road 236) and is representative of the views of the rugged landforms and vertical walls within SQRU 08. The rugged, landscape and curvilinear route through gorge and drainages enhances visual variety and a sense of mystery. Further, there are no built features or modifications that noticeably detract from the overall natural appearing landscape.

	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	
a. Landform	4			Vertical walls with a variety of textures	SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION
b. Vegetation			1		
c. Water			0		☐ A 19 or more
d. Color		3		Rocks of variable color	_
e. Adjacent Scenery	4			Coyote Mountains Wilderness	⊠ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity	4			Limited opportunity to experience vertical canyon and gorge walls in an otherwise flat desert landscape.	C 11 or less
g. Cultural Modifications			0	None Visible	
TOTALS	12	3	1	16	



	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER								
	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES						
Form	Flat mesa, backdropped by the angular Coyote Mountains (not part of the unit).	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs transitions to a more uniform distribution at distance.	Linear railroad rails with occasional wood utility pole.						
Line	Horizontal for the mesa.	Irregular for individual foreground shrubs and clumps of grass. Horizontal as defined by the mesa.	Horizontal for the rail line and vertical for the utility pole.						
Color	Light tan soils. Tan to gray rocks in foreground.	Tan to golden brown grasses with tanish-gray to muted green shrubs.	Brown.						
Texture	Soils and rocks in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular.	Medium grain to matte.	Smooth						

Narrative: SQRU 09 encompasses a substantial portion of the BLM lands on West Mesa south of Superstition Mountain and in the southernmost extent of Lower Borrego Valley. See Maps 1, 3, and 4 for the complete boundary of SQRU 09. Viewpoint 11 is representative of many views within SQRU 09 from the local BLM access roads. This viewpoint on BLM Road 085 encompasses a foreground to middleground flat desert landscape with grass and low-growing shrubs of subdued color. Though distant mountain ranges (Coyote Mountains) to the west provide a backdrop of some visual interest (not part of this unit), SQRU 09 is primarily influenced by the flat and relatively non-descript mesa landform. Built features visible in this location include a rail line and accompanying utility poles.

	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	SCENIC QUALITY
a. Landform			1	West Mesa	CLASSIFICATION
b. Vegetation			1		□ A 40 an an a
c. Water			0		A 19 or more
d. Color		2			
e. Adjacent Scenery		2		Distant Coyote Mountains	☐ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity			1	Extensive flat mesa landscape	_
g. Cultural Modifications			-2	Rail line and utility poles	C 11 or less
TOTALS	0	4	1	5	

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	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES						
Form	Flat mesa	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs transitions to a more uniform distribution at distance.	None.						
Line	Horizontal	Irregular for individual foreground shrubs and clumps of grass. Horizontal as defined by the mesa.	None						
Color	Light tan soils. Tan to gray rocks in foreground.	Tan to golden brown grasses with tanish-gray to muted green shrubs.	None.						
Texture	Soils and rocks in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular.	Medium grain to matte.	None						

Narrative: SQRU 09 encompasses a substantial portion of the BLM lands on West Mesa south of Superstition Mountain and in the southernmost extent of Lower Borrego Valley. See Maps 1, 3, and 4 for the complete boundary of SQRU 09. Viewpoint 12 is representative of many views within SQRU 09 from the local BLM access roads. This viewpoint on BLM Road 236, just east of the Coyote Mountains and northeast of Painted Gorge encompasses a foreground to background flat desert landscape with grass and low-growing shrubs of subdued color. Superstition Mountain (not part of this unit) is barely visible at the horizon in the left side of the Viewpoint 12 image. SQRU 09 is primarily influenced by the flat and relatively non-descript mesa landform. There are no visible built features.

	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	SCENIC QUALITY
a. Landform			1	West Mesa	CLASSIFICATION
b. Vegetation			1		OLAGOII IGATION
c. Water			0		□ A 10 or more
d. Color		2			A 19 or more
e. Adjacent Scenery			0	None noticeable in this northeast view.	☐ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity			1	Close proximity to mountains with no intrusion by built features	□ C 11 or less
g. Cultural Modifications			0	None Visible	
TOTALS	0	2	3	5	

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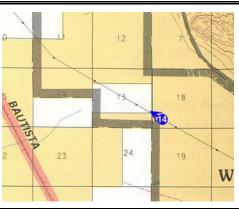


	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER							
	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES					
Form	Flat mesa with areas of interesting erosional patterns	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs.	None.					
Line	Horizontal for the mesa and irregular for the eroded areas.	Irregular for individual shrubs and clumps of grass.	None					
Color	Light tan to gray rocks and soils	Tan to golden brown grasses with tanish-gray to muted green shrubs.	None.					
Texture	Soils and rocks in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular.	Medium grain to matte.	None					

Narrative: SQRU 09 encompasses a substantial portion of the BLM lands on West Mesa south of Superstition Mountain and in the southernmost extent of Lower Borrego Valley. See Maps 1, 3, and 4 for the complete boundary of SQRU 09. Viewpoint 13 is representative of many views within SQRU 09 from the local BLM access roads. This viewpoint on BLM Road 085, approximately 9.5 miles east of Split Mountain Road and just northeast of Fish Creek Mountains Wilderness, encompasses a foreground to background flat desert landscape with grass and low-growing shrubs of subdued color. The Fish Creek Mountains, Coyote Mountains, and Jacumba Mountains are visible in sequence to the south and add visual interest though they are not part of this unit. SQRU 09 is primarily influenced by the flat and relatively non-descript mesa landform. There are no visible built features.

	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	
a. Landform		3		West Mesa with interesting erosional patterns	SCENIC QUALITY
b. Vegetation			1		CLASSIFICATION
c. Water			0		
d. Color		2			A 19 or more
e. Adjacent Scenery		3		Fish Creek, Coyote, and Jacumba Mountains	⊠ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity		3		Limited areas with interesting erosional patterns compared to the surrounding flat mesa landscape.	C 11 or less
g. Cultural Modifications			0	None Visible	
TOTALS	0	11	1	12	

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	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER								
	LANDFORM / WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES						
Form	Flat mesa, partially backdropped by the rounded to angular Fish Creek Mountains and Vallecito Mountains (not part of the unit).	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs.	Linear for the transmission line poles and structural members.						
Line	Horizontal for the mesa. Undulating to diagonal for blown sand patterns.	Irregular for individual foreground shrubs and clumps of grass. Horizontal as defined by the mesa horizon.	Vertical, horizontal, and diagonal for the structures, curvilinear for the conductors.						
Color	Light tan soils.	Tan grasses and tanish-gray to green shrubs.	brown.						
Texture	Soils in the immediate foreground appear granular.	Medium grain to matte.	Smooth.						

Narrative: SQRU 10 encompasses a portion of West Mesa that generally follows an existing wood-pole transmission line through the Superstition Mountain Open Area and West Mesa ACEC, into Lower Borrego Valley. See Maps 1, 3 and 4 for the complete boundaries of SQRU 10. Viewpoint 14 is representative of many views along the transmission line corridor within SQRU 10. Located southwest of Superstition Mountain on BLM Road 075 and approximately 3.4 miles from BLM Road 341, this viewpoint encompasses a foreground to background flat desert landscape with limited vegetation and prominent utility infrastructure. Though distant mountain landforms (Fish Creek and Vallecito Mountains) to the west provide a backdrop of visual interest (not part of this unit), SQRU 10 is primarily influenced by the flat mesa landform and the prominent wood-pole transmission line.

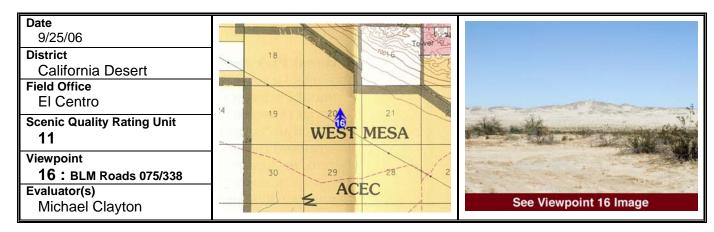
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	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	SCENIC QUALITY
a. Landform			2	West Mesa	CLASSIFICATION
b. Vegetation			1		CLASSII ICATION
c. Water			0		□ A 40 av vacana
d. Color		2			A 19 or more
e. Adjacent Scenery		3		Fish Creek Mountains rise abruptly from the desert floor	☐ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity			1	Extended linear distance (pole line) and broad mesa landscape	□ C 11 or less
g. Cultural Modifications			-2	None Visible	
TOTALS	0	5	2	7	

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	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER						
	LANDFORM/WATER	STRUCTURES					
Form	Rugged, undulating to angular landforms and blown sand creating substantial topographic variation and visual interest.	Sparse distribution of low growing grasses. Limited scattering of low growing shrubs.	None.				
Line	Irregular to diagonal for foreground landforms. Undulating ridgelines.	Irregular for individual foreground clumps of grass. Indistinct for more distant shrubs.	None.				
Color	Gray to brown rocks with light-tan to brown soils.	Tan to brown grasses with tanish-gray to muted green shrubs.	None.				
Texture	Rocks and soils appear smooth to granular and coarse.	Medium grain to matte.	None				

Narrative: SQRU 11 encompasses Superstition Mountain and much of the Superstition Mountain Open Area. See Map 1 for the complete boundary of SQRU 11. Viewpoint 15 is located just west of Huff Road at the eastern end of the Open Area and is representative of the views of the rugged landforms from within SQRU 11. While the unit is almost devoid of vegetation, the rugged, undulating, sand-blown landforms enhance visual variety and create a landscape that is distinct from the surrounding flat West Mesa. The Fish Creek Mountains are visible low on the horizon in the distance (beyond the unit) and there are no built features or modifications that noticeably detract from the overall natural appearing landscape.

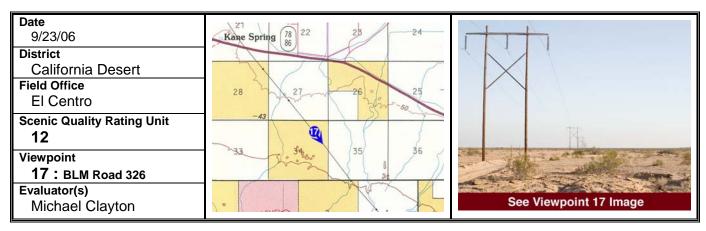
	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	
a. Landform	4			Area of rugged, irregular, and highly eroded landforms with substantial wind blown sand.	SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION
b. Vegetation			1	Minimal vegetation.	
c. Water			0		A 19 or more
d. Color		2		Interesting striations of tan to brown sands and rocks.	
e. Adjacent Scenery			1	Adjacent flat desert floor. Fish Creek Mountains are distant.	C 11 or less
f. Scarcity	4			Limited areas of highly variable topography.	□ C 11 Offess
g. Cultural Modifications			0	None Visible.	
TOTALS	8	2	2	12	



	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER						
	LANDFORM/WATER	STRUCTURES					
Form	Rugged, undulating to horizontal landform for Superstition Mountain. Horizontal West Mesa.	Sparse distribution of low growing grasses. Limited scattering of low growing shrubs.	None.				
Line	Horizontal for the mesa and irregular to diagonal for the hills with undulating ridgelines.	Irregular for individual foreground clumps of grass. Indistinct for shrubs.	None.				
Color	Gray to brown rocks with light-tan to brown soils.	Tan to brown grasses with tanish-gray to muted green shrubs.	None.				
Texture	Rocks and soils appear smooth to granular and coarse.	Medium grain to matte.	None				

Narrative: SQRU 11 encompasses Superstition Mountain and much of the Superstition Mountain Open Area. See Map 1 for the complete boundary of SQRU 11. Viewpoint 16 is located just south of Unit 11 at the intersection of BLM Roads 075 and 338, approximately 1.7 miles west of BLM Road 341. This view is representative of the proximal views of the rolling to angular form of Superstition Mountain. While the unit is almost devoid of vegetation, the rugged, undulating, sand-blown Superstition Mountain enhances visual variety and helps to delineate the immediate landscape as distinct from the surrounding flat West Mesa. A communication tower is visible along the ridgeline but does not noticeably detract from the overall natural appearing landscape.

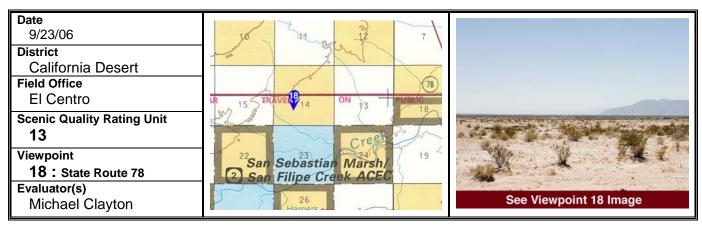
	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	SCENIC QUALITY
a. Landform	4			Superstition Mountain	CLASSIFICATION
b. Vegetation			1		
c. Water			0		A 19 or more
d. Color			1	Minimal variation in color	
e. Adjacent Scenery			1	West Mesa	П В 12 - 18
f. Scarcity		3		Limited areas of variable topography within West Mesa	☐ C 11 or less
g. Cultural Modifications			-1	Communication tower	□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
TOTALS	4	3	2	9	



	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER							
	LANDFORM/WATER	STRUCTURES						
Form	Flat mesa.	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs.	Linear and moderately complex for the transmission line structures.					
Line	Horizontal.	Irregular for individual foreground shrubs and clumps of grass. Horizontal as defined by the mesa horizon.	Vertical, horizontal, and diagonal for structures, curvilinear to diagonal for the conductors.					
Color	Light tan soils.	Tan grasses and tanish-gray to subdued green shrubs.	Gray and brown.					
Texture	Soils appear smooth to granular.	Medium grain to matte.	Smooth.					

Narrative: SQRU 12 encompasses a portion of West Mesa that generally follows an existing transmission line north to south along the eastern side of the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area, the Superstition Hills, and U.S. Naval Reservation Target 101. See Maps 1 and 3 for the complete boundaries of SQRU 12. Viewpoint 17 is located on BLM Road 326, approximately 1.8 miles south of SR 86. This viewpoint is representative of many views within SQRU 12 that encompass the foreground to background flat desert landscape with prominent utility infrastructure with moderately complex structural forms and industrial character. Vegetation is sparse with more inconsistent distributions of grass and low-growing shrubs of subdued color.

	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	
a. Landform			2	West Mesa with some interesting erosional patterns	SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION
b. Vegetation			1		
c. Water			0		A 19 or more
d. Color		2			
e. Adjacent Scenery			0	None noticeable from this viewpoint.	☐ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity			1	Extensive flat mesa, long linear extent of transmission line.	C 11 or less
g. Cultural Modifications			-3	Prominent transmission line.	
TOTALS	0	2	1	3	



	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER						
	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES				
Form	Flat mesa, partially backdropped by the angular Fish Creek Mountains (not part of the unit).	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs transitions to a more uniform distribution at distance.	None.				
Line	Horizontal mesa.	Irregular for individual foreground shrubs and clumps of grass. Horizontal as defined by the mesa horizon.	None.				
Color	Light tan soils.	Tan to golden-brown grasses with tanish-gray to muted green shrubs.	None.				
Texture	Soils in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular.	Medium grain to matte.	None.				

Narrative: SQRU 13 is a large unit encompassing the northern portion of West Mesa, the Superstition Hills, and much of the flat desert landscape within the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area. See Maps 1, 3, and 4 for the complete boundary of SQRU 13. Viewpoint 18 is located on SR 78, approximately 3 miles west of the intersection with SR 86. This viewpoint is representative of many views within SQRU 13 and encompasses a foreground to background flat desert landscape with grass and low-growing shrubs of subdued color. Though distant mountain ranges (Fish Creek Mountains) to the southwest provide a partial backdrop of some visual interest (not part of this unit), SQRU 13 is primarily influenced by the flat mesa landform. Built features are not visible in this image though they are present in other views.

	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	
a. Landform			1	Fish Creek Mountains	SCENIC QUALITY
b. Vegetation			1		CLASSIFICATION
c. Water			0		
d. Color		2			A 19 or more
e. Adjacent Scenery		3		Fish Creek Mountains and Wilderness	 □ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity			1	Localized transition from flat desert floor to rugged mountain slopes.	☐ C 11 or less
g. Cultural Modifications			0	Landform modifications from quarry.	⊠ C 11 Offices
TOTALS	0	5	3	8	

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	LANDSCAPE CHARACTER						
	LANDFORM / WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES				
Form	Flat valley floor ringed by rugged, undulating to angular mountains.	Sparse with irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs.	None noticeable.				
Line	Irregular to diagonal and rolling for mountains and ridgelines. Horizontal for valley floor and areas worked by rock quarry.	Irregular for individual clumps of grass shrubs.	None noticeable.				
Color	Gray rocks and gray to tan soils. Bluish hues for more distant ridges.	Tan to brown grasses with tanish-gray to muted green shrubs.	None noticeable.				
Texture	Rocks and soils in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular. Ridges and slopes appear granular.	Medium grain to matte.	None noticeable.				

Narrative: SQRU 14 encompasses a relatively small area at the northern tip of the Fish Creek Mountains, which is also adjacent to Fish Creek Mountains Wilderness. See Maps 2 and 4 for the complete boundary of SQRU 14. Viewpoint 19 is located on Split Mountain Road, just south of the intersection with BLM Road 085. This viewpoint is representative of the views of the rugged northern foothills of the Fish Creek Mountains characteristic of SQRU 14. The rugged ridgelines provide visual contrast with the flat desert floor and enhance visual variety. Landform modifications associated with quarrying operations are noticeable though do not substantially detract from the otherwise natural appearing landscape when viewed from this location.

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	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	SCENIC QUALITY
a. Landform	4			Fish Creek Mountains	CLASSIFICATION
b. Vegetation			2		CLASSII ICATION
c. Water			0		□ A 10 or more
d. Color		3			A 19 or more
e. Adjacent Scenery	4			Fish Creek Mountains and Wilderness	⊠ B 12 - 18
f. Scarcity		3		Localized transition from flat desert floor to rugged mountain slopes	☐ C 11 or less
g. Cultural Modifications			-2	Landform modifications from quarry	
TOTALS	8	6	0	14	