



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

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District California Desert		
Field Office Palm Springs		
Scenic Quality Rating Unit 01		
Viewpoint 1 : Berdoo Canyon Rd.		
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LANDSCAPE CHARACTER			
	LANDFORM / WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES
Form	Narrow rugged canyon with steeply rising canyon walls. Rocks and sand create varying erosional patterns. More distant angular mountain forms.	Individual clumps of grasses and shrubs are intermittent and random.	None
Line	Jagged to irregular in canyon wall formations. Horizontal to angular distant ridgelines. Meandering to curvilinear road tracks.	Irregular defined by individuals and clumps in the immediate foreground, becoming more indistinct with distance. Some demarcation caused by road cuts.	None
Color	Gray to light-tan soils. Light to dark-gray and brown rocks and formations. Bluish tones in distant mountains.	Yellowish tan grasses and light- to dark-green shrubs.	None
Texture	Foreground textures are predominantly coarse with some smoothness in sandy road tracks. Distant mountains appear smooth.	Smooth to medium grain and uneven in the immediate foreground. Smoothness increases with distance.	None

Narrative: Viewpoint 1 is representative of the limited canyon views within SQRU 01. The landscape appears rugged and the steeply rising canyon walls in the foreground focus views on the more distant ridges. The sporadic clumps of green vegetation adds interesting highlights to a color palette that is comprised predominantly of grays and tans. The combination of foreground and background landforms increases visual variety and there are no built features or modifications that noticeably detract from the overall natural appearing landscape. Also, there are limited canyon views within this SQRU. Compared to Unit 02 to the south, the Unit 01 landscape is more influenced by mountainous terrain and less influenced by built features.

Score					SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION
	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	
a. Landform	4			Rugged canyon walls	
b. Vegetation		2			
c. Water			0		
d. Color	4			Wider range of colors	
e. Adjacent Scenery		3			
f. Scarcity	4			Few accessible canyons	
g. Cultural Modifications			0	None visible	
TOTALS	12	5	0	17	<input type="checkbox"/> A 19 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B 12 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> C 11 or less