

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

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| <b>Date</b><br>8/19/05                          |  |  |
| <b>District</b><br>California Desert            |  |  |
| <b>Field Office</b><br>Palm Springs             |  |  |
| <b>Scenic Quality Rating Unit</b><br><b>05</b>  |  |  |
| <b>Viewpoint</b><br><b>9 : Red Canyon Trail</b> |  |  |
| <b>Evaluator(s)</b><br>Michael Clayton          |  |  |

| <b>LANDSCAPE CHARACTER</b> |  |  |                   |
|----------------------------|--|--|-------------------|
|                            | <b>LANDFORM / WATER</b>  | <b>VEGETATION</b>  | <b>STRUCTURES</b> |
| <b>Form</b>                | 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              |
| <b>Line</b>                | Horizontal for the valley floor. Irregular to curvilinear for mountain foothills and ridgelines.                         | Irregular defined by individuals and clumps in the immediate foreground. Horizontal to curvilinear lines defined by: (a) transition between valley floor and mountains, and (b) access road. | None              |
| <b>Color</b>               | Light-tan to gray foreground soils. Brown to bluish tones for foothills and more distant mountains.                      | Yellowish-tan grasses and light- to dark-green shrubs with some gray shrub branches.   | None              |
| <b>Texture</b>             | Soils in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular. More distant hills and mountains appear smooth to granular. | 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 portion of this unit transitions into the rugged foothills of the Orocopia Mountains Wilderness. 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 the bladed access road is an apparent feature in the landscape).

| <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>               |             | 2             |            |                                  |   |
| <b>b. Vegetation</b>             |             | 2             |            |                                  |   |
| <b>c. Water</b>                  |             |               | 0          |                                  |   |
| <b>d. Color</b>                  |             | 3             |            |                                  |   |
| <b>e. Adjacent Scenery</b>       | 4           |               |            | Orocopia Mountains Wilderness    |   |
| <b>f. Scarcity</b>               |             | 2             |            |                                  |   |
| <b>g. Cultural Modifications</b> |             |               | 0          | None visible (except access rd.) |   |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                    | <b>4</b>    | <b>9</b>      | <b>0</b>   | <b>13</b>                        | <input type="checkbox"/> A 19 or more<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B 12 - 18<br><input type="checkbox"/> C 11 or less |