

**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 10		
Viewpoint 14 : Eagle Mountain Road		
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LANDSCAPE CHARACTER			
	LANDFORM / WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES
Form	Predominantly flat valley floor. More distant Coxcomb Mountains (not part of the unit) provide a backdrop that adds visual interest.	The irregular clumps of low shrubs and grass transition to an indistinct and more uniform distribution at distance with a smooth appearance.	None
Line	Horizontal for the valley floor. Irregular to angular for intermediate ridge.	Irregular defined by individuals and clumps in the immediate foreground and terrain variations beyond.	None
Color	Light-tan to gray foreground soils with some reddish tone rocks; dark-brown rock and soil on intermediate ridge.	Yellowish-tan grasses and light- to dark-green shrubs with some gray shrub branches.	None
Texture	Soils appear granular to coarse.	Smooth to medium grain and uneven and random in the immediate foreground. Smooth with a more even distribution at distance.	None

Narrative: The western portion of SQRU 10 encompasses the northwestern portion of Chuckwalla Valley north of Desert Center and I-10. Although the Coxcomb Mountains and a portion of Joshua Tree Wilderness provide a backdrop of visual interest, these features are beyond the Unit 10 boundary at a distance of approximately eight miles. Unit 10 is flat and relatively non-descript with low growing grasses and shrubs. The western portion of the Unit 10 landscape is not substantially influenced by built cultural features (structures) though there is some utility and road infrastructure within the unit.

Score					SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION
	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	
a. Landform			1	Flat valley floor	
b. Vegetation		2			
c. Water			0		
d. Color		3			
e. Adjacent Scenery		2		Coxcomb Mountains backdrop	
f. Scarcity			1		
g. Cultural Modifications			0	None noticeable	
TOTALS	0	7	2	9	<input type="checkbox"/> A 19 or more <input type="checkbox"/> B 12 - 18 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C 11 or less