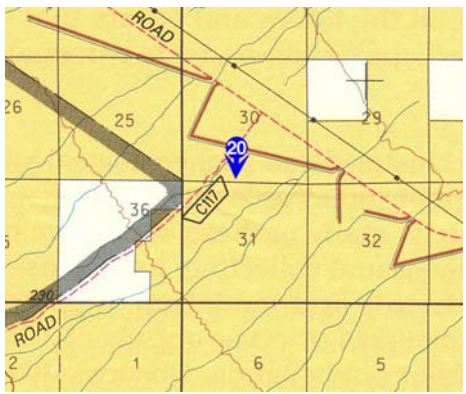



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Date 8/23/05		
District California Desert		
Field Office Palm Springs		
Scenic Quality Rating Unit 13		
Viewpoint 20 : Dupont Road		
Evaluator(s) Michael Clayton		

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER			
	LANDFORM / WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES
Form	Flat valley floor.	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses with some taller shrubs. Coverage appearing more consistent at distance.	None, with the exception that 4WD tracks of Dupont Road are apparent when viewing in-line with the track.
Line	Horizontal for valley floor.	Irregular for individual shrubs. Horizontal as defined by the mesa. Curvilinear as demarcated by sandy washes.	None (though curvilinear for the 4WD track).
Color	Light-tan soils.	Tan to pale-yellow grasses with tanish-gray to green shrubs.	None.
Texture	Soils in the immediate foreground appear smooth to granular.	Medium grain to matte.	None

Narrative: The western end of SQRU 15 is characterized by the broad, flat floor of the southern Chuckwalla Valley between the Chuckwalla Mountains to the west, Little Chuckwalla Mountains to the east, and the Chocolate Mountains to the south. The valley floor supports low growing grasses and shrubs punctuated by taller shrubs and demarcated by numerous northeast-southwest trending washes. Colors on the valley floor range from light tan soils to tan and yellow grasses to dark green shrubs. The Chocolate and Chuckwalla Mountains provide visual variety in terms of form (rugged, angular features), line (jagged and irregular), and color (bluish to lavender hues). Unlike Unit 12 to the north, Unit 13 is not substantially influenced by cultural modifications such as transmission lines or roads.

Score					SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION
	High	Medium	Low	Explanation or Rationale	
a. Landform		2		Valley floor with numerous washes	
b. Vegetation		2			
c. Water			0		
d. Color		3			
e. Adjacent Scenery		3		Chocolate, Chuckwalla, Little Chuckwalla Mountains	
f. Scarcity		2			
g. Cultural Modifications			0		
TOTALS	0	12	0	12	<input type="checkbox"/> A 19 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B 12 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> C 11 or less