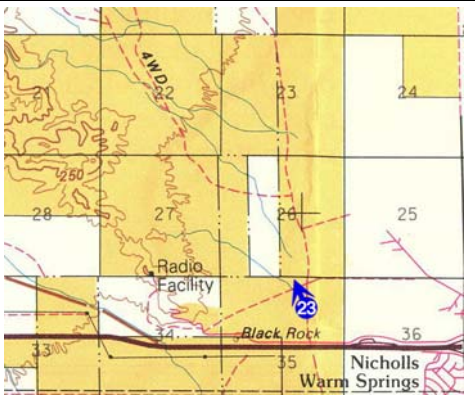



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Scenic Quality Field Inventory**

<b>Date</b> 8/19/05		
<b>District</b> California Desert		
<b>Field Office</b> Palm Springs		
<b>Scenic Quality Rating Unit</b> <b>15</b>		
<b>Viewpoint</b> <b>23 : Black Rock</b>		
<b>Evaluator(s)</b> Michael Clayton		

<b>LANDSCAPE CHARACTER</b>			
	<b>LANDFORM / WATER</b>	<b>VEGETATION</b>	<b>STRUCTURES</b>
<b>Form</b>	Flat mesa, backdropped by the rugged, angular McCoy Mountains.	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs. Coverage appearing more consistent at distance.	None, with the exception that 4WD tracks are apparent when viewing in-line with the track.
<b>Line</b>	Horizontal for the mesa. Irregular and jagged for the mountain ridgelines.	Irregular for individual shrubs. Horizontal as defined by the mesa.	None (though curvilinear for the 4WD track).
<b>Color</b>	Light-tan soils. Brown to bluish and lavender hues for the mountains.	Tan to pale-yellow grasses with tanish-gray to green shrubs.	None.
<b>Texture</b>	Soils in the immediate foreground appear granular. Mountain surfaces appear granular to matte.	Medium grain to matte.	None

**Narrative:** SQRU 15 includes the northern portion of Palo Verde Mesa between the McCoy Mountains on the west and the Big Maria Mountains on the northeast. The mesa is flat with low growing grasses and shrubs. Colors on the mesa range from light tan soils to tan and yellow grasses to dark green shrubs. While most of the unit that is contained within the present boundaries is comprised of the mesa landscape, the unit does include a portion of the southern end of the McCoy Mountains on the west. The McCoy Mountains provide visual variety in terms of form (rugged, angular features), line (jagged and irregular), and color (bluish to bluish and lavender hues). The eastern and southeastern portion of this unit includes lands that are interspersed with non-federal agricultural fields, which though physically within the Unit 15 boundary, neither contribute to nor are subject to the Scenic Quality rating provided here.

<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>		3		McCoy Mountains	
<b>b. Vegetation</b>		2			
<b>c. Water</b>			0		
<b>d. Color</b>		2			
<b>e. Adjacent Scenery</b>		3		McCoy Mountains	
<b>f. Scarcity</b>		2			
<b>g. Cultural Modifications</b>			0	Access road is noticeable	
<b>TOTALS</b>	0	12	0	<b>12</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> A 19 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B 12 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> C 11 or less