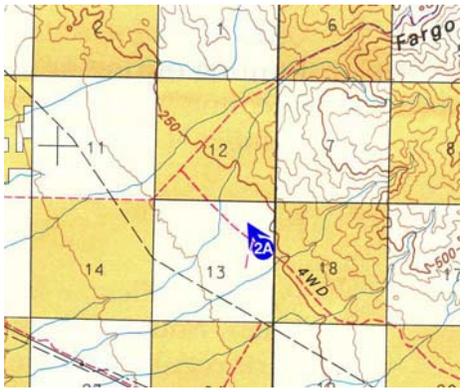


**United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management
Scenic Quality Field Inventory**

Date 8/23/05		
District California Desert		
Field Office Palm Springs		
Scenic Quality Rating Unit 01		
Viewpoint 2A : 4WD Access Road		
Evaluator(s) Michael Clayton		

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER			
	LANDFORM / WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURES
Form	Gently sloping alluvial fans and rolling foothills, backdropped by the rugged, angular Little San Bernardino Mountains.	Irregular distribution of low growing grasses and shrubs transition to an indistinct and more uniform distribution at distance.	None, with the exception of the 4WD access road forming the southern boundary of this unit.
Line	Horizontal for alluvial fans. Irregular and jagged for the mountain ridgelines.	Irregular for individual foreground shrubs and clumps of grass. Indistinct for more distant vegetation.	None (though curvilinear for the 4WD access road).
Color	Gray to light-tan rocks and soils in the foreground to. Brown to bluish and lavender hues for the more distant hills and mountains.	Tan to pale-yellow and golden grasses with tanish-gray to green shrubs.	None.
Texture	Rocks and soils in the immediate foreground appear coarse to granular. Mountain surfaces appear granular to matte.	Medium grain to matte.	None

Narrative: SQRU 01 includes the foothills and southern ridgelines of the Little San Bernardino Mountains north of I-10 and west of Chiriaco Summit. Viewpoint 2A is representative of the majority of views within SQRU 01, encompassing foreground alluvial fans and rolling foothills, backdropped by rugged mountains and ridges. The landscape is naturally appearing with no built features. Vegetation is relatively non-distinctive. However, the combination of level to rolling foreground landforms and undulating and jagged background mountains increases visual variety and there are no built features or modifications that noticeably detract from the overall natural appearing landscape. 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		3		Little San Bernardino Mountains	
b. Vegetation			1		
c. Water			0		
d. Color		2			
e. Adjacent Scenery		3		Little San Bernardino Mountains	
f. Scarcity		3		Close proximity to mountains with no intrusion by built features	
g. Cultural Modifications			0	None Visible	
TOTALS	0	11	1	12	<input type="checkbox"/> A 19 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B 12 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> C 11 or less