



Features

The Riverside County Vision builds heavily on the value of its remarkable environmental setting. That applies here as well. While not as close to the major mountain ranges as some other areas, the highly varied hills and valleys of Reche Canyon/Badlands afford an ample view of the mountain vistas that dominate the remarkable setting of the Western County. This section describes the setting, features and functions that are unique to the Reche Canyon/Badlands area. These defining characteristics are shown on Figure 2, Physical Features.



SETTING

The Reche Canyon/Badlands area is a predominantly mountainous, rural residential and rugged natural open space region in northwestern Riverside County. The area consists of expansive rural and mountainous terrain, with low-lying habitat and agricultural valley areas in the southern portion of the planning area. It is distinguished by the immense variety of physical features found in this singular portion of the County.

The land is devoted to agriculture, rural residential, commercial, mining, public facility and recreational uses. Of these, rural and hillside residential uses consume the largest territory. Scattered and clustered hillside and rural residential uses are situated in the Box Springs Mountain area and along the San Timoteo Canyon corridor. Other recreational uses include a small recreational enclave, including fishing and RV facilities, located off San Timoteo Canyon Road, and the Quail Ranch Golf Course on Gilman Springs Road. The Box Springs Mountains Reserve also allows some passive recreational uses.

Other uses in the Reche Canyon/Badlands area include: the Riverside County Waste Management Badlands Landfill located adjacent to the Norton Younglove Reserve; a mining facility located on Jack Rabbit Trail, just north of Gilman Springs Road; the Quail Valley golf course along Gilman Springs Road; the historical San Timoteo Canyon Schoolhouse on San Timoteo Canyon Road; and agricultural uses located primarily in the southern portions of the planning area near Mystic Lake and the Lake Perris State Recreation Area. These are described more fully below.

UNIQUE FEATURES

Badlands/Norton Younglove Preserve

The Badlands, including the Norton Younglove Preserve, consist of an extensive pattern of dramatic and rugged mountainous terrain forming the eastern edge of the planning area. Home to several wildlife species, the Badlands serves as a crucial wildlife corridor. The preserve includes grasslands, riparian, and woodland habitat areas.