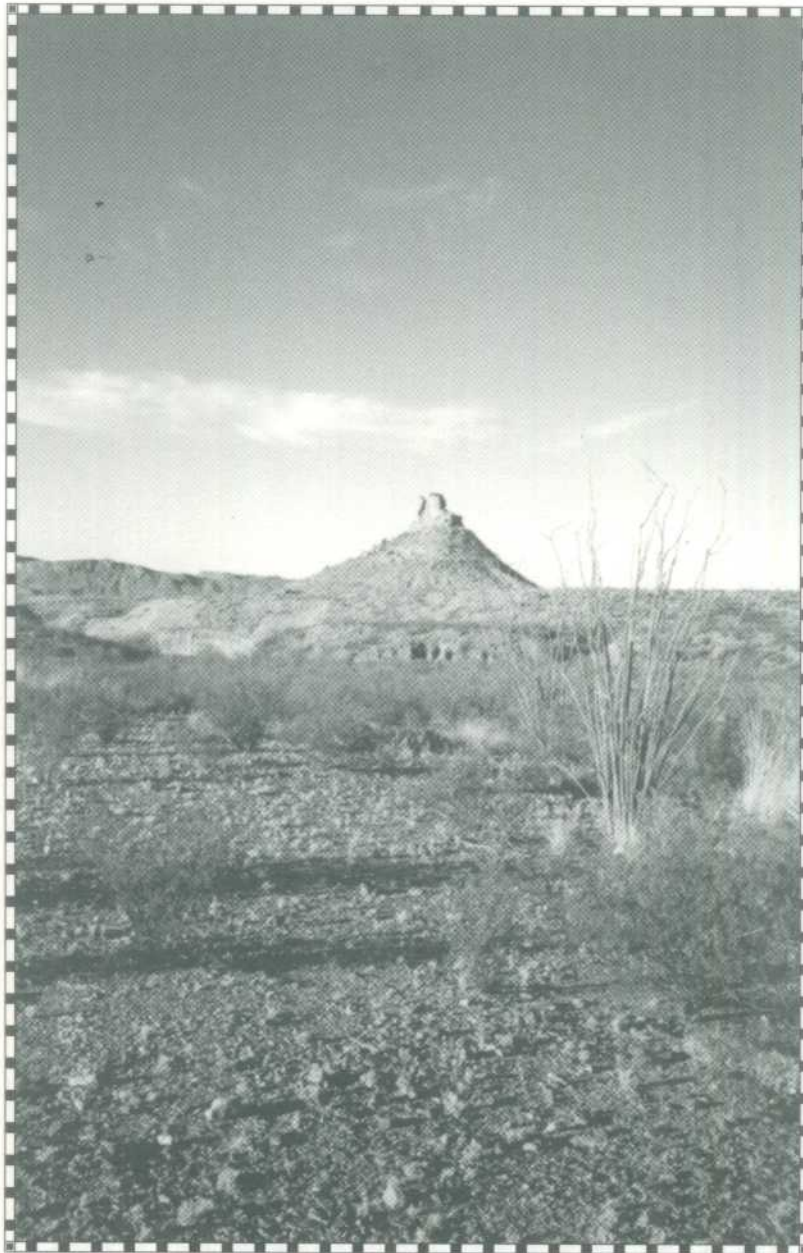




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Chihuahuan Desert in Big Bend National Park. Photo credit: Laura Pierce.

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