

An aerial photograph of a vast, arid desert landscape. The terrain is a mix of reddish-brown soil and sparse, dark green scrub vegetation. Several dirt tracks crisscross the landscape. In the lower right quadrant, a small cluster of vehicles, including a white van and a blue car, is visible. The horizon is flat and extends to the top of the frame under a clear, pale blue sky.

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