CALIFORNIA OBSIDIAN SOURCES

GRIMES CANYON FUSED SHALE

Two fused shale artifacts from CA-SBA-1566 near Santa Barbara, California. The largest of the two specimens is about 1.7 cm in length. The visual variability and slightly grainy texture of the Grime Canyon source material is clearly visible in the image above.

ALTERNATE NAMES: –.

LOCATION - COUNTY: Ventura.

LOCATION - GIS: -118.91, 34.34.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE: This glassy rock, the product of combustion metamorphism, resembles obsidian and was sometimes utilized as a prehistoric source of lithic material along the southern California coast.

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