



Water and Power in Wirikuta

Threats New and Old Menace the Sacred Peyote Grounds of the Chihuahuan Desert

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When it rains in the high plateaus of San Luis Potosí, Mexico, the dampened earth releases a scent that showcases its unique biodiversity. During the rainy season, greasewood bushes, mesquites, yucca and a wide variety of cacti flower and give their fruits, while the locals plant their cornfields that grow according to the nourishment they receive from the seasonal rainfall.

The fragrant aroma of the moistened earth is the same as that found in the