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The word "alien" is frequently used to describe the amazing and unusual geologic landscape at Trona Pinnacles in California. One can recognize the pinnacles from numerous Hollywood movies that have been shot here including *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier* and *Planet of the Apes*. This landscape is dominated by numerous tufas (made of calcium carbonate), which were formed underwater 10,000 to 100,000 years ago in the Searles lake bed basin. This long-exposure image gives the streaky effect to the clouds over the tufas that enhances the unreal appearance of the surreal landscape.

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