

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN - STEP 1
ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

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Activity	Recreation
Objective Number	R-4

OBJECTIVE:

Manage the visual resources within the Planning Area in conformance with the guidance in BLM Manual 6310.18B-E.

RATIONALE:

BLM Manual 6310.18 states that the cited guidance is to be used as "tentative minimum management objectives". If these objectives can be met, no further or more detailed objectives are considered necessary.

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6310 - VISUAL RESOURCE INVENTORY AND EVALUATION

B. Class II. Changes in any of the basic elements (form, line, color or texture) caused by a management activity should not be evident in the characteristic landscape.

C. Class III. Changes in the basic elements, (form, line, color, texture) caused by a management activity may be evident in the characteristic landscape. However, the changes should remain subordinate to the visual strength of the existing character.

D. Class IV. Changes may subordinate the original composition and character but must reflect what could be a natural occurrence within the characteristic landscape.

E. Class V. Change is needed. This class applies to areas where the naturalistic character has been disturbed to a point where rehabilitation is needed to bring it back into character with the surrounding countryside. This class would apply to areas identified in the scenery evaluation where the quality class has been reduced because of unacceptable intrusions. It should be considered an interim short-term classification until one of the other objectives can be reached through rehabilitation or enhancement. The desired visual quality objective should be identified.

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Overlay Reference
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Visual Resource Management Class II

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

R-4.1

No management activity should be allowed to cause any evident changes in the form, line, color, or texture that is characteristic of the landscape within this Class II area.

This area is placed in Class II under the VRM system (BLM Manual 6310.18B). This recommendation would be consistent with the minimal objective for the Class II areas.

Multiple-Use Analysis

This recommendation is not meant to be severely restrictive, but rather to serve as a guide for implementing any activity program while preserving the existing visual resource quality. On specific proposals, the methodology explained in BLM Manual 6320, Visual Resource Contrast Rating, should be employed to minimize visual impacts.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Use the above recommendation as guidance for the Class II areas, utilizing concealment, repetition of elements, minimizing surface disturbance, etc., to meet the goal.

Maintaining the visual resource is a very basic multiple-use objective on these areas.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

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Visual Resource Management Class III

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

R- 4.2

Management activities may cause changes in the basic elements (form, line, color, texture) of the characteristic landscape, but the changes should remain subordinate to the existing visual character.

These areas have been placed in Class III using the VRM system in BLM Manual 6310. This recommendation is consistent with the minimum management objective stated in 6310.18C.

Multiple-Use Analysis

These areas are generally less scenic than the Class II areas, but are highly visible to a relatively large number of people. Maintaining the visual quality on these areas is important because it influences the public's impression of our multiple-use programs.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Use the above recommendation as a goal to strive for, rather than a hard and fast rule. Incorporate the methodology outlined in BLM Manual 6320 Visual Resource Contrast Rating.

Although the recommended criteria may be difficult or impossible to achieve in particular cases, they will provide management guidance.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.

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Visual Resource Management Class IV

RECOMMENDATION

RATIONALE

R - 4.3

Changes caused by management activities may subordinate the original character but should reflect what could be a natural occurrence within the characteristic landscape.

This recommendation is consistent with the minimum management objective for Class IV lands in the VRM system (BLM Manual 6310.18D).

Multiple-Use Analysis

Although these lands are not especially scenic or highly visible to many people, the visual aspects of all multiple-use programs can be enhanced by striving to maintain or restore a natural appearance to the landscape.

Multiple-Use Recommendation

Reasons

Activity recommendation accepted as stated above.

No unresolved conflicts with other activities or values have been identified.

Decision

Adopt the Step 2 multiple use recommendation.