



VISUAL RESOURCES

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What is Visual Resource Management?

Visual Resource Management System includes three components:

1. Visual Resource Inventory:

This includes evaluating the scenic qualities of the landscape, the sensitivity regarding changes in the landscape, and the distance from which the landscape is viewed.

2. Visual Resource Management:

During the planning process, all BLM-administered public lands are designated a management class. There are four different management classes, and each management class has criteria that determine the level of change allowed in the landscape. Class I criteria is the most restrictive, allowing very low levels of change. Class IV criteria is the least restrictive, allow high levels of change.

3. Implementation:

During the implementation of a plan, projects are evaluated to determine the level of contrast a proposed activity would have on the landscape to determine if the level of change is acceptable based on the Visual Resource Management Class Criteria

Where Are We Now?

- The BLM has completed the Visual Resource Inventory for the D-E National Conservation Area.
- During the planning process, we will draft alternatives designating Visual Resource Management Classes. These decisions will determine the allowable level of change to the landscape.

How You Can Help

Tell us where you do not want to see changes in the landscape and where changes should be allowed! If changes should be allowed, how much change?