

VISUAL CONTRAST RATING WORKSHEET

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Activity: Assessing proposed communications site for its visibility from the Castle Valley Road

Section A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: Royce Communication Site Location: Castle Valley, Utah

Key Observation Point: Castle Valley Road

VRM Class: II

Section B. CHARACTERISTIC LANDSCAPE DESCRIPTION

	1. Land/Water	2. Vegetation	3. Structures
FORM	Broken and undulating	Clumpy trees	Power lines, houses in distance -
LINE	Undulating	Horizontal	Power lines, houses in distance
COLOR	Reddish/brownish	greenish	Power lines, houses in distance -
TEXTURE	Mottled	Mottled	Power lines, houses in distance -

Section C. PROPOSED ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

	1. Land/Water	2. Vegetation	3. Structures
FORM	Very little ground disturbance	No vegetation to be removed	Box, tower and solar panel
LINE	Undulating	Horizontal	angular
COLOR	Reddish/brownish	greenish	Greenish and brownish except for solar panel itself
TEXTURE	Mottled	Mottled	Smooth

Section D. CONTRAST RATING

	FEATURES											
	land/water				vegetation				Communication Facility			
	strong	moderate	weak	none	strong	moderate	weak	none	strong	moderate	weak	none
FORM			x					x			x	
LINE				x				x			x	
COLOR			x					xx			x	
TEXTURE				x							x	

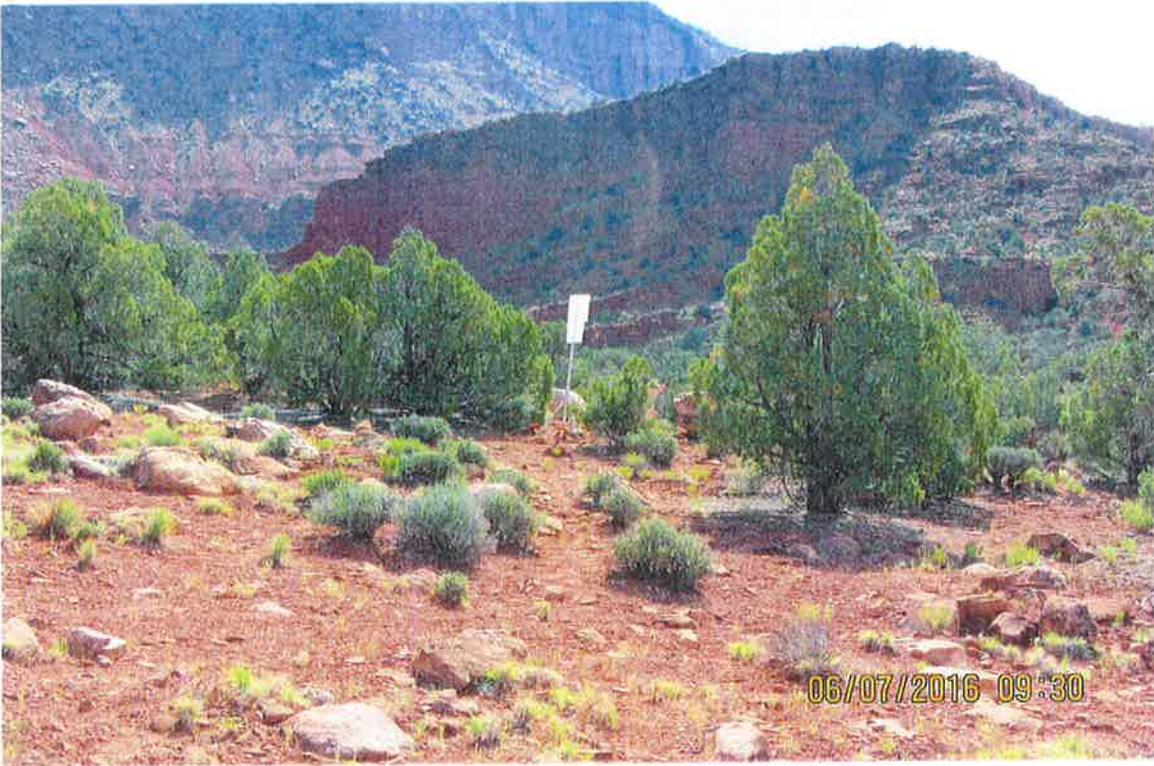
Does project design meet visual standards? Yes

The project is located well away from the Castle Valley Road, the key observation point. The entire facility would be painted in matching colors; however, the solar panels powering the facility cannot be painted. It is primarily the solar panels that would be at all visible from the Castle Valley Road.

When travelling southbound on the road, the facility's solar panels would not be visible unless one were looking for them by turning towards the facility (and away from the dominant view, the LaSal Mountains).

When travelling northbound on the road, the facility's solar panels would be visible for only a very short period of time. If the casual observer were looking at Castle Rock itself, the solar panel might be visible for a total of 5 seconds. If the observer were looking to the east in the direct direction of the panels, the solar panel could be visible for up to 10 seconds.

Given the level of development already in Castle Valley (houses, power lines), etc., the proposed facility would not alter the characteristics landscape of that valley.



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