

**UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
SCENIC QUALITY FIELD INVENTORY**

Date	Aug. 15, 1985
District	Moab
Resource Area	Grand
Scenic quality rating unit	024

1. Evaluators (names) Bob Tumwater, Russ Grimes, Pete Jordon

2. LANDSCAPE CHARACTER (Feature)

	a. LANDFORM/WATER	b. VEGETATION	c. STRUCTURE (General)
FORM	Deeply cut side canyons with vertical walls leading into flat open valley w/ slow meandering river	Simple forms created by patterns in vegetation	Oval, elongated, and linear.
LINE	Horizontal and vertical in cliff formations, jagged ridge lines, and meandering river	Irregular, indistinct	Rounded, vertical
COLOR	Orange and greys dominant, deep blue in settling pond	Dark green in river bottom, grey elsewhere	Light green & grey
TEXTURE	Coarse	Medium grain, sparse, and uneven random.	Uneven

3. Narrative

This SQRU includes the flat and meandering river bed of the Colorado River and the deeply dissected canyons to the north. It differs in landform and vegetation from the surrounding areas. The rock formations and topography are fairly common in the physiographic province but it is uncommon to have a river flowing through this type of landscape. The potash plant which lies in the middle of this area is a major visual intrusion which can be seen from several overlooks and the river.

4. SCORE (Circle Appropriate Level)*

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE	SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION
a. Landform	5 (4)	3	1		
b. Vegetation	5	3 (2)	1		
c. Water	5 (3)	3	0		
d. Color	5 (5)	3	1		
e. Adjacent Scenery	5 (4)	3	0	See explanation on reverse	
f. Scarcity	5+	3 (3)	1		
g. Cultural Modification	2	0	3 (3-4)		
TOTALS	18 + 5 + (-3) = 20				

INSTRUCTIONS

Following are the instructions for completing the form. The numbers correspond with the item numbers on the form.

1. **Evaluators.** List the names of the persons involved in the rating.
 2. **Landscape Character.** Briefly describe the major features and elements in the landscape. Refer to illustrations 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the BLM Handbook 1-8431-1 for guidelines on the terminology to be used to describe the elements.
 3. **Narrative.** Briefly describe the general character of the landscape as it relates to the immediate surroundings and to similar landscape features within the physiographic province.
 4. **Scores.** Rate the scenic quality using the criteria and guidelines in the BLM Handbook 1-8410-1 Section II. Record the scores by circling the appropriate numbers. If the rating more appropriately falls between the listed numbers, write in the desired number and circle it. For example, if the desired number for "color" falls between 3 and 5, write in the number 4 and circle it. Explain any unusual factors affecting a rating under the "explanation and rationale" column. If more space is needed, continue the explanation on this page. After the ratings are completed total the scores and check the appropriate classification block.
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Comments on 4f – Adjacent scenery: The high scenic rating of "4" was given to this factor because of the high scenic value of the surrounding areas that can be seen from within the SQRU. These scenic areas include Behind-the-Rocks area, Canyonlands country, and the La Sal mountains.