

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN - STEP 1  
ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

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Activity

Visual Resource Mgmt.

Objective Number

#1

Objective #1:

Manage all public lands in a manner which will protect and maintain the existing visual qualities, provide for enhancement where consistent with management policies, and provide for rehabilitation of land which presently do not meet the visual quality standards of surrounding lands. Use VRM contrast rating and project application design process for all management activities without unduly reducing commodity production or limiting program effectiveness.

Rationale:

Visual resource values have been recognized as important elements of the human environment. Degradation of the visual resource represents an adverse impact to the human environment.

Public Law 91-190, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, states in part "...assure for all Americans safe, healthful, productive and aesthetically and culturally pleasing surrounding..."

Public Law 94-579, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, states in part that "the public lands be managed in a manner that will protect the quality of scientific, scenic, historical, ecological, environmental...values;" (Sec. 102(a)(8)) and "regulations and plans for the protection of public land areas of critical environmental concern be promptly developed;" (Sec. 102(a)(11)).

BLM Manual 1603 states that visual resource management should be applied to all Public Lands through the planning system. These same techniques should be utilized in the analysis of specific development proposals initiated by the BLM or under permit.

An inventory of scenic quality in the planning unit was completed in 1980 in accordance with BIM Manual 8411 - Upland Visual Resource Inventory and Evaluation. Results of this inventory identified scenic quality (A, B, or C) throughout the planning unit and is documented in URA Step 3 for Visual Resource Management.

Additional procedures, as outlined in the 8411 manual were completed before delineating the VRM Classes which form the basis for the following recommendations. These procedures include a seen-area analysis, distance zone mapping, and traffic volume. This information is shown on a URA 3 map. Chart \_\_\_ shows how the recommended Visual Resource Management Classes were developed.

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Step 1 VRM-4 Step 3

VRM-1.1: Multiple Use Recommendation

Do not designate any VRM class designation on SRBOP Natural Area until after the Special Recreation Management Plan has been completed. In the interim, all proposed uses will be allowed which maintains or improves the existing visual qualities and are consistent with BOP management objectives (see W/L-5.2).

Analysis:

Classification through BLM Manual 8431.

Decision:

Accept as written.

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VRM-1.2: Multiple Use Recommendation

Designate 77,750 acres as VRM Class II.

Analysis:

Classification through BLM Manual 8431.

Decision:

Accept as written.

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VRM-1.3: Multiple Use Recommendation

Designate 380,500 acres as VRM Class III.

Analysis:

Classification through BLM Manual 8431.

Decision:

Accept as written.

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VRM-1.4: Multiple Use Recommendation

Designate 470,700 acres as VRM Class IV.

Analysis:

Classification through BLM Manual 8431.

Decision:

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VRM-1.5: Multiple Use Recommendation

Designate 1/2 mile each side of U.S. 68 and Swan Falls Road as traffic influence zone to preserve and enhance existing quality.

Analysis:

Classification through BLM Manual 8431.

Decision:

Accept as written.