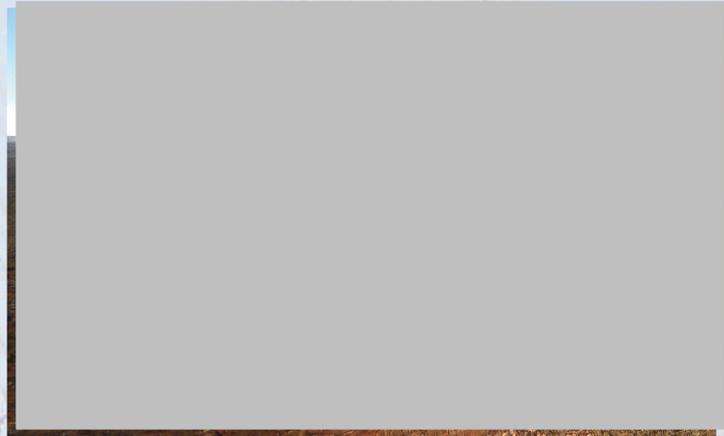


Visual and Scenic Inventory

Visual Sensitivity Analysis—A way to measure public concern for scenic quality.

Sensitivity Ratings—Public lands are assigned one of three possible sensitivity ratings:

High
Medium
Low



Maroon Cliffs



Aplomado Falcon Habitat

Sensitivity Factors to Consider

Types of Users – Sensitivity varies with types of users; for example, a worker engaged in drilling oil and gas wells for a living may view an area differently than a town resident going to the desert for recreational pursuits.

Amount of Use – Areas seen by large numbers of people usually have higher sensitivity ratings.

Public Interest – Visual quality may be of concern to local, state, or national groups.

Adjacent land use – Interrelationships with adjacent land uses can affect visual sensitivity of an area.

Special Areas – Management objectives for special areas frequently require special consideration of visual sensitivity.



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Public Feedback

What places do you value for their scenic quality and why?

What areas should be rated High for visual sensitivity?

