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ACECs	areas of critical environmental concern
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
FLPMA	Federal Land Policy and Management Act
GIS	geographic information system
GPS	Global Positioning System
IOP	inventory observation points
MFO	Moab Field Office
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
RMP	resource management plan
SLRU	sensitivity level rating units
SQFI	Scenic Quality Field Inventory
SQRU	Scenic Quality Rating Units
VRI	Visual Resource Inventory
VRM	Visual Resource Management
WSA	Wilderness Study Area
U.S.C.	United States Code

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1.1 Background and Purpose

Public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) include some of the most scenic landscapes in the nation. In addition to their scenic value, these lands provide for a variety of uses consisting of active and passive recreational activities; grazing; timber harvesting; mining; and utilitarian development such as transmission lines, roads, gas and oil wells, and other surface-disturbing activities. Natural resource management of public lands—and especially the management of the scenic values of those lands—is an important aspect of the BLM's stewardship responsibilities, not only because the BLM is mandated to manage its lands for multiple uses but also because potential conflicts among those uses are increasing. These responsibilities are reinforced and supported by the BLM's mission statement:

> *It is the mission of the Bureau of Land Management to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.*

The BLM's responsibilities for managing and protecting scenic values of public lands are further established by requirements in the following federal regulations:

Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 United States Code [U.S.C.] 1701 et seq.):

- Section 102(a)(8) states that ~~"~~public lands be managed in a manner that will protect the quality of the . . . scenic . . . values."
- Section 103(c) identifies ~~"~~scenic values" as one of the resources for which public land should be managed.
- Section 201(a) states that ~~"~~the Secretary shall prepare and maintain on a continuing basis an inventory of all public lands and their resources and other values (including . . . scenic values)."
- Section 505(a) requires that ~~"~~each right-of-way shall contain terms and conditions which will . . . minimize damage to the scenic and esthetic values."

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (43 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.):

- Section 101(b) requires that measures be taken to ~~"~~assure for all Americans...esthetically pleasing surroundings."
- Section 102 requires agencies to ~~"~~utilize a systematic, interdisciplinary approach which will ensure the integrated use of . . . Environmental Design Arts in the planning and decision-making."

Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.):

- Section 102(d) requires that measures be taken to ~~"~~assure that surface coal mining operations are so conducted as to protect the environment."

The BLM developed the Visual Resource Management (VRM) system to identify and evaluate an area's scenic values to determine the appropriate management objectives for those values. The visual resource inventory (VRI) process establishes VRI classes, which are used to assess visual values for resource management plans (RMPs). Visual management objectives are developed through the BLM's resource management planning process and reflect the resource-allocation decisions made in the RMP. According to BLM Manual H-1601-1, *Land Use Planning*, implementation decisions must be designed to achieve VRM objectives within each VRM class. VRM classes may reflect VRI classes, but they may not necessarily do so since management objectives for other resources as determined in the planning process may require different visual management needs.

The visual resource inventory for the Moab Field Office (MFO) underwent a minor update in preparation for the RMP completed in 2008. The inventory had not been completely updated since it was originally completed, therefore the MFO wanted to have a current inventory available for planning purposes in considering future development activities. This inventory serves as the baseline information for assessing potential effects to visual resources of future proposed development activities. The BLM's VRM system was used to inventory and classify the scenic (visual) resources for the project area. The inventory identified the scenic quality, sensitivity levels, and distance zones and then determined VRI classes, according to the VRM manual, for use as baseline information in the planning process.

1.2 Analysis Area

The analysis area for this inventory included the entire Moab Field Office in southeastern Utah which covers approximately 1.8 million acres of federal lands (Figure 1). Land use is primarily public and commercial recreation with dispersed mining, livestock grazing, and oil and gas production. Recreation uses include hiking, biking, camping, rock climbing, site seeing, hunting and water related activities along the Green, Colorado, and Dolores Rivers. Some distinctive features of the Moab Field Office include the Book Cliffs mountain range north of the I-70 corridor, Behind the Rocks, Monitor and Merrimac Buttes, the La Sal Mountains, Scenic Byway 313, Gemini Bridges, Castle Valley, Fisher Towers, Poison Spider, and Porcupine Rim. Also within or adjacent to the office boundaries are Dead Horse Point State Park, Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, and the Manti-LaSal National Forest. Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) within the office include Cottonwood/Diamond Watershed, Ten Mile Wash, Highway 279/Shafer Basin/Long Canyon,

Colorado River near Moab, Utah

Mill Creek Canyon, and Behind the Rocks. There are also 11 Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) and one Wilderness Area, Black Ridge Wilderness Area.

BLM surface-managed lands comprise the majority of the land in the field office. There are scattered state and private lands throughout, national parks, national forest and the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation north of the I-70 corridor. The largest state land holdings occur near the Manti-LaSal National Forest, along the Highway 191 corridor and east of the Indian Reservation in the Book Cliff Range. The highest density of private land holdings are centered around the developed areas of Green River, Moab, and La Sal.

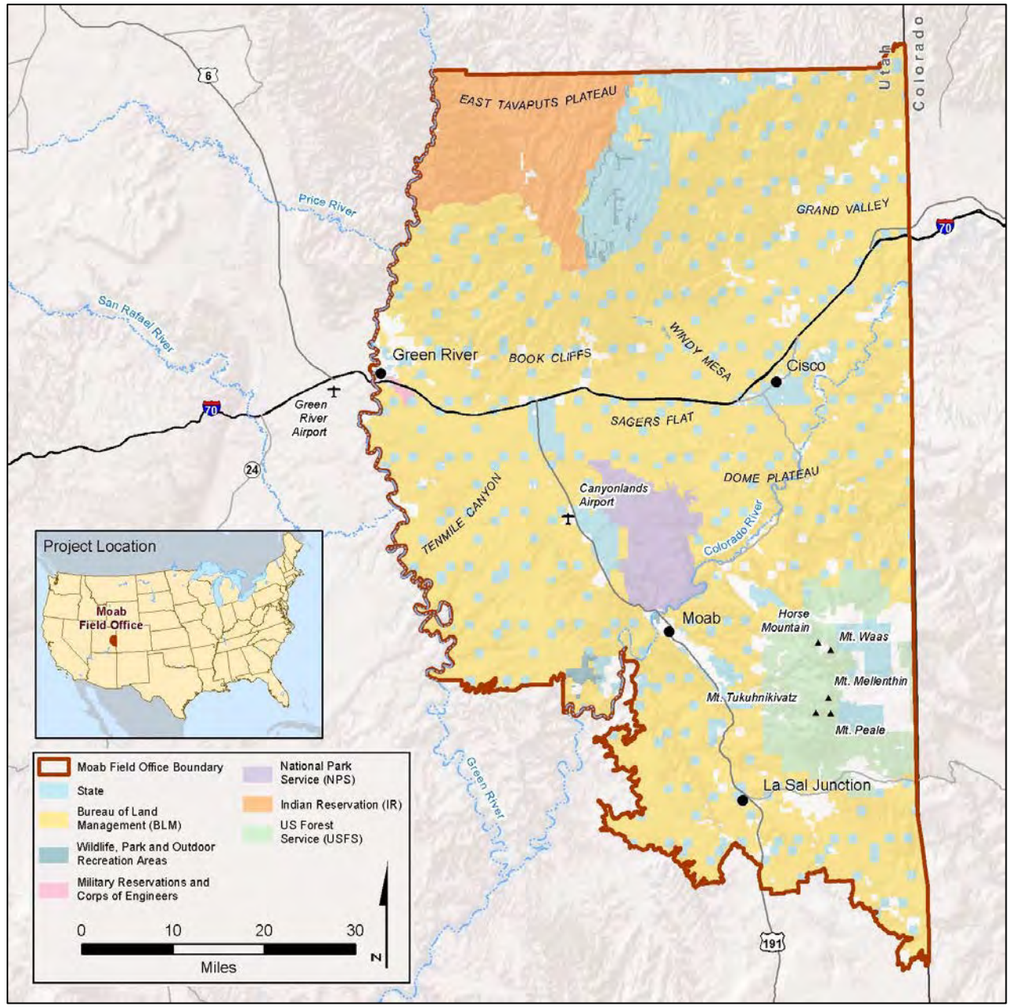

Figure 1 Analysis Area Map

1.3 Visual Resource Management Process and Overview

The VRM system is a two-part process that includes an inventory phase and an analysis phase. The inventory phase involves identifying the visual resources of an area and assigning them to inventory classes using BLM's VRI process. The visual values identified through the inventory process are considered throughout the resource management planning process, and the area's visual resources are then assigned to VRM management classes with established objectives. The analysis phase is project specific, and determines whether the potential visual impacts from proposed surface-disturbing activities or developments will meet the management objectives established for the area or whether design adjustments or mitigation stipulations will be required. A visual contrast rating process is used for this analysis, which involves comparing the project features with the major features in the existing landscape to determine whether the scenic values of the area have been maintained.

The BLM's policies for identifying and protecting visual values on all BLM lands are described in BLM Manual Section 8400, *Visual Resource Management*; BLM Manual H-8410-1, *Visual Resource Inventory*; and BLM Manual H-8431-1, *Visual Resource Contrast Rating*.

1.3.1 Visual Resource Inventory Classes

As part of the VRM program, the BLM is to prepare and maintain—on a continual basis—an inventory of visual values of all its public lands. The goal is to have a completed and current VRM inventory for each RMP effort. The inventory stage identifies the visual resources of an area and assigns them to an inventory class using the BLM's VRI process, which is described in BLM Manual H-8410-1. The VRI process consists of the following:

- A scenic quality evaluation to rate the visual appeal of an area
- A sensitivity level analysis to assess public concern of an area's scenic quality and their sensitivity to potential changes in the visual setting.
- A delineation of distance zones to indicate the relative visibility of the landscape from primary travel routes or observation points

Based on these three factors, BLM-administered lands are placed into one of three VRI classes—Class II, Class III and Class IV— that represent the *relative* value of the visual resources and provide the basis for considering visual values in the resource management planning process. VRI Classes II, III, and IV are determined based on a combination of scenic quality, sensitivity level, and distance-zone overlays to assign the proper class. In the relative scale of visual values, Class II has a higher level of value than Class III, which is moderately valued. Class IV is least valued. A fourth VRI class—Class I—is assigned to special management areas where a management decision has previously been made to maintain a natural landscape. These areas are the most valued landscapes. This includes areas such as Wilderness Areas or Wilderness Study Areas, the wild section of national Wild and Scenic rivers, and other congressionally and administratively designated areas where decisions have been made to preserve a natural landscape. Since these areas are assigned the highest value, the inventory process does not provide a scoring method to

assign VRI Class I. However, in the inventory process Class I areas are evaluated for their existing scenic quality, sensitivity level and distance from observation areas. This information can provide a basis for future management of the visual resources if the special designation is no longer in place—such as a wilderness study area being released by Congress from consideration as a wilderness area.

1.3.2 Visual Resource Management Objectives

Since VRI classes are informational in nature and do not establish management direction, VRM classes are established to reflect the resource-allocation decisions made in the RMP. Once the VRM classes are established, visual management objectives are established for each class, and they become as much a part of the RMP mandate as any other resource-allocation component.

All actions proposed during the resource management planning process that would result in surface disturbances must consider the importance of the visual values and the impacts the project may have on those values. Management decisions in the RMP must reflect the value of visual resources. In fact, the value of the visual resource may be the driving force for some management decisions. For example, highly scenic areas that need special management attention may be designated as scenic areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs) and classified as VRM Class I based on the importance of the visual values. Likewise, during the planning process, inventory class boundaries may be adjusted as necessary to reflect resource-allocation decisions to provide for development activities that require a major modification of the existing landscape character, thereby changing a VRI Class III to a VRM Class IV.

The following VRM objectives have been established for each VRM class (BLM Manual H-8410-1):

- **Class I—**The objective of this class is to preserve the existing character of the landscape. This class provides for natural ecological changes; however, it does not preclude very limited management activity. The level of change to the characteristic landscape should be very low and must not attract attention.
- **Class II—**The objective of this class is to retain the existing character of the landscape. The level of change to the characteristic landscape should be low. Management activities may be seen but should not attract the attention of the casual observer. Any changes must repeat the basic elements of form, line, color, and texture found in the predominant natural features of the characteristic landscape.
- **Class III—**The objective of this class is to partially retain the existing character of the landscape. The level of change to the characteristic landscape should be moderate. Management activities may attract attention but should not dominate the view of the casual observer. Changes should repeat the basic elements found in the predominant natural features of the characteristic landscape.
- **Class IV—**The objective of this class is to provide for management activities that require major modifications of the existing character of the landscape. The level of change to the characteristic landscape can be high. These management activities may dominate the view and be the major focus of viewer attention. However, every attempt should be made to minimize the impact of these activities through careful location, minimal disturbance, and repetition of the basic elements.

1.4 Data Standards

The Visual Resource Inventory is a data and mapping intensive process. As originally developed the inventory process relied on the manual overlay of mapping layers and preparation of forms in the field and in the office that contained the data collected and used in the identification of the inventory classes. In an effort to make the inventories more available for planning and project use and to make the information consistent and shareable across the agency, the BLM developed geodata standards for storing the information collected and prepared in visual resource inventories. The inventory for the Moab Field Office was prepared using the geodatabase updated as of August 16, 2010. The geodatabase is designed to work with ArcView GIS software to allow direct mapping of information in the database. The database can also then be continually expanded to contain the inventory for multiple field offices with an ultimate goal of developing a national database of visual resource information for BLM lands.

To make the most effective use of the geodatabase in the preparation of the visual resource inventories for this project, Logan Simpson Design developed a methodology to use a central database as the single source of information for preparation of all mapping, tables, and forms for this report. This single data source approach allows for greater control over maintaining accurate data. Information is entered into the database only one time and reviewed for accuracy, therefore the risk of errors in the database and the subsequent report output is reduced. By eliminating preparation and editing of individual tables and forms in the report, it also helps assure that the report remains consistent with the database. The tables in this report represent information similar to BLM forms, but the structure and look of the tables is slightly different because they are outputs from the database. Similarly, the scenic quality rating forms in the Appendix contain all of the information as required in the standard rating form but are output from the database. The layout of the SQRU form was also modified to allow the representative photographs of each unit to be placed directly with the rating information. The completed database is directly relational to the geodatabase and was used to populate the geodatabase for preparation of the mapping and analysis in GIS.

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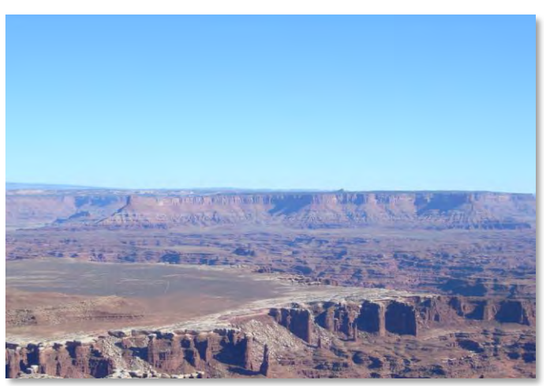
2.1 Introduction

BLM defines scenic quality as the measure of the visual appeal of the landscape. The BLM's VRI process is based on the assumption that while all lands have some level of scenic value, the areas with the greatest variety and most harmonious composition have the greatest scenic value. Although scenic quality is evaluated in relation to the natural landscape, this does not mean that human-made features necessarily detract from the scenic value of a landscape. In fact, human-made features may actually enhance the scenic value.

Red Landforms near Shafer Basin

2.1.1 Physiographic Province

According to BLM Manual H-8410-1, the scenic quality of a landscape should be evaluated relative to the physiographic province in which it lies. The analysis area is located within the Colorado Plateau physiographic province which consists of approximately 130,000 square miles that encompasses the southeastern half of Utah, extreme western and southwestern Colorado, northwestern New Mexico, and the northern half of Arizona (Figure 2). It is subdivided into six sections based on altitude, generally ranging from 5,000 ft. to 11,000 ft. in elevation, and its magnitude of dissection. The most dissected section is the Uinta Basin which is a deeply incised plateau that abuts the Uinta Mountains in northeastern Utah and northwestern Colorado. South of the Uinta Basin section, the province becomes slightly less dissected as exhibited by the Canyon Lands section located in southeastern Utah and southwestern Colorado. The province then transitions to fewer and less deep canyons that are illustrated by the Navajo Section covering northeastern Arizona and northwestern New Mexico. The highest section of the Colorado Plateau is the High Plateaus of Utah which consist of escarpments and terraces that ascend to 11,000 ft. in elevation in central Utah. The Grand Canyon section consists of plateaus ranging in elevation of 7,000-9,000 ft. and includes the Grand Canyon gorge. The most southern section of the Colorado Plateau is the Datil section which consists of mesas, valleys, and volcanic features that include lava flows and volcanic necks located in eastern Arizona and western New Mexico.



Canyonlands National Park

The Colorado Plateau's sections are drained by the Colorado River and its main tributaries—the Green, Little Colorado, San Juan, Yampa, Gunnison, Dolores, and Virgin Rivers—all creating a historical network of incised canyons, flood plains, and bold escarpments throughout their relative plateaus. It is the multitude of these high plateaus and canyons with their imposing hoodoos, buttes, gorges, and ravines—that has led to the establishment of fourteen national parks and monuments within the Colorado Plateau. These include such world-renown natural features as the Canyonlands, Arches, Zion, Natural Bridges, Bryce Canyon, Cedar Breaks, Capitol Reef, Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, Canyon de Chelly, Rainbow Bridge, Glen Canyon, Monument Valley, and Sunset Crater.

Figure 2 Physiographic Province Map

The scales of these features clearly indicate that no other province in the nation reveals such a strong relationship between the land's horizontal strata and its erosional history of wind and water. It is the horizontal nature of the Colorado Plateau's geological layers that distinguishes it from other provinces. Layers of sandstone, limestone, and siltstone resistant to erosion rise vertically from one plateau to a higher one above—while other layers, that are more erodible, form shale talus slopes at the base of plateau escarpments. Both the resistant and nonresistant layers are flat-lying sedimentary rocks creating a stair-step effect of the most recent strata capping the former. This is most extraordinarily displayed when there is great contrast between adjacent layers in color and texture such as when white Navajo sandstone ~~-c~~aps" the red Kayenta formation and Wingate sandstone below—creating a lithic layer cake.

The analysis area is best characterized by the features found within the dissected plateaus of the Canyonlands and Navajo sections of the province. Landscape features range from flat to rolling plateaus with vertical buttes and escarpments rising abruptly above the plateau surfaces, to deeply to moderately incised canyons created by rivers and drainages. Notable plateau and escarpment pairings include Grand Valley and the Book Cliffs, Dome Plateau and Professor Valley, Fisher Mesa and Fisher Valley, and Porcupine Rim and Castle Valley. River and canyon bottoms range in width from wide to narrow, the widest being created by the Colorado, Green, and Dolores Rivers; while numerous tertiary drainages created very narrow canyons in isolated, concentrated areas that are best represented in the analysis area by Behind the Rocks located west of the city of Moab.

The vegetation of the high, semi-arid region of the Colorado Plateau consists of plants that have had to adapt to harsh climatic conditions, vast amounts of exposed rock strata, and an intermittent water supply—leading to one of the highest endemic plant environments in the southwest. While the Colorado Plateau has some of the rarest native species in the nation, it also contains a high proportion of nonindigenous plant species. It is estimated that more than 23% of the plant species in Utah's Colorado Plateau province is nonindigenous. Native plants found within the analysis area include cacti, buckwheats, prickly pear, milkvetches, penstemons, and sagebrushes with scattered pockets of Utah juniper-pinyon pine forests that are generally associated with mesa tops and rolling terrain. The majority of the analysis area is sparsely vegetated with the exception being the plant communities associated with perennial waterways. The Colorado, Green, and Dolores River corridors are dominated by deciduous trees such as cottonwood and willows.

Monitor and Merrimac Buttes

2.1.2 Scenic Quality Factors

The initial step of visual resource inventory was to evaluate the analysis area using distinct characteristics and components of the landscape. The VRM program identifies seven key factors that are considered in the evaluation of scenic quality. The factors were identified by BLM as elements that would generally be expected to be a part of the visual landscape in most any setting and a brief description of each is below.

1. **Landform** refers to the topographic features that make up the surface of the earth, including plains, valleys, mountains, and cliffs. Topography is considered to be more interesting as it gets steeper or more massive, or more severely or universally sculptured. Outstanding landforms may be monumental such as the Grand Canyon and Monument Valley; or they may be exceedingly dissected such as the pinnacles, arches, and spires indicative of Bryce Canyon and the Canyonlands. Areas with low rolling hills or flat valley bottoms are generally valued lowest because they have a lesser degree of interesting features.
2. **Vegetation** refers to the visible vegetative material growing on the surface of the landforms. Vegetation is generally valued to a greater degree when the variety of vegetation increases and when the plant groupings begin to create interesting forms, textures, and patterns. Short-lived vegetative displays can also be considered if they are known to be reoccurring or visually spectacular. Smaller-scale vegetative features are also considered if they add striking and intriguing detail elements to the landscape (e.g., gnarled or wind-beaten vegetation, and interesting tree forms). Landscapes with little variety in vegetation are generally valued to a lesser degree because they are less visually interesting.
3. **Water** refers to the presence of water in the landscape. Water is valued to a greater degree when it is a dominating factor in the landscape. Movement, scale, and cleanliness of water features all tend to add to the dominance of the water features. Water that is still, small in scale, and generally less noticeable is considered to be less interesting or dominating.
4. **Color** refers to the overall colors of the basic components of the landscape (e.g., soil, rock, vegetation) as they appear during seasons or periods of high use. Color is valued to a greater degree when there are rich color combinations, vivid colors, or a variety of colors. Areas where the colors lack variety or are subtle or disharmonious are considered to be less interesting.
5. **Influence of Adjacent Scenery** refers to the degree which the scenery outside the unit being rated enhances the overall impression of the scenery within the rating unit. Areas with interesting adjacent scenery are therefore valued to a greater degree than those without appealing scenery surrounding them. The distance at which adjacent scenery will influence scenery within the rating unit will normally range from 0 to 5 miles, depending on the characteristics of the topography, the vegetative cover, and other such factors. Lower value is generally assigned to areas where the adjacent scenery has little or no influence on the visual quality of the unit being rated.

La Sal Mountains

6. **Scarcity** refers to scenic features that appear to be relatively unique or rare within one physiographic region. Features that are uncommon or unusually memorable within the physiographic region are considered more valuable, while common features are considered less interesting.
7. **Cultural Modifications** refer to human-made modifications to landforms, water, or vegetation, as well as the addition of structures to a landscape. Cultural modifications are considered to be of greater value when they complement the landscape and promote visual harmony. Lower value is placed on modifications that are discordant or disharmonic and that detract from the scenery in the form of a negative intrusion.

Powerlines in Moab Canyon

2.1.3 Scenic Quality Rating Units

In the VRM inventory process the landscape is divided into areas that have generally similar characteristics based on the key factors, especially the landform, vegetation and sometimes water. These areas are called Scenic Quality Rating Units. Each unit is subsequently described in terms of its landscape character elements of form, line color, and texture and evaluated for all seven key factors. The factors are scored according to a scale of 1 to 5 for most factors, though Cultural Modifications factor can have a negative impact on the SQRU. A more detailed discussion of the landscape character elements as well as the scoring and evaluation criteria for the key factors is in Section 2.1.5 Field Inventory.

2.1.4 Scenic Quality Rating Unit Delineation

The majority of the geographic information system (GIS) data for this inventory were generated from Utah BLM State Office data and from open-source data obtained by Logan Simpson Design Inc. Specific GIS data sets were created for the scenic quality rating unit (SQRU) delineation process, which was used to divide the planning area into manageable-sized units with generally similar characteristics. Preliminary SQRUs were defined based on a variety of visual factors—including physiographic features; cultural modifications; and similar visual patterns, textures, colors, and variety. Topographic, vegetative, and other GIS based maps were used to delineate preliminary SQRUs. The initial evaluation resulted in 93 SQRUs.

2.1.5 Field Inventory

The scenic quality field inventory was conducted in November 2010. The process began with an inventory team meeting, which included a group of approximately 8-10 interdisciplinary staff members from the Moab Field Office. The meeting began with a review of the BLM's VRI process as described in Manual H-8410-1, after which inventory observation points (IOPs) and travel plans were discussed. In the process of planning IOPs and travel routes, SQRU boundaries were revised in some areas based on discussions with BLM staff most familiar with each area.

BLM staff planned the general locations of IOPs using both BLM Surface Management Status topographic maps, the SQRU field maps, and personal knowledge of the areas. While a variety of factors, including traffic volume, accessibility, and logistical viewpoint locations were considered, the IOPs were primarily selected based on providing a good location to capture a view of the characteristic landscape of the SQRUs. The IOPs were marked on the maps and travel routes to each of the points were then highlighted.

In the field, calibration exercises were performed to ensure that the inventory teams would be using similar criteria and terminology to evaluate the landscape in their respective inventory areas. The teams collectively spent half a day together visiting areas in the western part of the field office between Highway 191 and the Green River. Together, they filled out example rating forms and discussed the intricacies of the inventory system and form. They discussed key terms from the BLM's list of suggested vocabulary and then determined, to the extent possible, the terms that would be most relevant to the physiographic provinces.

The inventory teams split into their respective planned areas within the Moab Field Office. During the in-field inventory of each SQRU, the teams reviewed the preliminary delineations and sketched, as necessary, proposed changes to the boundaries on the field maps. The teams also established final IOPs, sometimes varying from the planned IOPs. The planned IOPs were intended as general locations, and were revisited in the field based on the best viewing points. Each team recorded views from the IOPs with a GPS-enabled digital camera, which recorded geographical locations (latitude and longitude) for each photo. The field revisions resulted in a total of 75 SQRUs as the preliminary units were split and/or combined along with the boundary adjustments (Figure 3). The teams also completed BLM Scenic Quality Field Inventory (SQFI) rating forms (Form 8400-1, BLM Manual H-8410-1) for each SQRU (Figure 4 and Figure 5).

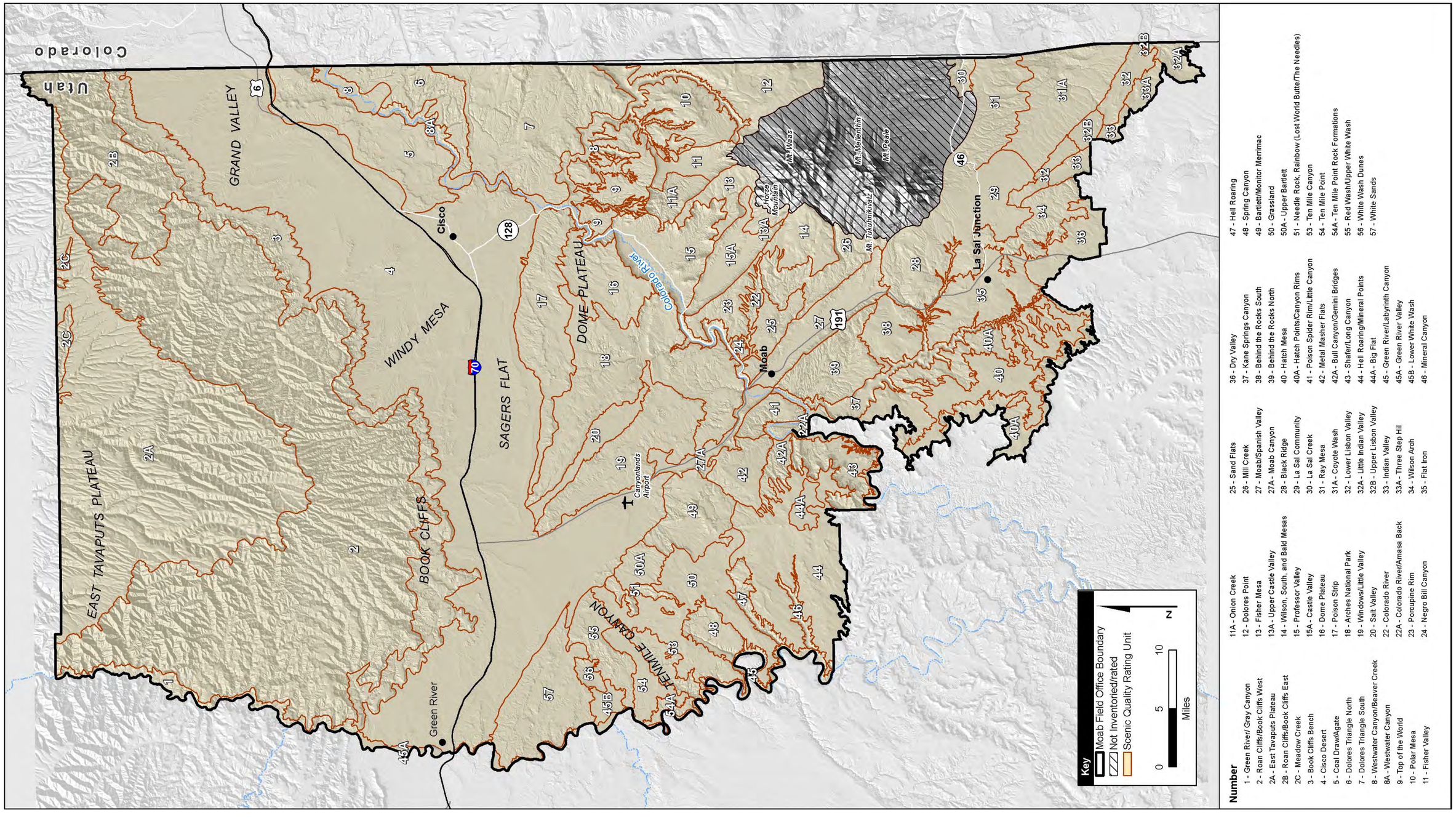
In the first step of evaluating each SQRU, landscape character was defined in terms of form, line, color, and texture, as described below and as exemplified in Illustrations 4, 5, 6, and 7 in BLM Manual H-8410-1:

- **Form:** The mass or shape of an object, or of objects that appear unified.
- **Line:** The path, real or imagined, that the eye follows when perceiving abrupt differences in form, color, or texture or when objects are aligned in a one-dimensional sequence. Usually evident as the edge of shapes or masses in the landscape.
- **Color:** The property of reflecting light of a particular intensity and wavelength (or mixture of wavelengths) to which the eye is sensitive. It is the major visual property of surfaces.
- **Texture:** The aggregation of small forms or color mixtures into a continuous surface pattern; the aggregated parts are enough that they do not appear as discrete objects in the composition of a scene.

The second step included identifying general comments about the character, land use or other aspects of the SQRU in the narrative section of the field inventory form. To gain a better perspective of the overall character of each SQRU, the SQRUs were later reviewed using GIS programs. Additional notes from this review were added to the inventory forms, and all notes were then summarized for the geodatabase in paragraph form.

In the final step, scores were recorded for each of the seven key factors of the landscape within the SQRU according to the scale for each factor as described in the Scenic Quality Inventory and Evaluation Chart (Figure 6). The scores were then totaled, and a scenic quality classification of A, B, or C was determined using the numeric scale on the SQFI form. After classifying each SQRU, the classification rating was discussed with BLM to determine whether the rating was consistent with other SQRUs within that classification.

Upon completion of the field inventory process, an inventory debriefing meeting was held in the Moab Field Office. The meeting focused on the preliminary scenic quality findings of the inventory, including a general discussion regarding where Classes A, B, and C landscapes were found. Potential revisions to SQRUs were also depicted on the field maps and discussed in general terms.



Number

1 - Green River/ Gray Canyon
2 - Roan Cliffs/Book Cliffs West
2A - East Tavaputs Plateau
2B - Roan Cliffs/Book Cliffs East
2C - Meadow Creek
3 - Book Cliffs Bench
4 - Cisco Desert
5 - Coal Draw/Agate
6 - Dolores Triangle North
7 - Dolores Triangle South
8 - Westwater Canyon/Beaver Creek
8A - Westwater Canyon
9 - Top of the World
10 - Polar Mesa
11 - Fisher Valley
11A - Onion Creek
12 - Dolores Point
13 - Fisher Mesa
13A - Upper Castle Valley
14 - Wilson, South, and Bald Mesas
15 - Professor Valley
15A - Castle Valley
16 - Dome Plateau
17 - Poison Strip
18 - Arches National Park
19 - Windows/Little Valley
20 - Salt Valley
22 - Colorado River
22A - Colorado River/Amasa Back
23 - Porcupine Rim
24 - Negro Bill Canyon
25 - Sand Flats
26 - Mill Creek
27 - Moab/Spanish Valley
27A - Moab Canyon
28 - Black Ridge
29 - La Sal Community
30 - La Sal Creek
31 - Ray Mesa
31A - Coyote Wash
32 - Lower Lisbon Valley
32A - Little Indian Valley
32B - Upper Lisbon Valley
33 - Indian Valley
33A - Three Step Hill
34 - Wilson Arch
35 - Flat Iron
36 - Dry Valley
37 - Kane Springs Canyon
38 - Behind the Rocks South
39 - Behind the Rocks North
40 - Hatch Mesa
40A - Hatch Points/Canyon Rims
41 - Poison Spider Rim/Little Canyon
42 - Metal Masher Flats
42A - Bull Canyon/Gemini Bridges
43 - Shafer/Long Canyon
44 - Hell Roaring/Mineral Points
44A - Big Flat
45 - Green River/Labyrinth Canyon
45A - Green River Valley
45B - Lower White Wash
46 - Mineral Canyon
47 - Hell Roaring
48 - Spring Canyon
49 - Bartlett/Monitor Merrimac
50 - Grassland
50A - Upper Bartlett
51 - Needle Rock, Rainbow (Lost World Butte/The Needles)
53 - Ten Mile Canyon
54 - Ten Mile Point
54A - Ten Mile Point Rock Formations
55 - Red Wash/Upper White Wash
56 - White Wash Dunes
57 - White Sands

Figure 3 Scenic Quality Rating Units

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Form 8400-1
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
SCENIC QUALITY FIELD INVENTORY

Date:	
District/ Field Office:	
Resource Area:	
SQRU #:	IOP #:

1. EVALUATORS *(names)*

2. LANDSCAPE CHARACTER *(Feature)*

	a. LANDFORM/WATER	b. VEGETATION	C. STRUCTURE *(General)*
FORM			
LINE			
COLOR			
TEXTURE			

3. NARRATIVE

4. SCORE *(Circle Appropriate Level)**

	Rating	Explanation or Rationale
a. Landform		
b. Vegetation		
c. Water		
d. Color		
e. Adjacent Scenery		
f. Scarcity		
g. Cultural Modification		
TOTALS		

SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION

___ A= 19 or more

___ B= 12-18

___ C= 11 or less

Comments:

Figure 4 SQRU Rating Form (Page 1)

Figure 5 SQRU Rating Form (Page 2)

Key Factors	Rating Criteria and Score		
Landform	High vertical relief as expressed in prominent cliffs, spires, or massive rock outcrops, or severe variation or highly eroded formations including major dune systems or detail features dominant and exceptionally striking and intriguing such as glaciers. 5	Steep canyons, mesas, buttes, cinder cones, and drumlins' or interesting erosional patterns of variety in size and shape of landforms' or detail features which are interesting though not dominant. 3	Low rolling hills, foothills, or flat valley bottoms' or few or no interesting landscape features. 1
Vegetation	A variety of vegetative types as expressed in interesting forms, textures, and patterns. 5	Some variety of vegetation, but only one or two major types. 3	Little or no variety or contrast in vegetation. 1
Water	Clear and clean appearing, still, or cascading white water, any of which are a dominant factor in the landscape. 5	Flowing, or still, but not dominant in the landscape. 3	Absent, or present, but not noticeable. 0
Color	Rich color combinations, variety or vivid color' or pleasing contrasts in the soil, rock, vegetation, water or snow fields. 5	Some intensity or variety in colors and contrast of the soil, rock and vegetation, but not a dominant scenic element. 3	Subtle color variations, contrast, or interest' generally mute tones. 1
Influence of Adjacent Scenery	Adjacent scenery greatly enhances visual quality. 5	Adjacent scenery moderately enhances overall visual quality. 3	Adjacent scenery has little or no influence on overall visual quality. 0
Scarcity	One of a kind or unusually memorable, or very rare within region. Consistent chance for exceptional wildlife or wildflower viewing, etc. *5+	Distinctive, though somewhat similar to others within the region. 3	Interesting within its setting, but fairly common within the region. 1
Cultural Modifications	Modifications add favorably to visual variety while promoting visual harmony. 2	Modifications add little or no variety to the area, and introduce no discordant elements. 0	Modifications add variety but are very discordant and promote strong disharmony. -4

Source: BLM Manual H-8410-1, Illustration 2.

* A rating of greater than 5 can be given but must be supported by written justification.

Figure 6 Scenic Quality Inventory and Evaluation Chart

2.2 Scenic Quality Summary

After fieldwork was completed, an internal calibration meeting was held to ensure that each team's descriptions and ratings were consistent with one another. SQRU delineations were then refined using GIS programs in order to more accurately define the SQRU boundaries. The information from the inventory forms was subsequently entered into a database and merged with the final boundaries of the 75 SQRUs for use in generating the scenic quality inventory maps and forms for this document.

Photos taken during the field inventory were imported into a GIS program to facilitate photo sorting and evaluation of IOPs. The number of IOPs per unit varied based on the size and/or relative complexity of each unit. Final IOPs were determined using locations that were most representative of the unit as a whole, and were added to the maps on the SQFI forms. Because of access, the IOPs for some units were identified outside the unit and provide a view looking into the unit from the adjacent unit. The information collected on the SQFI forms, along with IOP photos for each unit, are shown on the data sheets in the Appendix. The following sections provide a summary of the overall key-factor analysis and the final SQRU ratings.

2.2.1 Key Factor Analysis

In accordance with BLM Manual 8400, the SQRU ratings were determined by evaluating the seven key factors of the landscape. A brief description of the results of the each key factor analysis is provided below for the entire analysis area. The SQRU ratings are shown in Table 1 and Table 2. Table 1 is sorted numerically by unit number. Table 2 is sorted numerically by SQRU rating. The tables include the ratings for the seven key factors, the total SQRU score, and the scenic quality rating of A, B, or C. The ratings for the seven key factors were then merged with the final SQRU boundaries to generate individual maps of each key factor across the analysis area. Maps depicting the ratings of the factors for the field office are also provided in the summary at the end of this section (Figures 7–13).

Landform

Due to the nature of the physiographic province, vertical relief varied substantially throughout the field office from cliff faces with high vertical relief along the incised river canyons to the flat to rolling terrain of the Cisco Desert. Innumerable exceptional features are scattered through the office as displayed in such areas as Behind the Rocks and Castle Valley.

Ratings for landform were generally higher across the central section of the analysis area and along the northern boundary of the office, though landform ratings were generally high throughout the office because of the continuous dramatic vertical relief (Figure 7). The average rating for the analysis area was approximately 3.3.

Fisher Towers

In general, the areas at the edges of river valleys and the areas with vertical mountains, mesas, buttes, escarpments, and badland formations have more dramatic topographical

relief. The higher degree of vertical relief in these areas introduces interesting shapes and forms into the landscape, which often become dominating elements. A score of 5.0 was the highest rating, which was recorded for a total of 9 units including the Professor Valley Unit (#15), the Arches National Park Unit (#18), the Wilson Arch Unit (#34), the Behind the Rocks North Unit (#39), the Bull Canyon/Gemini Bridges Unit (#42A), the Shafer/Long Canyon Unit (#43), the Hell Roaring Unit (#47), the Spring Canyon Unit (#48), and the Bartlett/Monitor Merrimac Unit (#49).

Ratings were generally lower in the valleys or large mesa tops consisting of flat to rolling topography, with few interesting topographical features. A score of 1.0 was the lowest rating, which was recorded for 5 units that were dominated by very flat to gently rolling topography. There were numerous units that included a combination of flat to rolling topography and sheer vertical cliffs which generally received a higher landform rating because of the vertical relief and contrast.

Vegetation

The majority of the analysis area is sparsely vegetated with the exception being the plant communities associated with perennial waterways and higher elevations. The Colorado, Green, and Dolores River corridors are dominated by deciduous trees such as cottonwood and willows. These waterways also suffer from the encroachment and dominance of tamarisk. The upper plateaus are dominated by pinyon- juniper forests with some fir, pine, and aspen occurring at higher elevations.

Ratings for vegetation were fairly dispersed ranging from 1.0 to 4.5, although ratings across the central and far northern sections of the analysis area tended to be higher than those just north of the I-70 corridor and in the southern areas (Figure 8). The average rating in the analysis area was approximately 3.0.

The variety of vegetation is greatest in the river valleys and therefore those areas generally received the highest ratings. The variety of vegetative types in these valleys creates interesting forms, textures, and patterns. Areas with landforms that rise into higher elevations were also rated high due to the increased contrast associated with scattered and clumped evergreens and aspens. A score of 4.5 was the highest rating, which was recorded for the Roan Cliffs/Book Cliffs West Unit (#2), the Westwater Canyon/Beaver Creek Unit (#8), the Negro Bill Canyon Unit (#24), and the La Sal Creek Unit (#30).

Vegetation along Beaver Creek

The flat to rolling desert valleys generally received the lowest ratings since they were often very sparsely vegetated with little variety. A score of 1.0 was the lowest rating, which was recorded for 6 units which were generally dominated by grasslands or sparsely vegetated with a minimal variety of other vegetation.

Water

Water within the physiographic province generally consists of large rivers and creeks, though many areas of the analysis area do not have noticeable water. Ratings for water were generally even and low throughout the analysis area (Figure 9). The average rating in the analysis area was approximately 1.2.

Water was rated highest in the river valleys and canyons, where the water was generally slowly flowing and sometimes a dominant factor in the landscape. Whitewater was present along the Colorado, Green, and Dolores Rivers, but, at the time of the field work, was not a consistent and dominant element. A score of 5.0 was the highest rating, which was recorded for portions of the Green River (Unit #1) and the Colorado River (Unit #22 and Unit #22A).

Colorado River along Highway 128

Lower scores were recorded in areas where water was not noticeable or present. Many areas, such as those with flat to rolling terrain, contain small amounts of water that are not generally visible from wide areas of the unit. Many units had drainage ways that may contain seasonal water, but was not present or noticeable at the time of the field work. 35 units received a score of 0.0 because they lacked water in any noticeable form.

Color

Landform colors varied dramatically throughout the analysis area due to the diverse geologic landforms contained with the province. The colors ranged from saturated reds/oranges to dark brown/black to grays/whites and purples. These color combinations often contrasted strongly with the vegetation in the area. The color of the vegetation in the physiographic province varies throughout the year with seasonal changes. During the winter, the colors of the vegetation are generally muted, and contrast subtly with the colors of the landforms. This is counter-balanced with the stark contrast created between the landform color and the snow when it is present. In the fall the changing colors of deciduous trees add bold colors to the landscape in specific areas, mainly along the waterways and at higher elevations. In spring and summer, the multiple dark to bright green tones of the vegetation create strong color contrasts with the landforms. The dark greens of the pinyon and juniper also add to the visual variety. The sage and grasslands provide a lower contrast and color intensity.

Fieldwork for this inventory occurred in the late fall season. During the field work the color evaluation factor accounted for seasonal changes through study of the provinces, supplemented with local knowledge of BLM staff. The scores allocated for color in each SQRU reflect the changes anticipated throughout the seasons. It was anticipated, for example, that in the fall the colors of the deciduous vegetation at higher elevations would change, become more vibrant, and provide better contrast and composition with the surrounding evergreen vegetation and landforms. Color intensity would also increase in riparian areas during summer months, as well

as in fall—when the leaves of cottonwood trees and other species become more vivid. These anticipations were also weighed carefully against the muted color tones anticipated during winter months.

Ratings for color were generally high throughout the office with them being the highest in the central portions of the analysis area, while ratings were generally the lowest along the I-70 corridor and in the southern portion of the office (Figure 10). The average rating for the analysis area was approximately 3.1.

The highest color ratings often occurred where the severely vertical landforms were exposed showing the multi-colored striations of the layered rock. These colors were often saturated, vibrant, and the dominant feature in the landscape providing strong contrast with the surrounding vegetation. A score of 5.0 was the highest rating, which was recorded for the Bartlett/Monitor Merrimac Unit (#49). 6 other units received a score of 4.5, primarily due to the vibrant colors of the landform.

Lower ratings for color generally occurred in flat to rolling areas where the rock and soil were not exposed or if so were monotone and flat in color. This combined with the lack of color and variety in the vegetation provided variations that were subtle, with generally muted tones. A score of 1.0 was the lowest rating, which was recorded for only 2 units that had little color variation in soil/rock and vegetation.

Influence of Adjacent Scenery

Adjacent scenery provides a strong influence in some areas of the analysis area due to the diverse and dramatic topographical relief and the proximity of those areas to surrounding units. However, the topographical relief also creates areas that are sometimes severely enclosed restricting views to adjacent scenery. Ratings for adjacent scenery varied throughout the analysis area with the central and southern portions receiving higher scores (Figure 11). The average rating for adjacent scenery in the overall analysis area was approximately 3.1.

Delicate Arch in Arches National Park

Overall, ratings for adjacent scenery were generally higher for units that abutted either high vertical landforms or rivers or that provided elevated viewing platforms. The La Sals, Canyonlands National Park, and Arches National Park were very influential in the adjacent scenery scores of units from which you could see these features. In these units, the forms, lines, and colors of the surrounding landscapes greatly enhance the scenic quality of the units. A score of 5.0 was the highest rating, which was recorded for the Wilson, South, and Bald Mesas Unit (#14), the La Sal Community Unit (#29), the Hatch Points/Canyon Rims Unit (#40A), the Poison Spider Rim/Little Canyon Unit (#41), the Metal Masher Flats Unit (#42), and the Bull Canyon/Gemini Bridges Unit (#42A).

Lower ratings for adjacent scenery were generally recorded for one of two situations: units surrounded by vast, open, flat landscapes that provided only distant views or units in deep river canyons in which the surrounding landscapes were not visible. In both cases, the surrounding scenery has little or no influence on the overall visual quality of the units. A score of 0.0 was the lowest rating, which was recorded for 5 units.

Scarcity

In general ratings for scarcity were low, although scores were generally higher in the central portion of the analysis area (Figure 12). Though there are numerous distinctive features and elements throughout the field office, many of them are similar to other areas in the physiographic province. The average rating for the analysis area was approximately 2.6.

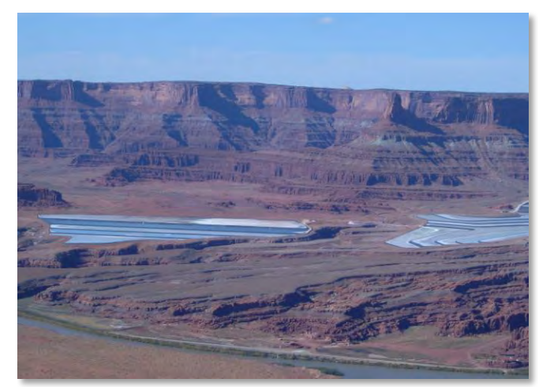
Scarcity was generally higher for units with dramatic vertical landforms with numerous unique features that were enhanced by their variety or vibrancy in color. River units were also rated higher due to their relative scarcity within the province. A score of 5.0 was the highest rating, which was recorded in 3 units, the Arches National Park Unit (#18), the Behind the Rocks North Unit (#39), and the Shafer/Long Canyon Unit (#43), where the landforms were exceptionally dramatic in combination with other factors.

Scarcity was typically lower for units with flat to rolling terrain since these are indicative features of the physiographic province and more common in the region. These areas also provide les diversity in color and vegetation. A score of 1.0 was the lowest rating, which was recorded for 16 units.

Cultural Modifications

Ratings for cultural modifications were generally zero for the majority of the units with areas that may have had cultural modifications, but these modifications neither added nor detracted from the visual setting. Generally lower scores were given along the north-south central spine of the office and in the southern portion of the office where the majority of development has occurred (Figure 13). The average rating for the overall analysis area was approximately -0.2.

The small number of units that received a positive score included areas with structures that added favorably to the pastoral setting and historic context of the region. A score of 1.0 was the highest rating, which was recorded for the Fisher Valley Unit (#11) and the Professor Valley Unit (#15), where the man-made structures enhanced the overall visual setting.



Potash Ponds in Shafer Basin

60 units include a fairly even amount of harmonic and discordant cultural modifications. These areas were given a score of 0.0 since the varying modifications offset one another or no significant modifications existed. These units comprise the majority of the field office.

Negative scores were recorded for areas with discordant cultural modifications, such as highly visible oil and gas fields, residential and commercial

development, and mining activities. A score of -4.0 was the lowest rating, which was recorded for the Lower Lisbon Valley Unit (#32) where the landscape is severely diminished due to discordant built features and heavy mining disturbance.

2.2.2 Scenic Quality Ratings

The Scenic Quality Rating is the result of totaling the scores of the seven analysis factors on the SQFI form and assigning the rating based on points according to the following schedule:

- Class A = a score of 19 points or more
- Class B = a score of 12 to 18 points
- Class C = a score of 11 points or less

The analysis included the evaluation of the key analysis factors for all 75 SQRUs. In numerous cases, increments of 0.5 were used in order to determine a more accurate score for a particular factor. As such, numbers on the threshold between A and B (a score of 18.5) or B and C (a score of 11.5) were rounded up to the higher classification.

In total, 25 SQRUs in the analysis area received a Class A rating which accounts for approximately 30 percent of the analysis area (Figure 14). The highest A rating was a 26. This score was for the Professor Valley Unit (#15). The scenic quality in these units scored well due to the dramatic and highly colorful landforms in combination with the variety and color of vegetation, along with enhancement from adjacent scenery and occasional presence of water. Some of these units were also considered to be relatively scarce landscapes in the Colorado Plateau Province because of this steep topographic relief, their distinctive topographical features, and the dominant presence of water. These units are distributed throughout the field office with somewhat of a concentration in the central portion.

The total rating scores of the SQRUs in the overall analysis area were most often in the range of 11.5 to 18, which placed them in Class B for overall scenic quality. Many of these units encompass river valleys and areas with variable and steep topographic relief. These units are fairly evenly distributed throughout the overall analysis area. In total, 38 units have a Class B rating which account for approximately 44 percent of the analysis area. The highest B rating was a 17.5 which was recorded in the Roan Cliffs/Book Cliffs East Unit (#2B), the Dolores Triangle North Unit (#6), the Dolores Point Unit (#12), and the Fisher Mesa Unit (#13).

The remaining SQRUs received a Class C scenic quality rating, with scores in the range of 11 or less. These units generally include flat to rolling terrain with little variety in vegetation or color. By far the largest area within this class was the Cisco Desert Unit (#4) that covered the width of the office east to west along the I-70 corridor. In total, 12 units have a Class C rating. These units account for approximately 26 percent of the overall analysis area. 10 was the highest C rating which was recorded in the Poison Strip Unit (#17). The lowest score recorded was a 4 which was recorded in the Lower Lisbon Valley Unit (#32).

Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—By Unit

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary — Moab Field Office — October 2011

Unit Number and Name	Landform	Vegetation	Water	Color	Adjacent Scenery	Scarcity	Cultural Modification	Score	Rating	Explanation
01 Green River/ Gray Canyon	4.5	4	5	3.5	1.5	4.5	0	23	A	Major river canyon with steep walls, high vegetation variety, wide Green River
02 Roan Cliffs/Book Cliffs West	4.5	4.5	0.5	4	4	4	0	21.5	A	Variety of steep canyons and cliffs, diverse vegetation
02A East Tavaputs Plateau	3	4	1	2	3	3	0	16	B	Mesas, plateaus, and canyons; high variety of vegetation, subtle colors
02B Roan Cliffs/Book Cliffs East	4	4	1	3.5	3.5	3.5	-2	17.5	B	Steep canyons and cliffs, varied vegetation, oil and gas development
02C Meadow Creek	4	4	3	3.5	0.5	3.5	0.5	19	A	This unit includes a broad, rugged canyon with a narrow, flat valley bottom; Willow Creek; and historic ranches.
03 Book Cliffs Bench	3	3.5	0.5	2.5	3	2.5	0	15	B	Mesas and steep cliffs, moderate variety of vegetation and color
04 Cisco Desert	1	2	1	1.5	3	1	0	9.5	C	Low rolling hills, limited forms, desert scrub vegetation, little contrast in colors
05 Coal Draw/Agate	3	3	1	2.5	3	2	0	14.5	B	Steep plateau escarpments, erosional valleys, moderate vegetation variety
06 Dolores Triangle North	4	3.5	1	3	3	3	0	17.5	B	High cliffs, steep canyons, prominent buttes; moderate variety in vegetation and color
07 Dolores Triangle South	2.5	3.5	1	3	4	1	0	15	B	Flat to rolling, with some incised drainages; vegetation variety; adjacent scenery enhances
08 Westwater Canyon/Beaver Creek	4.5	4.5	4	4.5	1	4	0	22.5	A	High, steep canyons; high variety of vegetation and colors, dominant waterways
08A Westwater Canyon	4.5	4	4.5	4.5	0	4	0	21.5	A	High, vertical canyons; high variety of vegetation and colors, Colorado River canyon
09 Top of the World	3	3	0	3	4	2	0	15	B	High escarpments, deep valleys, adjacent scenery enhances
10 Polar Mesa	3	3.5	0	3	4.5	3	0	17	B	Steep, blocky cliffs and canyons; high variety of vegetation and color; adjacent scenery enhances

Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—By Unit (continued)

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary — Moab Field Office — October 2011

Unit Number and Name	Landform	Vegetation	Water	Color	Adjacent Scenery	Scarcity	Cultural Modification	Score	Rating	Explanation
11 Fisher Valley	3.5	3	0	4	4	1.5	1	17	B	Rolling with some landforms, contrasting colors, adjacent scenery enhances
11A Onion Creek	4	4	2.5	4	3	3	0	20.5	A	Rugged rolling hills, mesa cliffs, high variety in vegetation and color, salt dome
12 Dolores Point	3	3.5	0	3.5	4.5	3	0	17.5	B	Highland plateau area, variety of vegetation, rolling to undulating landforms
13 Fisher Mesa	3.5	3.5	0	3	4.5	3	0	17.5	B	Rolling hills, some steep drainages, heavily forested, adjacent scenery enhances
13A Upper Castle Valley	3.5	3.5	0	3	4	3	0	17	B	Low ridges and small hills, adjacent scenery enhances, foothills of the La Sal Mountains
14 Wilson, South, and Bald Mesas	2	4	1	3	5	2	0	17	B	Rolling to flat, highly varied vegetation, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
15 Professor Valley	5	4	4.5	4	3	4.5	1	26	A	Iconic landscape, high vertical landforms, Colorado River, high variety of vegetation and color
15A Castle Valley	2	4	2	3	4.5	1	0	16.5	B	Flat valley, rural development, high variety of vegetation, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
16 Dome Plateau	3	3	1	3	4	3	0	17	B	Flat to rolling, large plateau, some mesas and formations, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
17 Poison Strip	2	2	0	2	3	1	0	10	C	Flat to rolling, small mesas, raised plateaus, little vegetation or color variety
18 Arches National Park	5	3	0	4.5	3.5	5	0	21	A	Striking and diverse landforms, diverse colors, unique
19 Windows/Little Valley	2	1.5	1	3	3	1	0	11.5	B	Bluffs and valleys, low variety of vegetation, moderate color variety
20 Salt Valley	4	2.5	0	4	2	3.5	0	16	B	Valley with surrounding landforms, diverse colors
22 Colorado River	4	4	5	4	2.5	4.5	0	24	A	Colorado River is dominant, steep canyon walls, high variety of vegetation and color

Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—By Unit (continued)

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary — Moab Field Office — October 2011

Unit Number and Name	Landform	Vegetation	Water	Color	Adjacent Scenery	Scarcity	Cultural Modification	Score	Rating	Explanation
22A Colorado River/Amasa Back	3.5	3.5	5	3.5	0	4	0	**19.5**	**A**	Vertical escarpments, Colorado River is dominant, variation in vegetation and color
23 Porcupine Rim	3	3	0	3.5	4	2	0	**15.5**	**B**	Angled mesa top densely vegetated.
24 Negro Bill Canyon	4	4.5	3	4	3	2.5	0	**21**	**A**	Steep and rugged canyon, high variety of vegetation and colors
25 Sand Flats	4	3.5	0	4	4	4	0	**19.5**	**A**	Slickrock formations, sandy areas, intense colors, adjacent scenery enhances
26 Mill Creek	4	4	3	4	4	3.5	0	**22.5**	**A**	Exceptional rock formations, high variety of vegetation and colors, adjacent scenery enhances
27 Moab/Spanish Valley	3	2	1	2	2	1	-2	**9**	**C**	Flat valley with steep walls, some variety in vegetation and color
27A Moab Canyon	4.5	1.5	0	4	3	3.5	-2	**14.5**	**B**	Canyon and rock formations, strong colors, utilities, railroads, and mines
28 Black Ridge	2.5	3	0	3	4	1	0	**13.5**	**B**	Foothills, mesas, moderate vegetation and color variety, adjacent scenery enhances
29 La Sal Community	1	1	0	1.5	5	1	-2	**7.5**	**C**	Mostly flat, low vegetation and color variety, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
30 La Sal Creek	3.5	4.5	3	4	0	3	-2	**16**	**B**	Steep canyon, mesas, high variation in vegetation and color, mining
31 Ray Mesa	3	2.5	0	2.5	3	2	0	**13**	**B**	Ridges, hills, and cliffs, pinyon/juniper vegetation dominates
31A Coyote Wash	2.5	3	0	2	4	2	-0.5	**13**	**B**	Gentle slopes to wash, adjacent scenery strongly enhances
32 Lower Lisbon Valley	2.5	2.5	0	2	0	1	-4	**4**	**C**	Flat valley bottom, rolling hills, heavy mining disturbance
32A Little Indian Canyon	3.5	3	0	2	2.5	1.5	0	**12.5**	**B**	Mesas, rolling hills, moderate variety of vegetation

Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—By Unit (continued)

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary — Moab Field Office — October 2011

Unit Number and Name	Landform	Vegetation	Water	Color	Adjacent Scenery	Scarcity	Cultural Modification	Score	Rating	Explanation
32B Upper Lisbon Valley	2	3	0	1.5	1.5	1.5	-1	**8.5**	**C**	Flat to rolling valley, monochromatic color, mining disturbance
33 Indian Valley	4	3	0	3	2.5	2	-1	**13.5**	**B**	Cliffs, flat valley, variation in vegetation and color, some mining
33A Three Step Hill	1.5	3	0	1.5	2.5	1	0	**9.5**	**C**	Flat mesas, moderate vegetation variety, monochromatic
34 Wilson Arch	5	3	0	4.5	4	3.5	-1	**19**	**A**	Dramatic cliffs, natural arch, high variation in color, adjacent scenery enhances
35 Flat Iron	3	3	0	3	4	1.5	0	**14.5**	**B**	Rolling, with some landforms, adjacent scenery enhances
36 Dry Valley	3	2.5	1	3	4	2.5	0	**16**	**B**	Mostly flat, some distinct forms at Hatch Wash, adjacent scenery enhances
37 Kane Springs Canyon	4	4	4	4	1	3.5	0	**20.5**	**A**	Steep cliffs, dramatic canyon, Kane Springs Creek, high variety of vegetation and color
38 Behind the Rocks South	2.5	3	0	3	4	2	0	**14.5**	**B**	Flat plateau, some rock formations, adjacent scenery enhances
39 Behind the Rocks North	5	3.5	1	3.5	3.5	5	0	**21.5**	**A**	Vertical rock fins, intense colors, rare landforms
40 Hatch Mesa	1.5	1.5	0	2	4	1	-0.5	**9.5**	**C**	Flat mesa, low variety of vegetation and color, adjacent scenery enhances
40A Hatch Points/Canyon Rims	3	3	0	3	5	2.5	0	**16.5**	**B**	Transitional area, rolling to slightly rugged, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
41 Poison Spider Rim/Little Canyon	4.5	3.5	1	3.5	5	3.5	0	**21**	**A**	Slickrock domes, steep canyons, varied vegetation and color, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
42 Metal Masher Flats	2	2.5	0	2.5	5	2	0	**14**	**B**	Flat mesa, little variation in vegetation and color, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
42A Bull Canyon/Gemini Bridges	5	3.5	0	4	5	3.5	0	**21**	**A**	Canyons, unique arches, high variation in color, adjacent scenery greatly enhances

Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—By Unit (continued)

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary — Moab Field Office, October 2011

Unit Number and Name	Landform	Vegetation	Water	Color	Adjacent Scenery	Scarcity	Cultural Modification	Score	Rating	Explanation
43 Shafer/Long Canyon	5	3	4	4	4	5	0	**25**	**A**	Steep canyons, distinctive landforms, diverse colors, Colorado River is prominent
44 Hell Roaring/Mineral Points	2.5	3.5	0	3.5	4	1.5	0	**15**	**B**	Rolling hills, occasional canyons, good variety of vegetation and color, adjacent scenery enhances
44A Big Flat	1	2	0	2	4	1	-1	**9**	**C**	Flat open grassland, low variation in vegetation and color, adjacent scenery enhances
45 Green River/Labyrinth Canyon	4	4	4	4	0	4	0	**20**	**A**	Steep canyons, high variety of vegetation and color, Green River is dominant
45A Green River Valley	2	3	4	2	2	4	0	**17**	**B**	Flat valley, vertical escarpments, Green River is dominant
45B Lower White Wash	1	1	0	1	3	1	0	**7**	**C**	Flat landscape, sparse desert vegetation, adjacent scenery moderately enhances
46 Mineral Canyon	4.5	2	2.5	4	2	3.5	0	**18.5**	**A**	Deep canyons, low variety of vegetation, diverse colors
47 Hell Roaring	5	4	2	4.5	2.5	3.5	0	**21.5**	**A**	Steep canyon, rock formations, high variation in vegetation and color
48 Spring Canyon	5	4	3.5	4.5	2.5	3.5	0	**23**	**A**	Steep canyon, high variation in vegetation and color, perennial stream
49 Bartlett/Monitor Merrimac	5	3.5	2	5	4.5	4	0	**24**	**A**	Monitor/Merrimack formation, highly diverse colors, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
50 Grassland	1.5	3.5	0	3	3	1	0	**12**	**B**	
50A Upper Bartlett	2.5	3	0	3	4.5	2	0	**15**	**B**	Rolling landscape, distinct rock features, pinyon/juniper vegetation, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
51 Needle Rock, Rainbow (Lost World Butte/ The Needles)	4	1	0	3	3	3	0	**14**	**B**	Distinct rock formations and buttes, low variety of vegetation, moderate color variation
53 Ten Mile Canyon	3.5	3.5	3	3.5	2.5	3.5	0	**19.5**	**A**	Undulating to incised landforms, good variety of vegetation, moderate intensity of color

Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—By Unit (continued)

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary — Moab Field Office, October 2011

Unit Number and Name	Landform	Vegetation	Water	Color	Adjacent Scenery	Scarcity	Cultural Modification	Score	Rating	Explanation
54 Ten Mile Point	1	1	0	1	3	1	0	**7**	**C**	Flat to rolling, low variety desert scrub vegetation, subtle colors
54A Tenmile Point Rock Formations	3	2	1	2	3	2	0	**13**	**B**	Undulating rock forms, some steep canyons, low variety of vegetation and color
55 Red Wash/Upper White Wash	3	1	1	3	3	3	0	**14**	**B**	Interesting erosional patterns, low variety of vegetation, moderate variation in color
56 White Wash Dunes	3	1.5	0.5	3	2	4	0	**14**	**B**	Wide valley, sand dunes, sparse vegetation, moderate intensity of color
57 White Sands	3	1	0.5	2	2	1	0	**9.5**	**C**	Varied rock formations, sparse vegetation, low variety of vegetation and color

Evaluators: MMeyer,RDonigan,RSweeten,TMurdock,CJohnson,JKeller,JJames,MGurtler,KKennedy,BStevens,LTabing,APerry

Table 2 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—By Rating

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary — Moab Field Office, October 2011

Unit Number and Name	Landform	Vegetation	Water	Color	Adjacent Scenery	Scarcity	Cultural Modification	Score	Rating	Explanation
15 Professor Valley	5	4	4.5	4	3	4.5	1	26	A	Iconic landscape, high vertical landforms, Colorado River, high variety of vegetation and color
43 Shafer/Long Canyon	5	3	4	4	4	5	0	25	A	Steep canyons, distinctive landforms, diverse colors, Colorado River is prominent
22 Colorado River	4	4	5	4	2.5	4.5	0	24	A	Colorado River is dominant, steep canyon walls, high variety of vegetation and color
49 Bartlett/Monitor Merrimac	5	3.5	2	5	4.5	4	0	24	A	Monitor/Merrimack formation, highly diverse colors, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
01 Green River/ Gray Canyon	4.5	4	5	3.5	1.5	4.5	0	23	A	Major river canyon with steep walls, high vegetation variety, wide Green River
48 Spring Canyon	5	4	3.5	4.5	2.5	3.5	0	23	A	Steep canyon, high variation in vegetation and color, perennial stream
08 Westwater Canyon/Beaver Creek	4.5	4.5	4	4.5	1	4	0	22.5	A	High, steep canyons; high variety of vegetation and colors, dominant waterways
26 Mill Creek	4	4	3	4	4	3.5	0	22.5	A	Exceptional rock formations, high variety of vegetation and colors, adjacent scenery enhances
02 Roan Cliffs/Book Cliffs West	4.5	4.5	0.5	4	4	4	0	21.5	A	Variety of steep canyons and cliffs, diverse vegetation
08A Westwater Canyon	4.5	4	4.5	4.5	0	4	0	21.5	A	High, vertical canyons; high variety of vegetation and colors, Colorado River canyon
39 Behind the Rocks North	5	3.5	1	3.5	3.5	5	0	21.5	A	Vertical rock fins, intense colors, rare landforms
47 Hell Roaring	5	4	2	4.5	2.5	3.5	0	21.5	A	Steep canyon, rock formations, high variation in vegetation and color
18 Arches National Park	5	3	0	4.5	3.5	5	0	21	A	Striking and diverse landforms, diverse colors, unique
24 Negro Bill Canyon	4	4.5	3	4	3	2.5	0	21	A	Steep and rugged canyon, high variety of vegetation and colors

Table 2 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—By Rating (continued)

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary — Moab Field Office, October 2011

Unit Number and Name	Landform	Vegetation	Water	Color	Adjacent Scenery	Scarcity	Cultural Modification	Score	Rating	Explanation
41 Poison Spider Rim/Little Canyon	4.5	3.5	1	3.5	5	3.5	0	21	A	Slickrock domes, steep canyons, varied vegetation and color, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
42A Bull Canyon/Gemini Bridges	5	3.5	0	4	5	3.5	0	21	A	Canyons, unique arches, high variation in color, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
11A Onion Creek	4	4	2.5	4	3	3	0	20.5	A	Rugged rolling hills, mesa cliffs, high variety in vegetation and color, salt dome
37 Kane Springs Canyon	4	4	4	4	1	3.5	0	20.5	A	Steep cliffs, dramatic canyon, Kane Springs Creek, high variety of vegetation and color
45 Green River/Labyrinth Canyon	4	4	4	4	0	4	0	20	A	Steep canyons, high variety of vegetation and color, Green River is dominant
22A Colorado River/Amasa Back	3.5	3.5	5	3.5	0	4	0	19.5	A	Vertical escarpments, Colorado River is dominant, variation in vegetation and color
25 Sand Flats	4	3.5	0	4	4	4	0	19.5	A	Slickrock formations, sandy areas, intense colors, adjacent scenery enhances
53 Ten Mile Canyon	3.5	3.5	3	3.5	2.5	3.5	0	19.5	A	Undulating to incised landforms, good variety of vegetation, moderate intensity of color
02C Meadow Creek	4	4	3	3.5	0.5	3.5	0.5	19	A	This unit includes a broad, rugged canyon with a narrow, flat valley bottom; Willow Creek; and historic ranches.
34 Wilson Arch	5	3	0	4.5	4	3.5	-1	19	A	Dramatic cliffs, natural arch, high variation in color, adjacent scenery enhances
46 Mineral Canyon	4.5	2	2.5	4	2	3.5	0	18.5	A	Deep canyons, low variety of vegetation, diverse colors
02B Roan Cliffs/Book Cliffs East	4	4	1	3.5	3.5	3.5	-2	17.5	B	Steep canyons and cliffs, varied vegetation, oil and gas development
06 Dolores Triangle North	4	3.5	1	3	3	3	0	17.5	B	High cliffs, steep canyons, prominent buttes; moderate variety in vegetation and color
12 Dolores Point	3	3.5	0	3.5	4.5	3	0	17.5	B	Highland plateau area, variety of vegetation, rolling to undulating landforms

Table 2 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—By Rating (continued)

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary — Moab Field Office, October 2011

Unit Number and Name	Landform	Vegetation	Water	Color	Adjacent Scenery	Scarcity	Cultural Modification	Score	Rating	Explanation
13 Fisher Mesa	3.5	3.5	0	3	4.5	3	0	**17.5**	**B**	Rolling hills, some steep drainages, heavily forested, adjacent scenery enhances
10 Polar Mesa	3	3.5	0	3	4.5	3	0	**17**	**B**	Steep, blocky cliffs and canyons; high variety of vegetation and color; adjacent scenery enhances
11 Fisher Valley	3.5	3	0	4	4	1.5	1	**17**	**B**	Rolling with some landforms, contrasting colors, adjacent scenery enhances
13A Upper Castle Valley	3.5	3.5	0	3	4	3	0	**17**	**B**	Low ridges and small hills, adjacent scenery enhances, foothills of the La Sal Mountains
14 Wilson, South, and Bald Mesas	2	4	1	3	5	2	0	**17**	**B**	Rolling to flat, highly varied vegetation, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
16 Dome Plateau	3	3	1	3	4	3	0	**17**	**B**	Flat to rolling, large plateau, some mesas and formations, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
45A Green River Valley	2	3	4	2	2	4	0	**17**	**B**	Flat valley, vertical escarpments, Green River is dominant
15A Castle Valley	2	4	2	3	4.5	1	0	**16.5**	**B**	Flat valley, rural development, high variety of vegetation, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
40A Hatch Points/Canyon Rims	3	3	0	3	5	2.5	0	**16.5**	**B**	Transitional area, rolling to slightly rugged, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
02A East Tavaputs Plateau	3	4	1	2	3	3	0	**16**	**B**	Mesas, plateaus, and canyons; high variety of vegetation, subtle colors
20 Salt Valley	4	2.5	0	4	2	3.5	0	**16**	**B**	Valley with surrounding landforms, diverse colors
30 La Sal Creek	3.5	4.5	3	4	0	3	-2	**16**	**B**	Steep canyon, mesas, high variation in vegetation and color, mining
36 Dry Valley	3	2.5	1	3	4	2.5	0	**16**	**B**	Mostly flat, some distinct forms at Hatch Wash, adjacent scenery enhances
23 Porcupine Rim	3	3	0	3.5	4	2	0	**15.5**	**B**	Angled mesa top densely vegetated.

Table 2 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—By Rating (continued)

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary — Moab Field Office, October 2011

Unit Number and Name	Landform	Vegetation	Water	Color	Adjacent Scenery	Scarcity	Cultural Modification	Score	Rating	Explanation
03 Book Cliffs Bench	3	3.5	0.5	2.5	3	2.5	0	**15**	**B**	Mesas and steep cliffs, moderate variety of vegetation and color
07 Dolores Triangle South	2.5	3.5	1	3	4	1	0	**15**	**B**	Flat to rolling, with some incised drainages; vegetation variety; adjacent scenery enhances
09 Top of the World	3	3	0	3	4	2	0	**15**	**B**	High escarpments, deep valleys, adjacent scenery enhances
44 Hell Roaring/Mineral Points	2.5	3.5	0	3.5	4	1.5	0	**15**	**B**	Rolling hills, occasional canyons, good variety of vegetation and color, adjacent scenery enhances
50A Upper Bartlett	2.5	3	0	3	4.5	2	0	**15**	**B**	Rolling landscape, distinct rock features, pinyon/juniper vegetation, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
05 Coal Draw/Agate	3	3	1	2.5	3	2	0	**14.5**	**B**	Steep plateau escarpments, erosional valleys, moderate vegetation variety
27A Moab Canyon	4.5	1.5	0	4	3	3.5	-2	**14.5**	**B**	Canyon and rock formations, strong colors, utilities, railroads, and mines
35 Flat Iron	3	3	0	3	4	1.5	0	**14.5**	**B**	Rolling, with some landforms, adjacent scenery enhances
38 Behind the Rocks South	2.5	3	0	3	4	2	0	**14.5**	**B**	Flat plateau, some rock formations, adjacent scenery enhances
42 Metal Masher Flats	2	2.5	0	2.5	5	2	0	**14**	**B**	Flat mesa, little variation in vegetation and color, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
51 Needle Rock, Rainbow (Lost World Butte/The Needles)	4	1	0	3	3	3	0	**14**	**B**	Distinct rock formations and buttes, low variety of vegetation, moderate color variation
55 Red Wash/Upper White Wash	3	1	1	3	3	3	0	**14**	**B**	Interesting erosional patterns, low variety of vegetation, moderate variation in color
56 White Wash Dunes	3	1.5	0.5	3	2	4	0	**14**	**B**	Wide valley, sand dunes, sparse vegetation, moderate intensity of color
28 Black Ridge	2.5	3	0	3	4	1	0	**13.5**	**B**	Foothills, mesas, moderate vegetation and color variety, adjacent scenery enhances

Table 2 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—By Rating (continued)

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary — Moab Field Office — October 2011

Unit Number and Name	Landform	Vegetation	Water	Color	Adjacent Scenery	Scarcity	Cultural Modification	Score	Rating	Explanation
33 Indian Valley	4	3	0	3	2.5	2	-1	**13.5**	**B**	Cliffs, flat valley, variation in vegetation and color, some mining
31 Ray Mesa	3	2.5	0	2.5	3	2	0	**13**	**B**	Ridges, hills, and cliffs, pinyon/juniper vegetation dominates
31A Coyote Wash	2.5	3	0	2	4	2	-0.5	**13**	**B**	Gentle slopes to wash, adjacent scenery strongly enhances
54A Tenmile Point Rock Formations	3	2	1	2	3	2	0	**13**	**B**	Undulating rock forms, some steep canyons, low variety of vegetation and color
32A Little Indian Canyon	3.5	3	0	2	2.5	1.5	0	**12.5**	**B**	Mesas, rolling hills, moderate variety of vegetation
50 Grassland	1.5	3.5	0	3	3	1	0	**12**	**B**	
19 Windows/Little Valley	2	1.5	1	3	3	1	0	**11.5**	**B**	Bluffs and valleys, low variety of vegetation, moderate color variety
17 Poison Strip	2	2	0	2	3	1	0	**10**	**C**	Flat to rolling, small mesas, raised plateaus, little vegetation or color variety
04 Cisco Desert	1	2	1	1.5	3	1	0	**9.5**	**C**	Low rolling hills, limited forms, desert scrub vegetation, little contrast in colors
33A Three Step Hill	1.5	3	0	1.5	2.5	1	0	**9.5**	**C**	Flat mesas, moderate vegetation variety, monochromatic
40 Hatch Mesa	1.5	1.5	0	2	4	1	-0.5	**9.5**	**C**	Flat mesa, low variety of vegetation and color, adjacent scenery enhances
57 White Sands	3	1	0.5	2	2	1	0	**9.5**	**C**	Varied rock formations, sparse vegetation, low variety of vegetation and color
27 Moab/Spanish Valley	3	2	1	2	2	1	-2	**9**	**C**	Flat valley with steep walls, some variety in vegetation and color
44A Big Flat	1	2	0	2	4	1	-1	**9**	**C**	Flat open grassland, low variation in vegetation and color, adjacent scenery enhances

Table 2 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—By Rating (continued)

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary — Moab Field Office — October 2011

Unit Number and Name	Landform	Vegetation	Water	Color	Adjacent Scenery	Scarcity	Cultural Modification	Score	Rating	Explanation
32B Upper Lisbon Valley	2	3	0	1.5	1.5	1.5	-1	**8.5**	**C**	Flat to rolling valley, monochromatic color, mining disturbance
29 La Sal Community	1	1	0	1.5	5	1	-2	**7.5**	**C**	Mostly flat, low vegetation and color variety, adjacent scenery greatly enhances
45B Lower White Wash	1	1	0	1	3	1	0	**7**	**C**	Flat landscape, sparse desert vegetation, adjacent scenery moderately enhances
54 Ten Mile Point	1	1	0	1	3	1	0	**7**	**C**	Flat to rolling, low variety desert scrub vegetation, subtle colors
32 Lower Lisbon Valley	2.5	2.5	0	2	0	1	-4	**4**	**C**	Flat valley bottom, rolling hills, heavy mining disturbance

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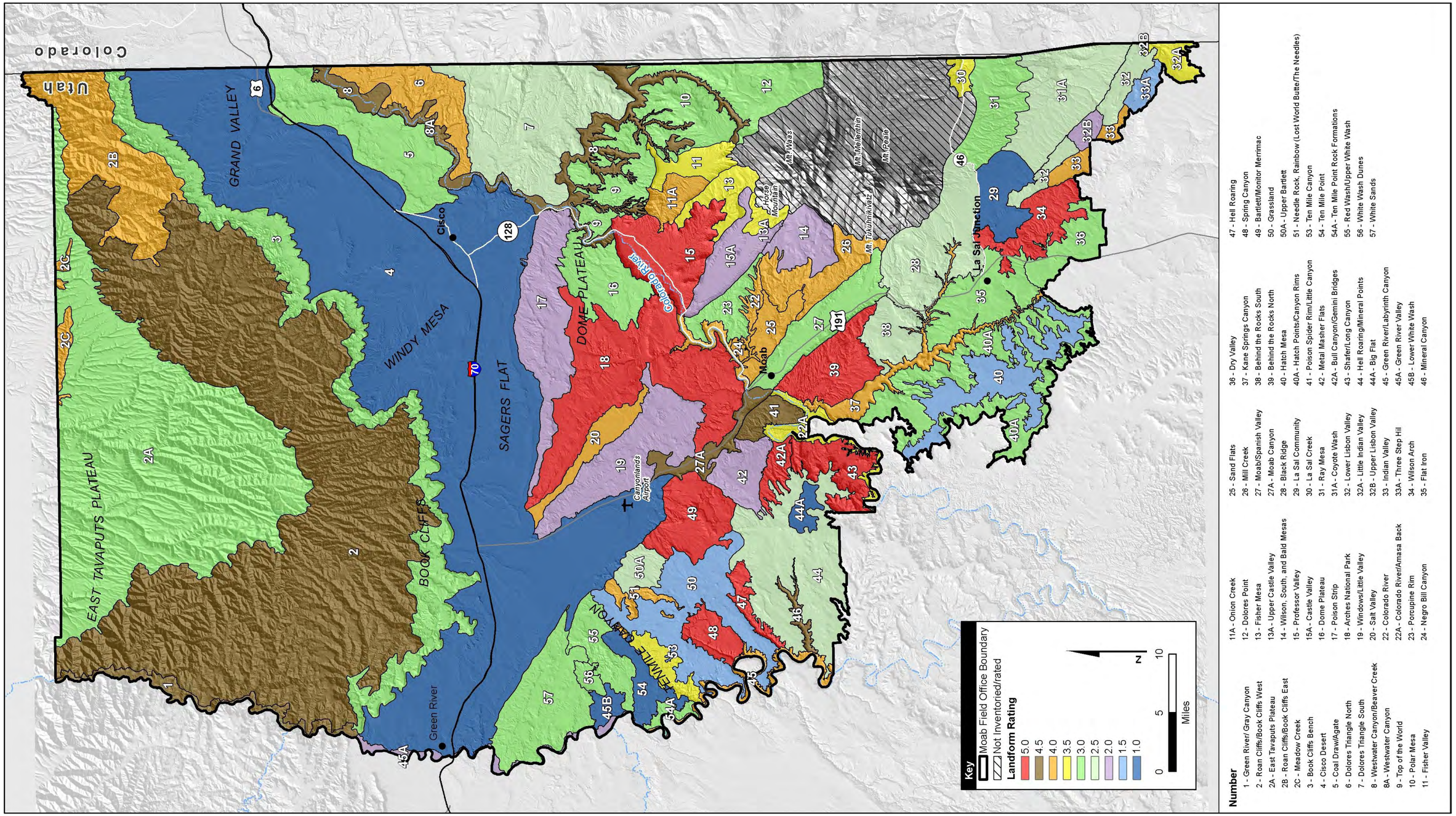

Figure 7 Key Factor Analysis—Landform

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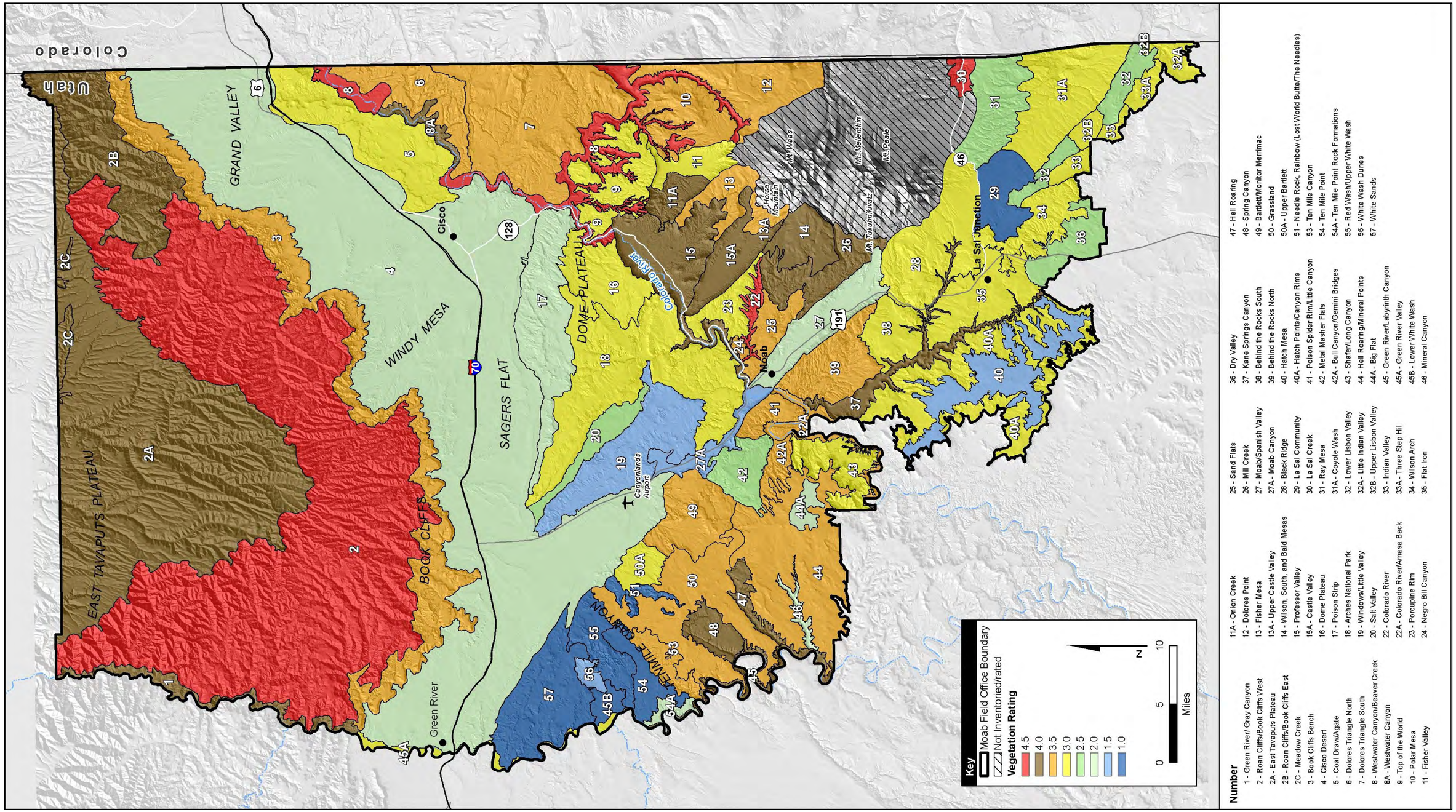

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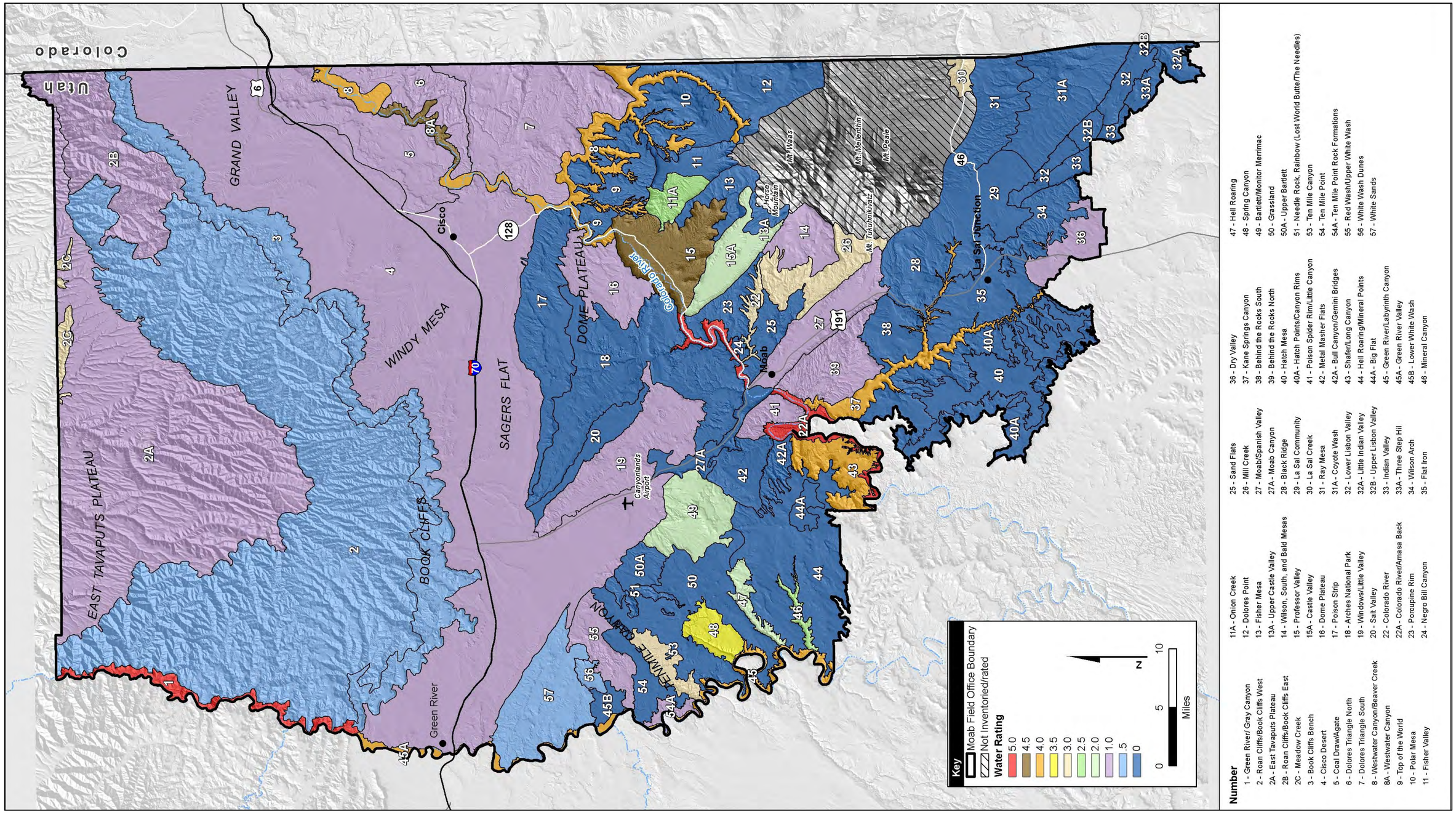

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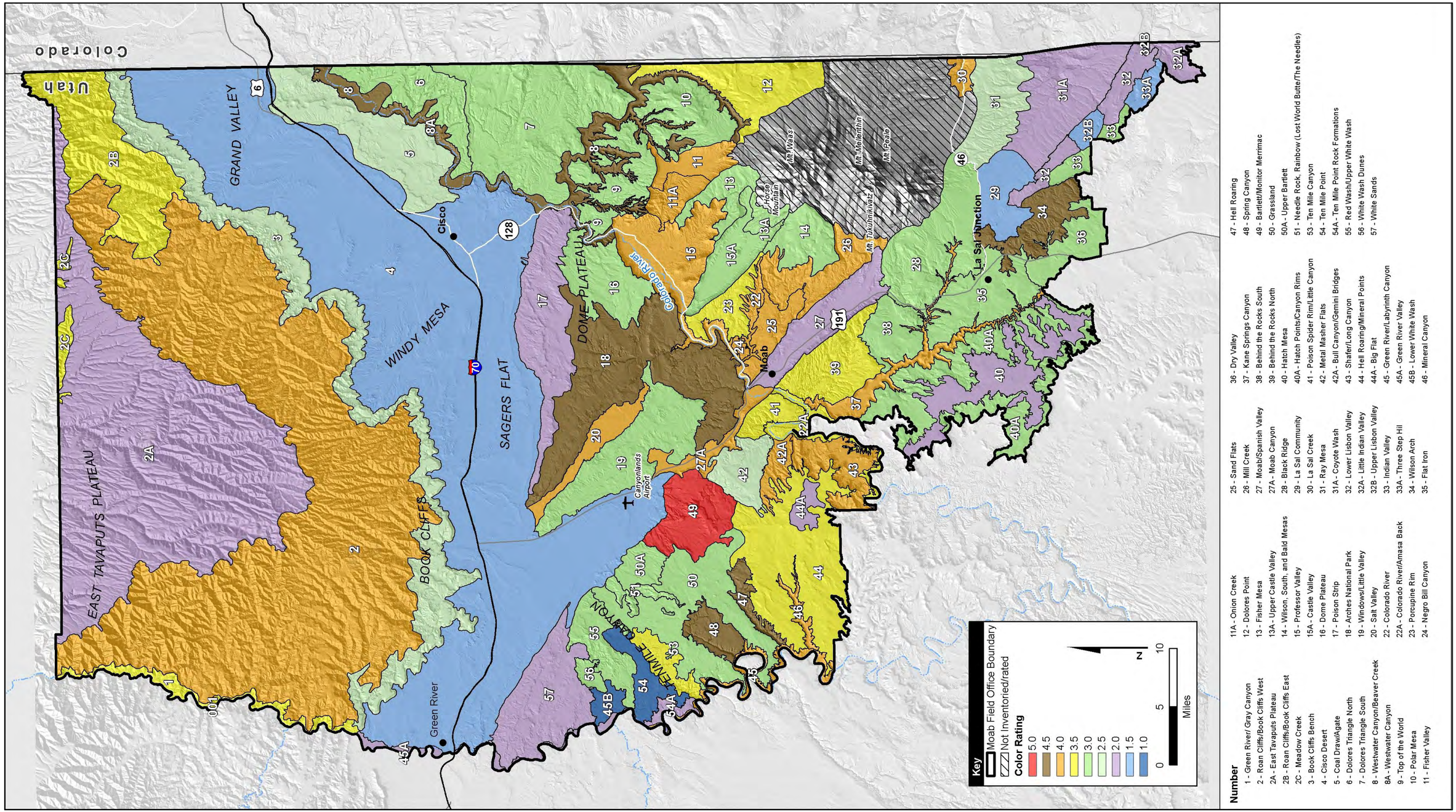

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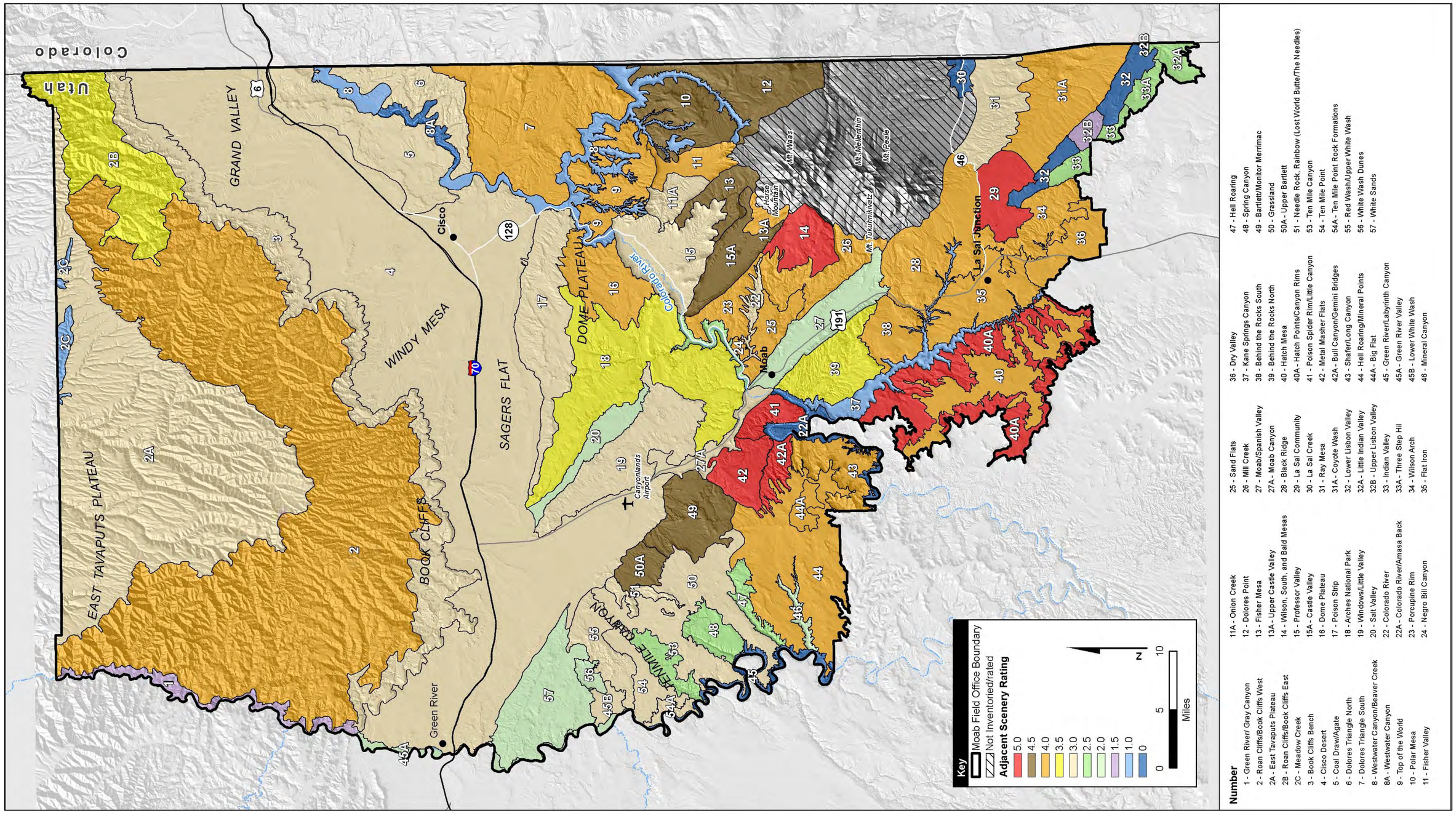

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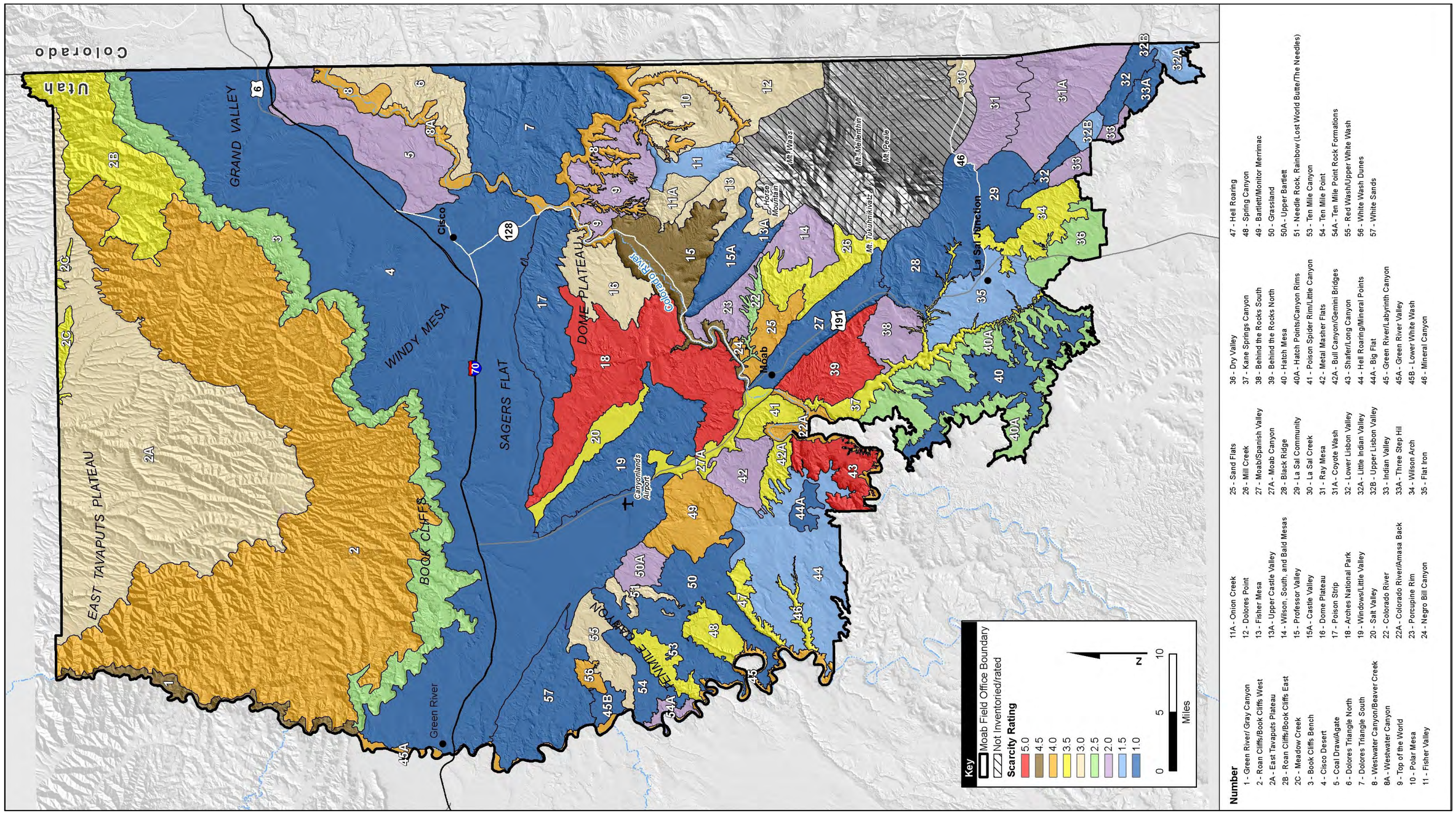

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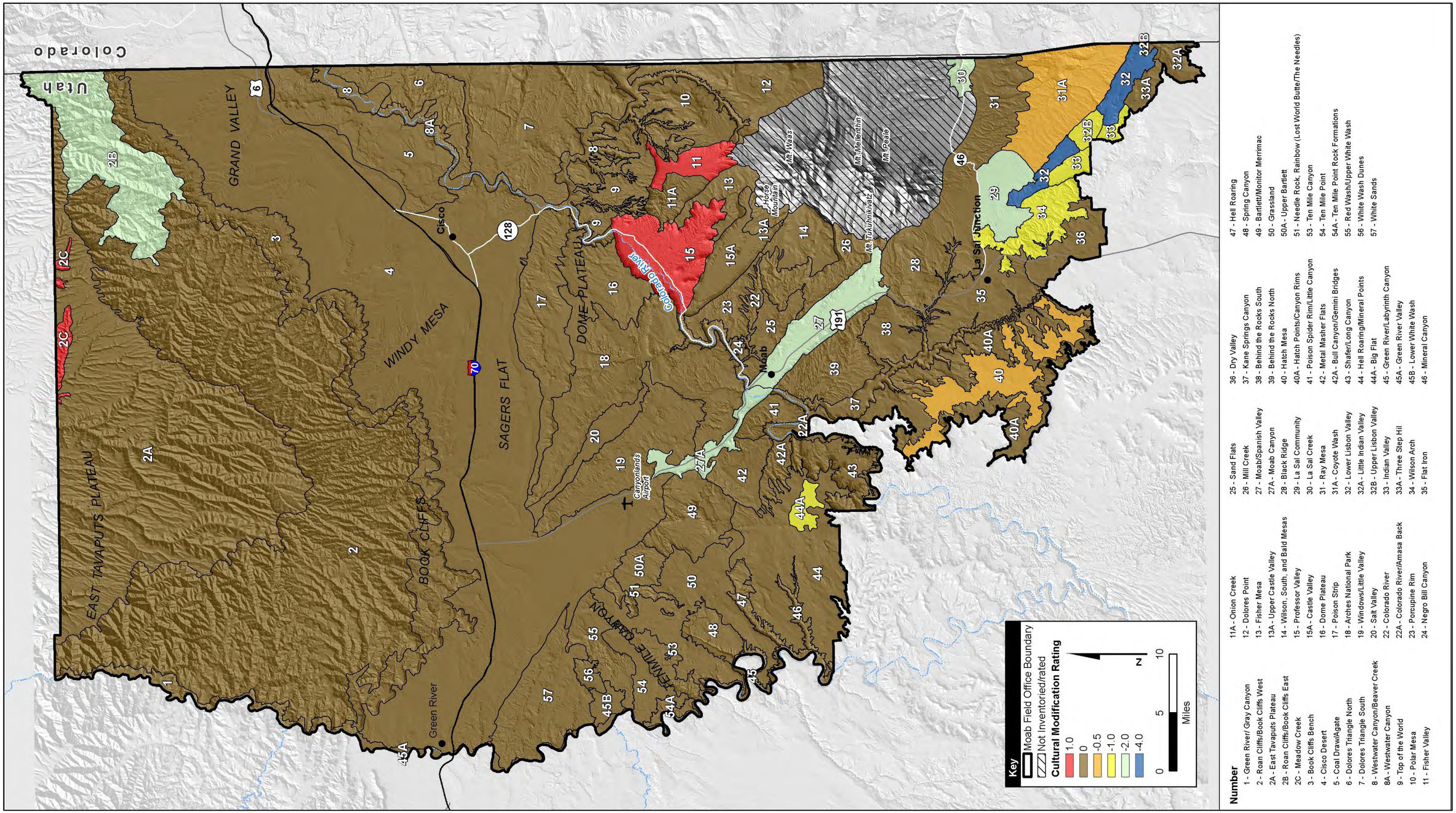

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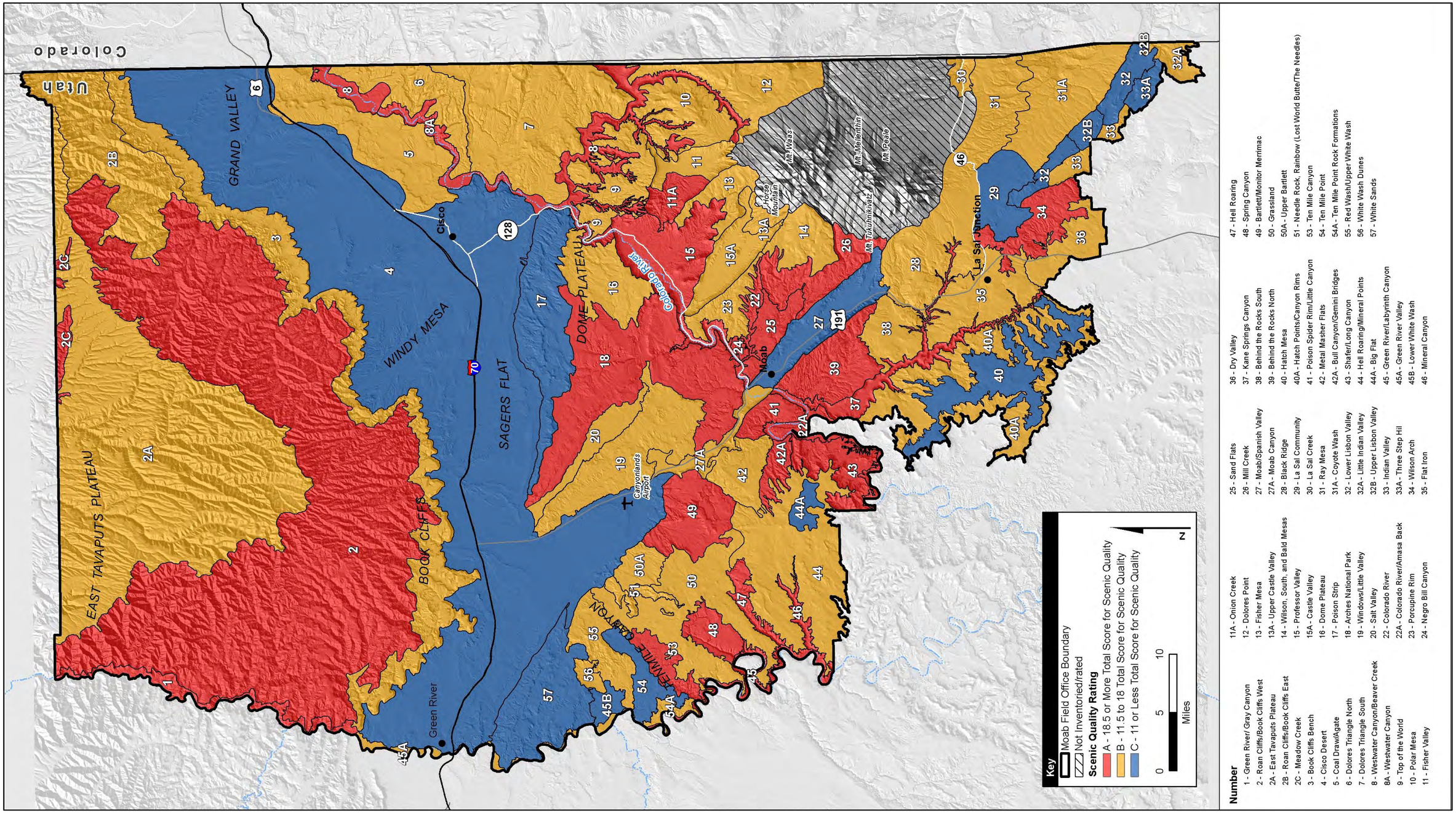

Figure 14 Scenic Quality Rating Map

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3.1 Introduction

The evaluation of sensitivity levels in the VRM process provides a measure and an indication of the public's concern for scenic quality. In this part of the process, public lands are assigned high, moderate, or low sensitivity levels by analyzing certain factors that contribute to the public's overall concern of an area's scenic quality. These factors, as identified in BLM Manual H-8410-1 include the following:

- **Types of Users**—Visual sensitivity will vary with the type of users. Recreational sightseers may be highly sensitive to any changes in visual quality, whereas workers who pass through the area on a regular basis may not be as sensitive to change.
- **Amount of Use**—Areas seen and used by large numbers of people are potentially more sensitive. Protection of visual values usually becomes more important as the number of viewers increase.
- **Public Interest**—Visual quality of an area may be of concern to local, state, or national groups. Indicators of this concern are usually expressed in public meetings, letters, newspaper or magazine articles, newsletters, land-use plans, etc. Public controversy created in response to proposed activities that would change the landscape character should also be considered.
- **Adjacent Land Uses**—Interrelationship with land uses in adjacent lands can affect the visual sensitivity of an area. For example, an area within the viewshed of a residential area may be very sensitive, whereas an area surrounded by commercially developed lands may not be visually sensitive.
- **Special Areas**—Management objectives for special areas such as natural areas, wilderness areas or wilderness study areas, wild and scenic rivers, scenic areas, scenic roads or trails, and ACECs frequently require special consideration for the protection of the visual values. This does not necessarily mean that these areas are scenic but rather that one of the management objectives may be to preserve the natural landscape setting. The management objectives for these areas may be used as a basis for assigning sensitivity levels.
- **Other Factors**—Other information, such as research or studies, that includes indicators of visual sensitivity should also be considered when assigning sensitivity levels to an area

Determining the overall sensitivity level of an area is a subjective process that requires careful consideration of all of the above factors by BLM staff with the detailed knowledge of the use of public lands under in their field office. Both the rating of individual factors and the relationship between factors are analyzed in determining the overall rating of an area.

3.2 Sensitivity Level Rating Units

According to the VRM manual there are no standard procedures for delineating sensitivity level rating units (SLRUs) because the SLRU boundaries depend on the factors driving the sensitivity consideration at the time of the inventory. The most important aspect of preparing the units is a thorough review and understanding of the sensitivity factors described above. Rating units can be based on physical attributes along with a thorough understanding of the sensitivity factors. Distance zones can play an important role in identifying the SLRU boundaries because sensitivity to change in the visual landscape can be moderated by the level of detail or visibility of a potential change. SLRUs may have the same boundaries as SQRUs; however, they could differ since the factors used to determine visual sensitivity are not the same as the factors used to determine scenic quality.

For this inventory study, sensitivity level ratings were completed by a multidisciplinary team of BLM staff and management in the field office. After reviewing the sensitivity rating process, the team discussed the general use patterns and activities on public lands in the field office's affected area and then used that information to delineate the boundaries of the rating units on a map of the affected area. Once the preliminary unit boundaries were identified, the team evaluated each unit based on the sensitivity rating factors and assigned an overall rating to the units. Unit boundaries were modified as needed, if further discussion determined that an adjustment would be a better reflection of the use of public lands and the sensitivity to change in the visual setting of a particular area. The ratings for each unit were recorded on a Sensitivity Level Rating Sheet (Form 8400-6, BLM Manual H-8410-1), and the information was entered into the geodatabase for the project.

3.3 Sensitivity Level Rating Summary

Figure 15 depicts the rating units and the level of sensitivity identified during the rating process for the Moab Field Office. The analysis area is divided into 43 sensitivity level units. A summary of the sensitivity rating factors for the field office is below (Table 3). More information on the rating of specific units is contained in the individual rating sheets retained in the project record.

As an internationally-recognized recreation destination, tourism and recreational use of the BLM-administered lands in the Moab area result in over two million visitors each year. Adding to the use and visitation of the area is the draw to the nearby national parks—Arches and Canyonlands. Moab's revenue-producing scenery supports hundreds of local residents with jobs, a variety of retail and hospitality businesses, and community services that benefit residents and visitors alike. Sensitivity levels in the Moab Field Office are directly related to the number of visitors and resultant economic impacts adverse effects would have on the area's scenic resources. Therefore, landscape features within the analysis area that have the highest recreational usage and are most notable for sightseeing, have the highest sensitivity level. These include areas such as Behind the Rocks, Slickrock, Fisher Towers, Poison Spider Mesa, Pritchett Canyon, Long Canyon, and Onion Canyon.

Sensitivity levels in the analysis area are generally higher in the northwestern and central portions of the analysis area. The remainder of the analysis area is fairly evenly split between moderate and low sensitivities in the western, northeastern, and southern portions of the office.

The units that were identified as the most sensitive are generally units adjacent to the national parks, those along the Colorado, Green, and Dolores Rivers, and in general those that receive the most use and visitation. Because of the renowned scenery and recreational opportunities within the field office, a large number of units were identified as highly sensitive. In total, 26 units are highly sensitive which accounts for approximately 57 percent of the analysis area.

Areas of moderate sensitivity generally include those areas that may be further away from Moab itself that receive less use, visitation and in general are less well known. This also includes areas that are along major travel corridors that may not be considered highly scenic, but do receive a high level of use with these areas being highly visible. Some of these areas have a high level of existing cultural modification that has resulted in them being less sensitive to visual change. In total 12 units are moderately sensitive which accounts for approximately 28 percent of the analysis area.

Areas that receive very low usage, that are not visible from major travel corridors, and that have a significant level of cultural modifications are generally included in areas of low sensitivity. This includes areas that have a lower scenic quality rating and no significant features to attract use or visitation. In total 5 units have a low sensitivity which accounts for only 15 percent of the analysis area.

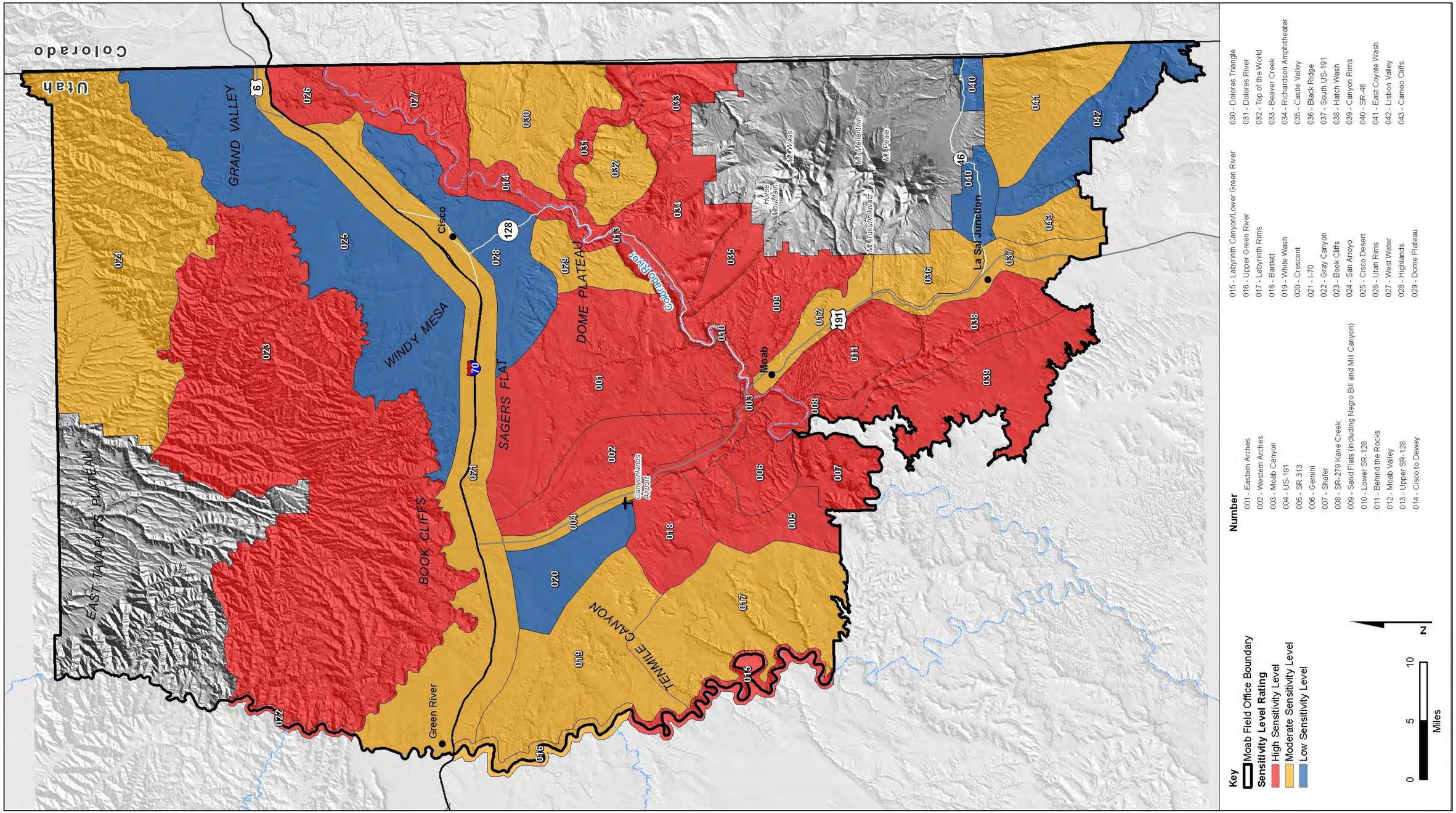

Figure 15 Sensitivity Level Rating Units Map

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Table 3 Sensitivity Level Rating Summary Sheet, Form 8400-6

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit Summary

Moab Field Office

October 2011

Unit Number	Type of Use	Amount of Use	Public Interest	Adjacent Land Uses	Special Areas	Other Factors	Overall Rating	Explanation
1 Eastern Arches	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	High usage in adjacent Arches NP, jeepers and mine hunters in unit, WSA and park land.
2 Western Arches	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	Recreational use, trails, bikers, OHVs, existing modifications
3 Moab Canyon	M	H	H	M	M	N/A	H	Major entryway into Moab and park lands, both public interest and tolerance for change are high, utility corridor
4 US-191	M	H	L	M	M	N/A	M	Gateway to the parks, similar to Moab Canyon but lower public interest, airport
5 SR 313	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	Dead Horse Point State Park, gateway to Canyonlands NP, scenic byway
6 Gemini	H	H	H	M	H	N/A	H	Gemini Bridges visible, biking, hiking, regional sub-destination, SRMA in unit
7 Shafer	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	ACEC in unit, Dead Horse Point State Park adjacent, Potash mining in unit
8 SR-279 Kane Creek	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	Scenic byway, Kane Creek scenic backway
9 Sand Flats (including Negro Bill and Mill Canyon)	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	Mixed recreational use, Negro Bill, Mill Canyon, ACEC and SRMA in unit
10 Lower SR-128	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	Scenic byway, high scenic recreational use, lots of existing development
11 Behind the Rocks	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	WSA in unit, adjacent to Moab Valley
12 Moab Valley	M	H	H	L	N/A	N/A	M	Ridgeline, high usage
13 Upper SR-128	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	Scenic byway, high recreational use, SRMA in unit
14 Cisco to Dewey	H	M	H	M	H	N/A	H	Westwater River, river recreational use, Wild and Scenic River
15 Labyrinth Canyon/Lower Green River	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	Mineral Bottom, White Rim, high river recreational use, WSA and Wild and Scenic River
16 Upper Green River	M	M	M	L	N/A	N/A	M	High motor sports use, river floaters, adjacent lands are heavily modified
17 Labyrinth Rims	H	H	H	M	M	N/A	H	Mixed recreational use, SRMA and Ten Mile ACEC in unit

Table 3 Sensitivity Level Rating Summary Sheet, Form 8400-6 (continued)

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit Summary

Moab Field Office

October 2011

Unit Number	Type of Use	Amount of Use	Public Interest	Adjacent Land Uses	Special Areas	Other Factors	Overall Rating	Explanation
18 Bartlett	H	H	H	M	M	N/A	H	General recreational use, SRMA
19 White Wash	M	H	M	L	2	N/A	M	High OHV use, film location, unit is in an SRMA
20 Crescent	L	L	L	L	N/A	N/A	L	Low use and visibility
21 I-70	M	H	L	L	N/A	N/A	M	Thoroughfare, views of Book Cliffs, various users
22 Gray Canyon	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	High river run attraction, adjacent WSAs
23 Book Cliffs	H	M	H	M	H	N/A	H	WSA, hunters, horse riders, Sego Canyon
24 San Arroyo	M	M	M	M	N/A	N/A	M	Great terrain, great views, some recreation, mostly gas
25 Cisco Desert	L	M	L	L	N/A	N/A	L	Ma & Pa oil rigs, adjacent WSAs not visible
26 Utah Rims	H	H	M	H	H	N/A	H	General recreational use, NCA
27 West Water	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	High recreational use, Boaters, Ruby Canyon
28 Highlands	M	H	L	L	N/A	N/A	L	SR-128 scenic byway, historic trail
29 Dome Plateau	H	M	M	M	L	N/A	M	ATVs, hikers, adjacent to Arches NP, nice views to the river
30 Dolores Triangle	H	H	M	H	N/A	N/A	H	ATVs, Wilderness Area, adjacent to WSA
31 Dolores River	H	M	H	M	H	N/A	H	Suitable Wild and Scenic River, views into the river
32 Top of the World	H	M	H	M	M	N/A	M	General recreational use, great views, SRMA
33 Beaver Creek	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	BLM Natural Area, no corridor in the unit
34 Richardson Amphitheater	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	Fisher Tower, SRMA, and Natural Areas

Table 3 Sensitivity Level Rating Summary Sheet, Form 8400-6 (continued)

Sensitivity Level Rating Unit Summary

Moab Field Office

October 2011

Unit Number	Type of Use	Amount of Use	Public Interest	Adjacent Land Uses	Special Areas	Other Factors	Overall Rating	Explanation
35 Castle Valley	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	Scenic backway, BLM Natural Area, residential development
36 Black Ridge	M	M	L	M	L	N/A	M	Wood cutters, rock haulers, bike trails, adjacent to Moab and National Forest
37 South US-191	M	H	M	M	L	N/A	M	Varied users, not a scenic byway, adjacent private land
38 Hatch Wash	H	H	H	M	M	N/A	H	Back packers, Kane Creek, hiking focus area, SRMA
39 Canyon Rims	H	H	H	H	H	N/A	H	Scenic byway and backway, SRMA, good views
40 SR-46	M	H	L	L	L	N/A	L	National Forest, developed corridor, private land use
41 East Coyote Wash	M	L	M	M	M	N/A	M	Ranchers, hunters, wood cutters, residential users, Wilderness Area
42 Lisbon Valley	L	M	L	M	L	N/A	L	Industrial development
43 Cameo Cliffs	M	M	M	L	M	N/A	M	ATV use, SRMA

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

4.1 Introduction

The analysis of distance zones in the VRM process considers the distance from which the area is generally viewed but does not take into account every possible viewing location. According to BLM Manual H-8410-1, landscape areas are generally subdivided into three distance zones based on their relative visibility from travel routes or other observation points:

- **Foreground-middleground (fm) zone**—Areas that are seen from major highways and other primary travelways, rivers, trails, or other viewing locations that are less than 3 to 5 miles away. Management activities and proposed projects may be viewed in more detail in this zone.
- **Background (bg) zone**—Areas that are seen beyond the foreground-middleground zone to a distance of about 15 miles away. Activities and changes to the landscape in this zone would be generally less visible.
- **Seldom-seen (ss) zone**—Areas that are beyond the background zone, more than about 15 miles away from the viewing locations. Seldom seen areas also may not visible within the foreground-middleground or background zones or are generally hidden from view from those distances.

Distance-zone delineations can provide valuable information during the visual sensitivity level analysis since landscape areas that are more visible (foreground-middleground zone) to the public are more noticeable and may precipitate the public's concern for visual quality. Boundaries of the distance zones may also assist in defining the boundaries of an area's SLRUs.

Distance-zone delineations can also be valuable during the resource management planning process when adjustments to VRM classes are made to resolve resource-allocation conflicts.

4.2 Mapping Methodology

Due to the inherent nature of Moab's geological features and relative land uses specific to the analysis area, the distance zones relate more to the numerous recreational and sightseeing viewing platforms than to the developed infrastructure platforms such as US 191 and 128. Using a field-office base map similar to the SQRU and SLRU base maps—distinct natural features, key landmarks, well-frequented viewpoints and use areas, primary travel routes, and off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails—were identified based on locations from which the majority of visitors view the general landscape.

Using GIS, the distance zones for these key viewing platforms were identified using the foreground-middleground, background, and seldom-seen distances indicated above. To supplement the distance zones, and address the dramatic topographical influences of views, viewshed analyses were performed to identify what portions within each zone would be visible from the various viewing platforms.

4.3 Distance Zones Summary

The majority of lands within the analysis area are in the foreground-middleground zone. This is because of the number of accessible routes to the multiple recreation areas, the major transportation corridors, and the level of use that these areas receive. There are large areas that are within the background and seldom-seen zones, but these are along the southeastern and northern perimeters of the office (Figure 16). These areas are generally less developed, have far fewer primary travel routes from which areas could be viewed, or are totally inaccessible by vehicles.

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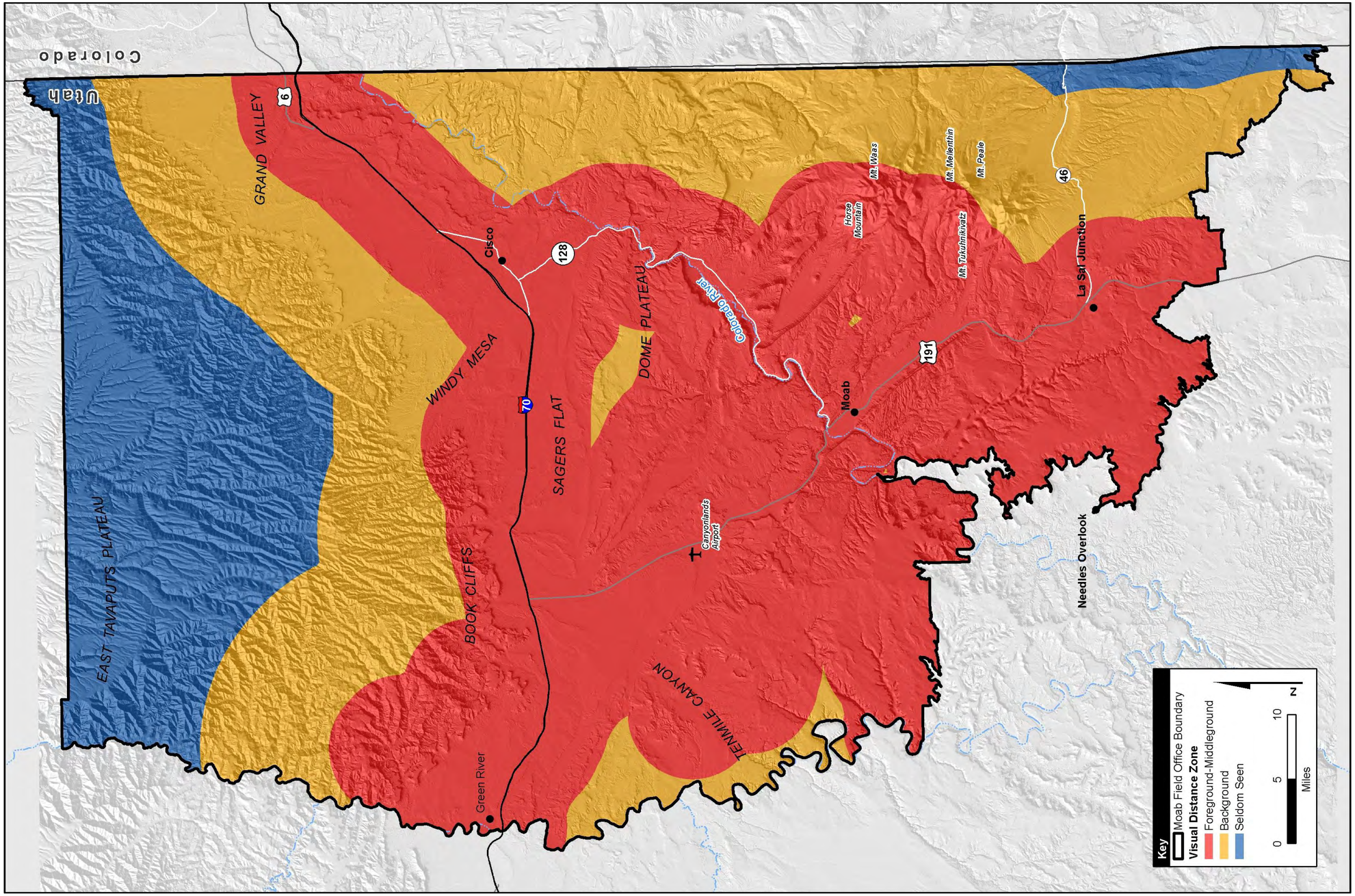

Figure 16 Visual Distance Zones Map

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5.1 Introduction

The VRM system includes four VRI classes. Class I is assigned to all special areas where the current management situation requires maintaining a natural environment that is essentially unaltered by humans. Classes II, III, and IV are assigned according to combinations of scenic quality, sensitivity levels, and distance zones outlined in the BLM's visual resource inventory matrix (Figure 17).

The VRI classes were mapped by overlaying the scenic quality, sensitivity levels, and distance zones in ArcGIS. Figure 18 depicts the visual resource inventory classes for the analysis area.

		Visual Sensitivity Levels						
		High			Medium			Low
Special Areas		Class I	Class I	Class I	Class I	Class I	Class I	Class I
Scenic Quality	A	Class II	Class II	Class II	Class II	Class II	Class II	Class II
	B	Class II	Class III	Class III* Class IV*	Class III	Class IV	Class IV	Class IV
	C	Class III	Class IV	Class IV	Class IV	Class IV	Class IV	Class IV
		f/m	b	s/s	f/m	b	s/s	s/s
		Distance Zones						

Source: BLM Manual H-8410-1, Illustration 11.

* If adjacent area is Class II or lower, assign Class III; if higher, assign Class IV.

* f/m = foreground/middleground, b = background, s/s = seldom seen.

Figure 17 Visual Resource Inventory Class Matrix

5.2 Moab Field Office

Much of the Moab Field Office analysis area, approximately 36 percent, was designated as VRI Class IV (Figure 18). These areas are generally in the northern central portion of the office along the I-70 corridor and in the southeast corner of the office. Areas designated as Class II or Class III are generally found in the central and southwestern portions of the field office. The VRI Class II area accounts for approximately 32 percent of the field office, while the VRI Class III area accounts for approximately 17 percent. The remaining 15 percent of the field office is designated as VRI Class I. These areas are either designated as wilderness or wilderness study areas and are therefore considered special areas. Due to the nature of the mapping and GIS overlay processing of the three elements which determine the VRI Classes (Scenic Quality, Sensitivity Levels, and Distance Zones) inconsistent overlaps and slivering may have occurred. For this reason, the final VRI Class boundaries may have been slightly modified to eliminate these inconsistencies and small VRI polygons based on the landscape and underlying management, to provide for a more functional and manageable result. The individual layers as represented in this document remain intact and unchanged.

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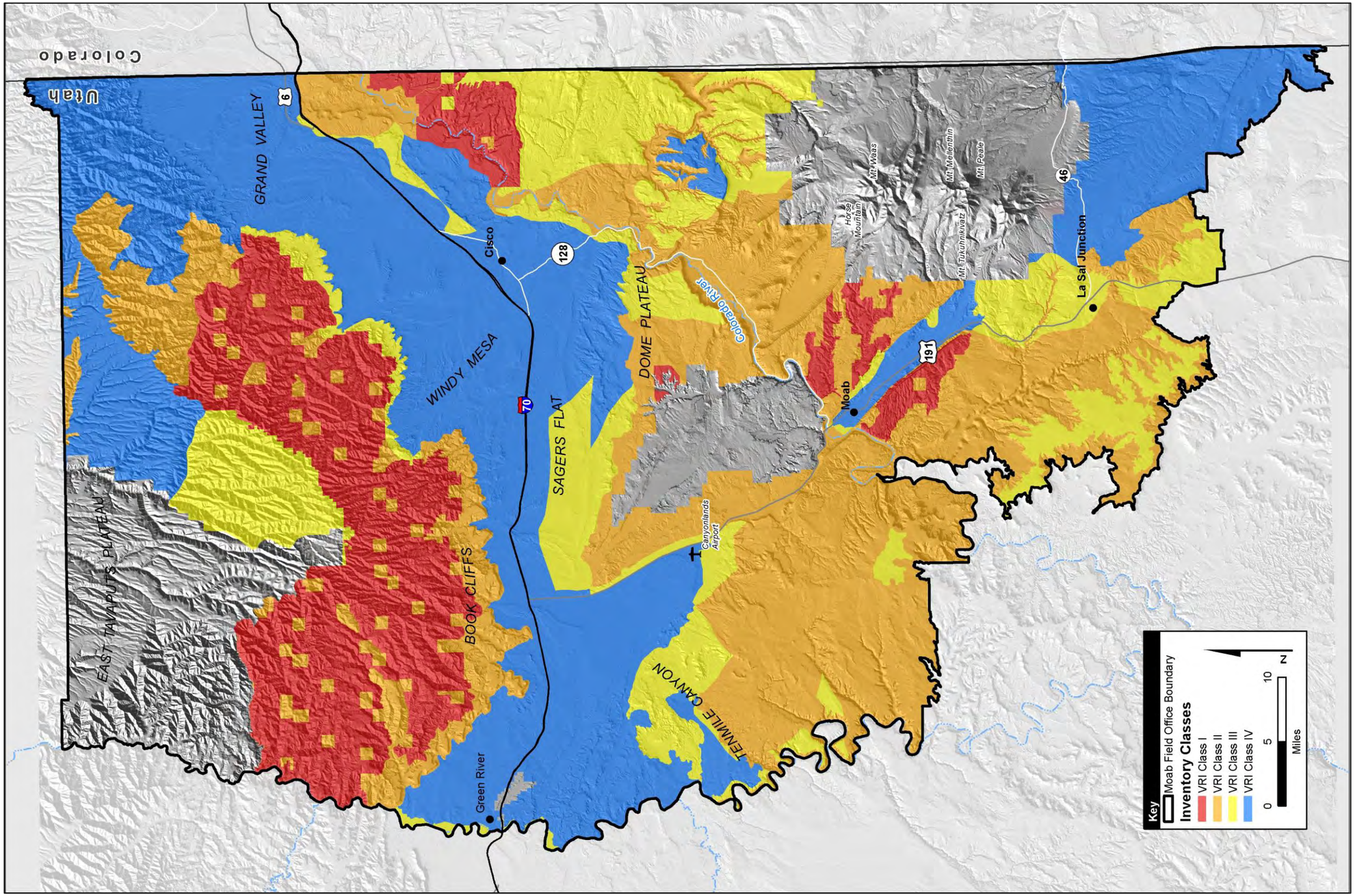

Figure 18 Visual Resource Inventory Map

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #1
Green River/ Gray Canyon

Date: 11/4/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rugged, trapezoid/ angular, blocky, rounded slopes	Rounded canopy, mostly indistinct	Rectangular recreational facilities
LINE	Horizontal striation/ banding, angled slopes, vertical wall	Curvilinear along the river, horizontal along terraces	Vertical, horizontal
COLOR	Tan, buff, light orange/ tan, dark black/tan	Yellow/green cottonwood, gray/light olive green sage/shrubs, dark green juniper, straw grass	Light tan, brown
TEXTURE	Rough	Medium to coarse	Smooth surfaces, medium facilities

Narrative

Unit encompasses Gray Canyon and part of Desolation Canyon. This unit consists of a river canyon with steep walls. Recreation development is present in several locations. The unit has sandy beach areas and is widely used for river floats.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4.5	Steep canyon walls, terraces, slopes
VEGETATION	4	Good mix of grasses, sage/shrubs and riparian
WATER	5	Wide river is the dominant feature
COLOR	3.5	Somewhat monochromatic landforms but good mix of vegetation colors and contrast with landforms
ADJACENT SCENERY	1.5	Mostly enclosed
SCARCITY	4.5	Major river canyons are scarce
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	23	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

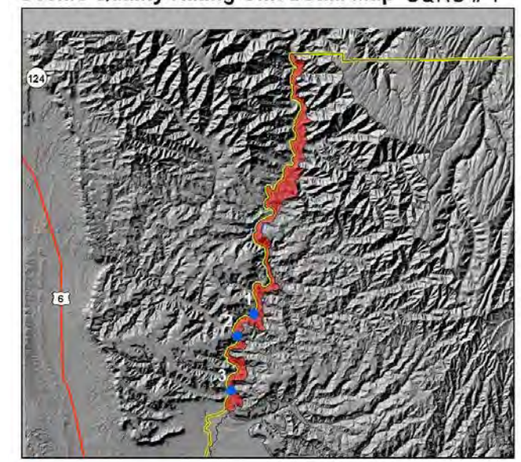
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 1



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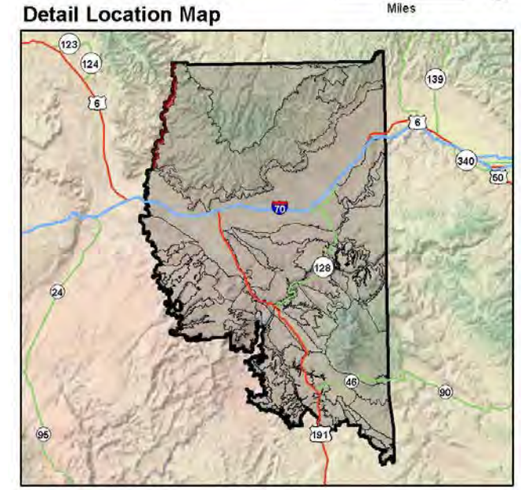

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #2
Roan Cliffs/Book Cliffs West

Date: 11/4/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock, MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Vertical, steep, rugged, broken, valley with escarpments and rock outcrops, angular, peaks, irregular; jagged trapezoidal, vertical cliffs, pyramidal, high relief	Vertical large evergreens, short sage, medium pinyon/juniper, patchy, directional, irregular patches	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Vertical, diagonal, complex, discontinuous, horizontal banding, more angular/diagonal, broken, undulating; steep	Irregular, vertical, broken, horizontal bands along terraces, irregular patch edges	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan, gray, brown, red (pale); mostly tan with varnish; tan/buff, red, gray/black	Dark green, yellow-green, grey, tan grasses	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium to rough, coarse, random, discontinuous, horizontal banding	Medium to coarse, direction, clumped, striated, dense, stippled	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Lodgepole pine, sage, and pinyon/juniper are present. The north- and south-facing slopes differ in vegetation density. There is columnar jointing in the rock; the rock is blocky, with dense vegetation.

Vegetation is more dense on the east sides of the canyon. A series of deeply cut erosional valleys drain generally south toward the Book Cliffs and the Cisco Desert. The unit is mostly wooded and undeveloped. Valleys contain perennial streams and washes.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4.5	Steep canyons and cliffs; wide variety of forms
VEGETATION	4.5	Grasses, shrubs, evergreen trees, and vegetation along perennial streams; high diversity and dense cover
WATER	0.5	Perennial streams are not visible from most locations
COLOR	4	Some intensity, particularly in the valleys; snow is seasonally present; multiple colors in landforms with vegetation contrast
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	Greatly enhances from high points, little influence from within canyons; extensive distant scenery
SCARCITY	4	Fairly distinctive, though somewhat similar to others in the region; high pine/fir covered hills are not common.
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	21.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

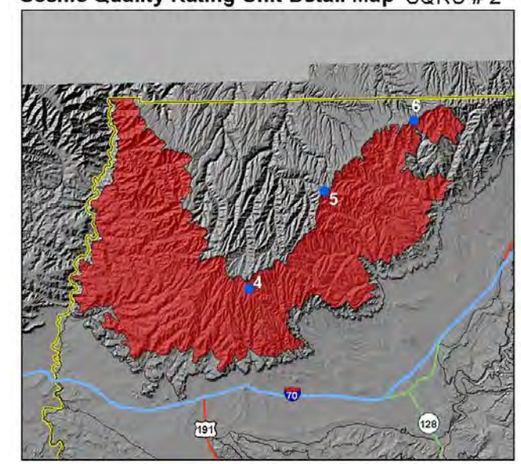
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 2



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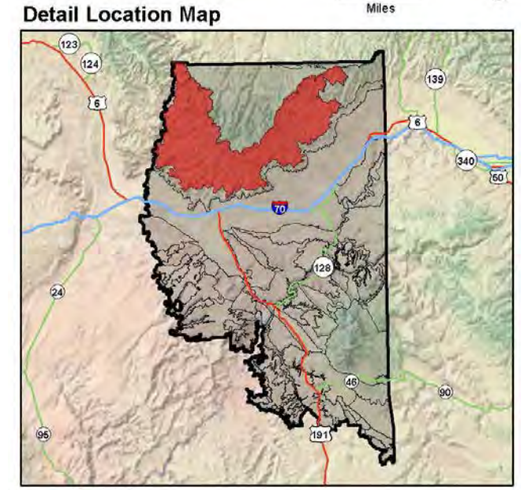

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Form 8400-1

Scenic Quality Rating Unit #02A
East Tavaputs Plateau

Date: 11/4/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Gently rolling, sloping plateau, smooth, simple, horizontal, incised valleys with rock outcrops	Shrubs/grass is low, fairly even, somewhat patchy; evergreens are tall, even to patchy	Rectangular, cylindrical, vertical
LINE	Weak, horizontal, undulating, simple, soft, convex	Weak, horizontal, simple, broken, indistinct	Horizontal and vertical, straight, distinct
COLOR	Light tan, green, tan	Gray, rust, dark green, gray/green	Gray, white, brown
TEXTURE	Smooth, fine, continuous, subtle, medium in valleys with rock exposed	Fine to medium, smooth, patchy, random, clumped	Clustered, fine to medium

Narrative

The unit consists of a sloped plateau with eroded valleys. The valleys have steeply sloped sides and narrow, flat valley bottoms. The drainages flow generally northward.

The unit is mostly undeveloped, with some oil and gas development on the eastern portion of the unit.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Mesas with step angled canyons
VEGETATION	4	Grasses, shrubs, evergreens, vegetation in valley bottoms
WATER	1	In valley bottoms, hidden from most views
COLOR	2	Somewhat subtle vegetation and rock colors
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	Distant mountain ranges moderately influence, limited in canyons
SCARCITY	3	Distinctive, somewhat similar to others in region
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Few gas developments and old corals; structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	16	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

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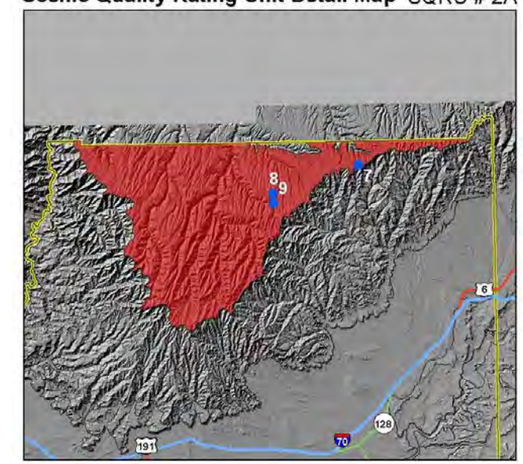
Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 2A



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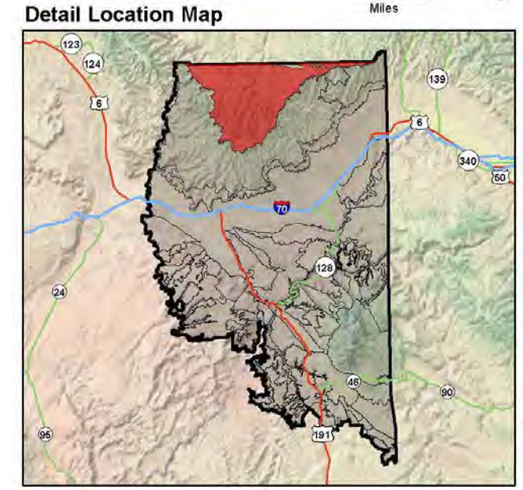

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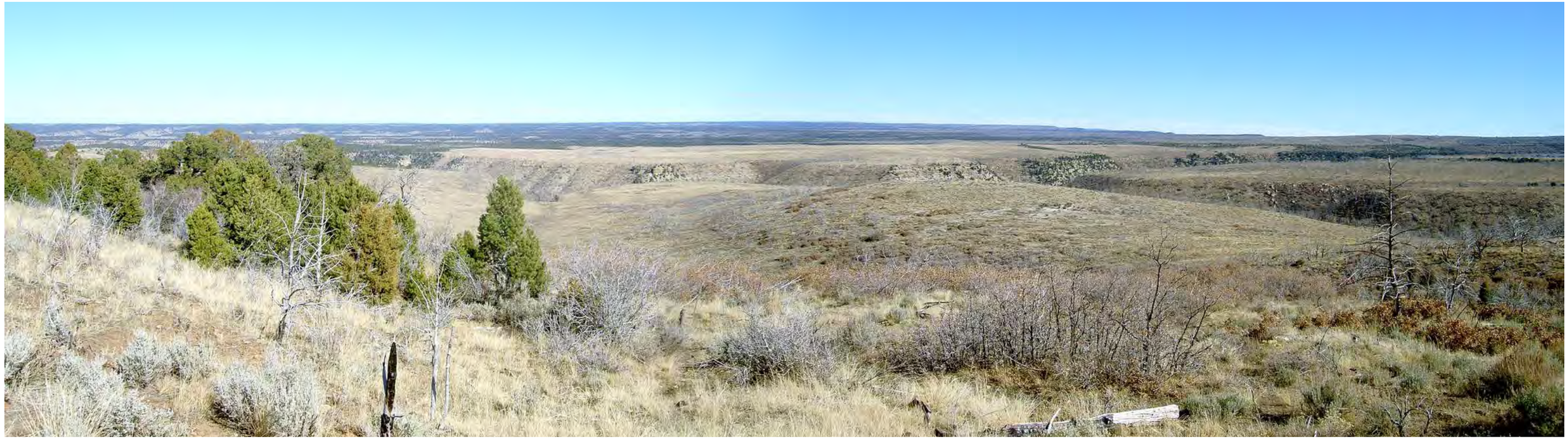

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Form 8400-1

Scenic Quality Rating Unit #02B
Roan Cliffs/Book Cliffs East

Date: 11/4/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Vertical, steep, rugged, broken, valleys with escarpments and rock outcrops, angular, irregular, peaks	Vertical evergreens, short sage, medium pinyon/ juniper, patchy, directional	Cylindrical, conical, blocks
LINE	Vertical, diagonal, complex, discontinuous, horizontal banding, angular, diagonal, broken, undulating	Irregular, vertical, broken, horizontal bands of vegetation	Straight, vertical, angular,
COLOR	Tan, gray, brown, pale red	Dark green, yellow-green, gray, tan grasses	Brown, gray, green
TEXTURE	Medium to rough, coarse, random, discontinuous, horizontal banding	Medium to coarse, directional, clumped, striated	Clumped, smooth, even

Narrative

The unit consists of a series of deeply cut erosional valleys draining generally south toward the Book Cliffs and Cisco Desert.

The unit is mostly wooded and has a considerable amount of oil and gas development. The valleys have perennial streams and washes.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4	Steep canyons and cliffs
VEGETATION	4	Grasses, shrubs, evergreen trees, vegetation along perennial streams
WATER	1	Perennial streams not visible from most locations
COLOR	3.5	Some intensity, particularly in valley floors
ADJACENT SCENERY	3.5	Greatly enhances from high points, little influence from within valleys
SCARCITY	3.5	Fairly distinctive, though somewhat similar to others in the region
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	-2	Oil and gas development is discordant
TOTAL	17.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

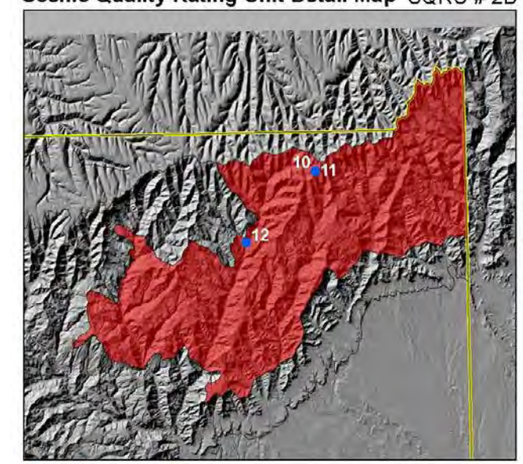
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 2B



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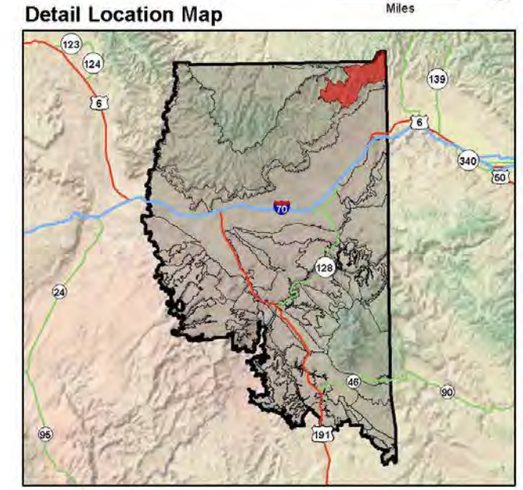

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #02C Meadow Creek

Date: 6/7/2011

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames, CJohnson, KWharton, RSweeten (BLM), Jason W. (BLM), Brandon (BLM)

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Bold, rugged, cliff faces in lower reaches, strong horizontal layering, blocky; moderately deep broad canyon with escarpments and rock outcrops	Mostly indistinct; compact conifers on north exposures, fairly even	Rectangular
LINE	Horizontal striations, vertical, complex, angled alluvials, broken	Some directional, angular, indistinct	Horizontal, vertical
COLOR	Tan, buff, brown, gray, beige, and red	Gray, dark green, gray, light green grasses	Tan/ beige
TEXTURE	Fine to coarse; rough, random, some smooth	Fine to coarse, scattered; rough to medium, stippled, fairly even/ uniform	Scattered

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4	Rugged, vertical cliffs, steep valley walls
VEGETATION	4	Pinyon juniper, Douglas fir, sage, riparian, ponderosa in higher elevations
WATER	3	Willow Creek - not dominant from most locations
COLOR	3.5	Range of tan, brown, gray with vegetation contrast; some intensity with rock outcrops and evergreens
ADJACENT SCENERY	0.5	Little influence, does not enhance
SCARCITY	3.5	Rugged canyon with water not overly common; distinctive in region
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0.5	Historic ranches
TOTAL	19	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Narrative

There is a broad river canyon with sloped to steep rocky walls and a narrow to open, flat valley bottom with sage grasses along with river. The canyon wall includes Douglas fir and ponderosa which is dense in some areas at higher elevations.

Vegetation also includes pinyon juniper. There is dense sage cover in the valley bottom. There are ag fields out of view to the north. The exposed canyon walls include rock formations that are heavily layered in some areas.

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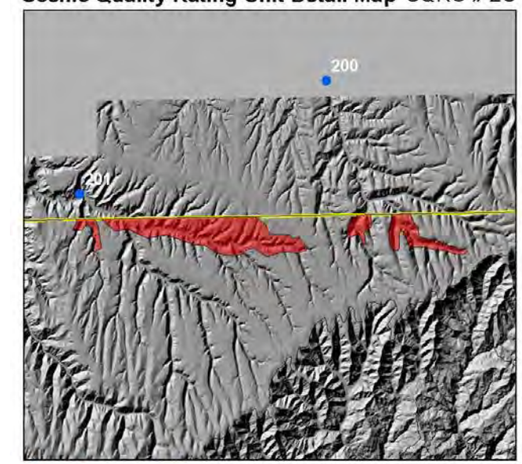

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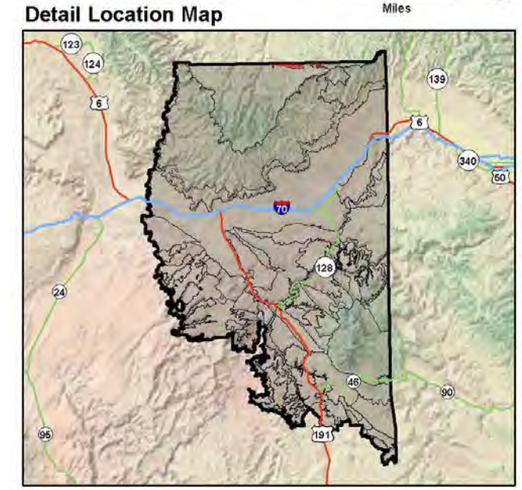

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #3
Book Cliffs Bench

Date: 11/4/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, Jenni James, TMurdock, MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat top mesas/buttes, with high sloping talus slopes, sharp forms of mesa edges, undulating finger projections; flat to gently rolling on top	Dense, directional to irregular, horizontal; indistinct - some amorphous form at patches	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Angular, diagonal, hard, horizontal to slightly angled/tilted, vertical faces at Cisco Desert	Horizontal, irregular at patch edges, simple	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan to brown and gray; light tan/red	Dark green juniper, gray sage (with brown blossom), light tan, light green to yellow-green	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Fine to medium, smooth, talus slopes, some rough edges	Fine to medium, smooth, clustered, random; patchy	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Evergreens, grasses, succulents, shrubs, and cottonwoods are present, with juniper/sage covered mesas near Book Cliffs. The landforms are slightly uplifted with bajadas on top of shelves. There are intermittent fingers.

High mesas with cliff faces and talus slopes below mark the north edge of the Cisco Desert. The unit is mostly undeveloped with few ranches; there are also some oil and gas development in the east portion. Some areas are more accessible than others.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Mesas with steep cliffs and talus slopes; steep sloped sides extend to flatter mesas
VEGETATION	3.5	Variety of vegetation types; grass, sage, juniper
WATER	0.5	Several canyons through bench have small perennial streams and riparian vegetation
COLOR	2.5	Some intensity between rock and evergreens but fairly subtle; gray, reds, tan/buff; contrast with vegetation
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	Mountains to north and distant views to south moderately enhance; Book Cliffs, La Sal Mountains (distant), Cisco Desert
SCARCITY	2.5	Distinctive, though somewhat common to others in the region; low mesa forms with juniper is fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	15	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

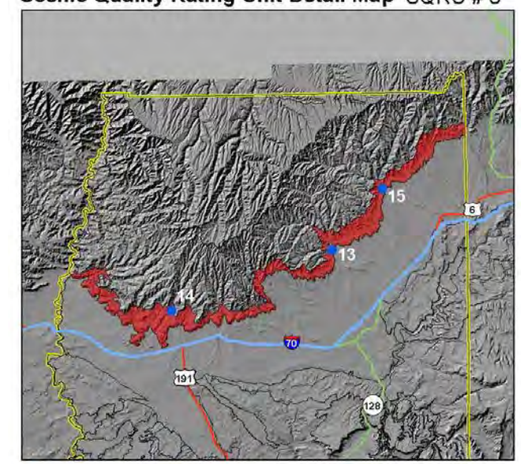
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 3



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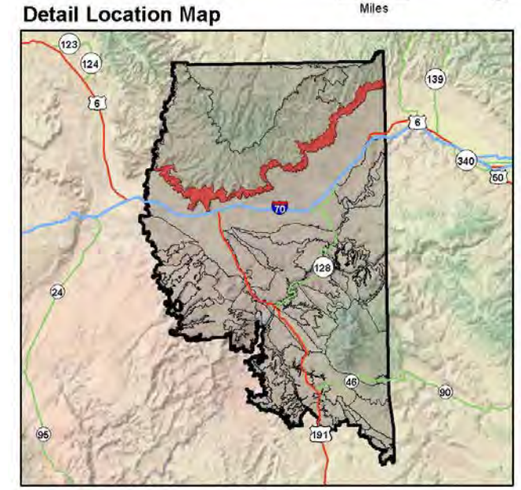

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #4
Cisco Desert

Date: 11/4/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock, MGurtler, MMeyer, RDonigan

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat to rolling with areas of rounded cones and mesas; horizontal, flat top mesas, simple	Indistinct	rectangular structures, flat roads
LINE	Horizontal, soft, angular, trapezoidal/angled sides of landforms, continuous	Indistinct	vertical and horizontal structures, straight to curving roads
COLOR	Beige, brown, gray, blue/gray, tan	Tan, gray sage, brown, dark green	mostly grays
TEXTURE	Fine	Stippled to scattered, fine	clustered structures, fine to medium

Narrative

The unit is expansive and contains rolling, undulating grassland with some juniper, “badland” dunes, blue hills with shrubs. The landforms vary from flat to rolling to fairly steep, rounded, triangular and trapezoidal forms.

The unit is mostly undeveloped but includes several small towns and the Moab airport, oil and gas development in eastern portions, and a main highway corridor (I-70). The drainages flow generally southward through numerous washes.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	1	Mostly low rolling hills
VEGETATION	2	Primarily low desert scrub with some areas of evergreens
WATER	1	Numerous washes
COLOR	1.5	Little contrast, except for where evergreens are present
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	Surrounding mountains and landforms moderately enhance
SCARCITY	1	Fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	9.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C

Scenic Quality Classification

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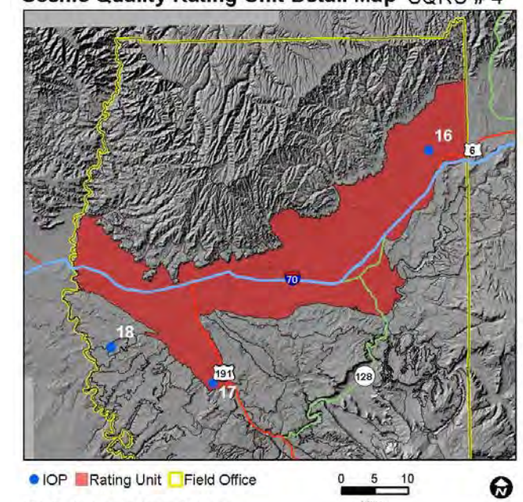
B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 4



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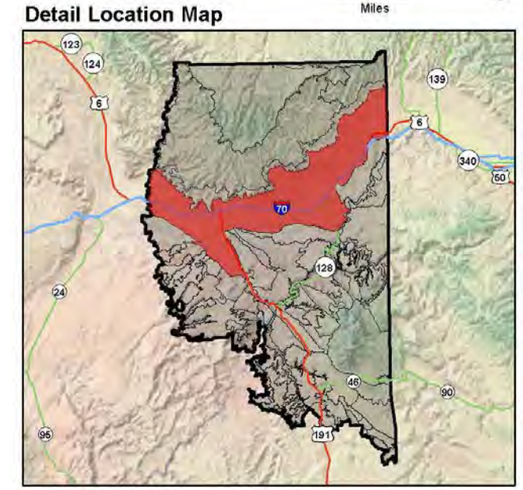

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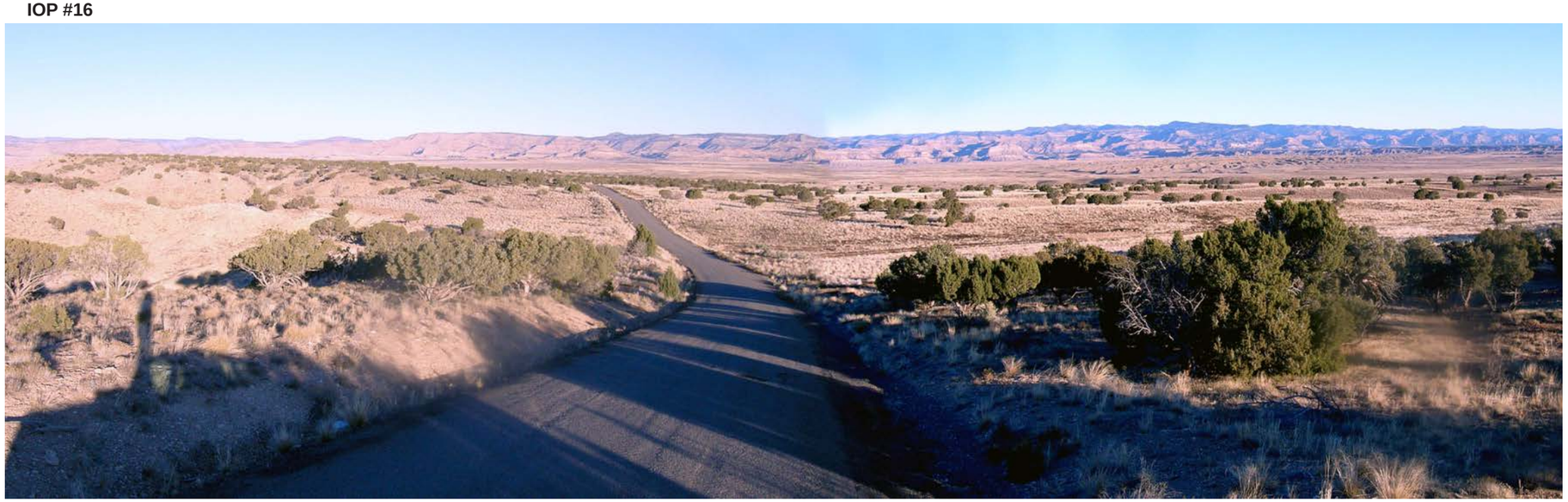

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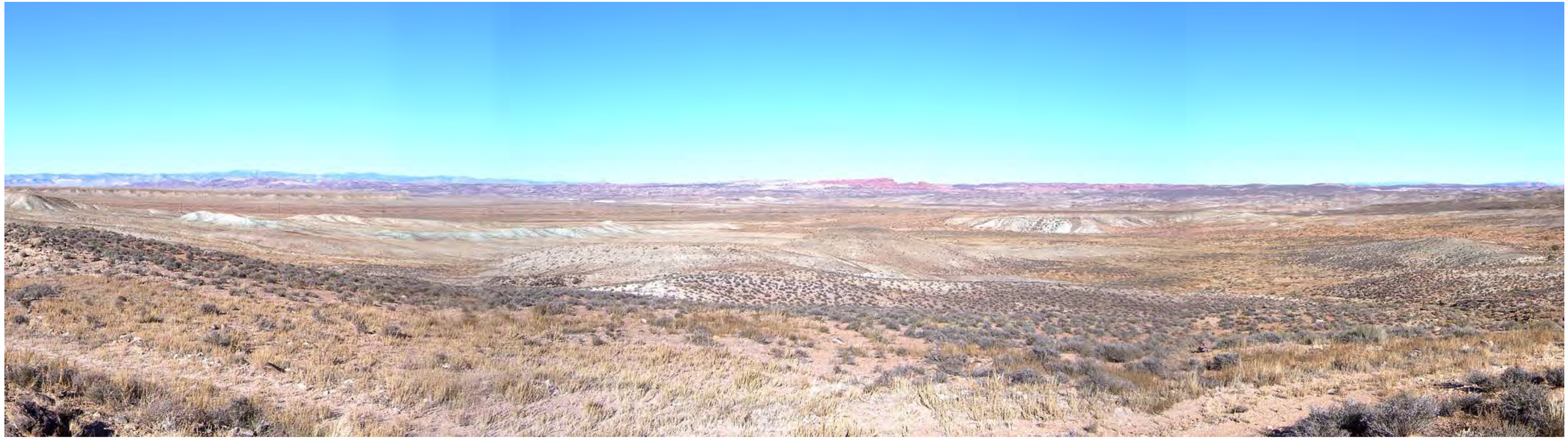

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #5
Coal Draw/Agate

Date: 11/4/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Valley: highly varied, flat, horizontal, undulating, low, blocky, trapezoidal, rock outcrops with flat tops. Upland: flat to rolling plateau, horizontal, angular escarpments, also sometimes rounded, rolling, diagonal, steep vertical faces, alcoves, soft.	Valley: definite, low, shrubs and grasses, medium rounded juniper. Upland: rounded juniper, low, overall indistinct forms.	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Valley: horizontal, undulating, simple, broken, irregular. Upland: horizontal, diagonal, simple, soft, convex.	Valley: indistinct, soft, simple. Upland: indistinct.	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Valley: light gray, light tan to brown, pale red. Upland: light tan to light brown, white to light gray, pale red.	Valley: Dark green, light green, yellow, green, gray. Upland: Dark green, yellow/green, gray/green.	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Valley: fine to medium, smooth to somewhat rough, patchy, discontinuous, random, contrasting. Upland: smooth, fine to medium, directional.	Valley: Medium to fine, smooth, random, sparse patchy juniper. Upland: patchy to stippled on slopes, solid, dense stands on plateau, sometimes less dense and more stippled.	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit consists of an uplifted plateau (upland) with eroded valley areas. The plateau areas are generally flat to rolling and tilted to drain to the NW. The valleys have seasonal water that generally drains S and SE.

The valleys vary from narrow to quite wide, and drain toward the Colorado River. The unit is mostly undeveloped. Roads and trails are visible in the wide valley, as well as an excavated water tank. OHV trails are on parts of the plateau.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Steep plateau escarpments and interesting erosional valleys
VEGETATION	3	Some variety - evergreens, shrubs, grasses
WATER	1	Present seasonally
COLOR	2.5	Subtle intensity, particularly where evergreens contrast with rock colors
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	Distant high landforms moderately enhance
SCARCITY	2	Somewhat common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Mostly undeveloped; OHV trails/roads and a water tank are present; structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	14.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

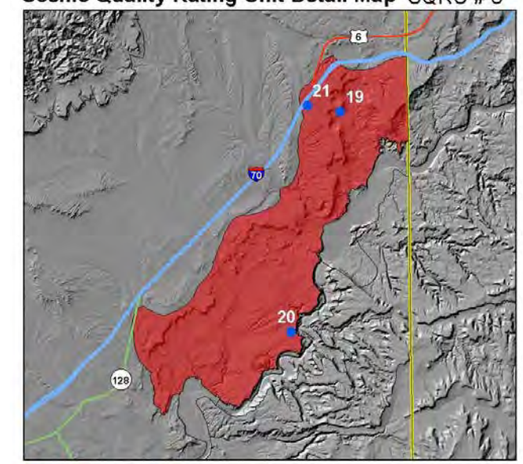
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 5



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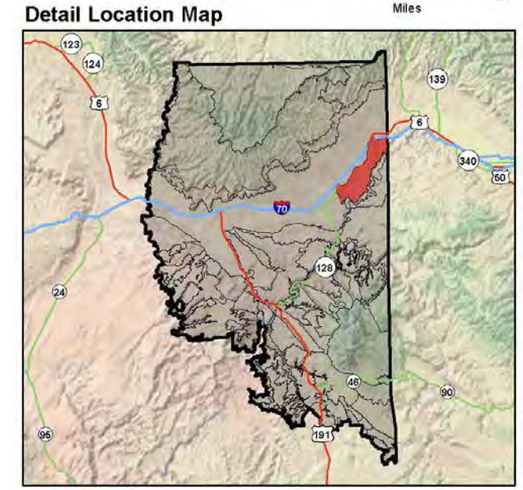

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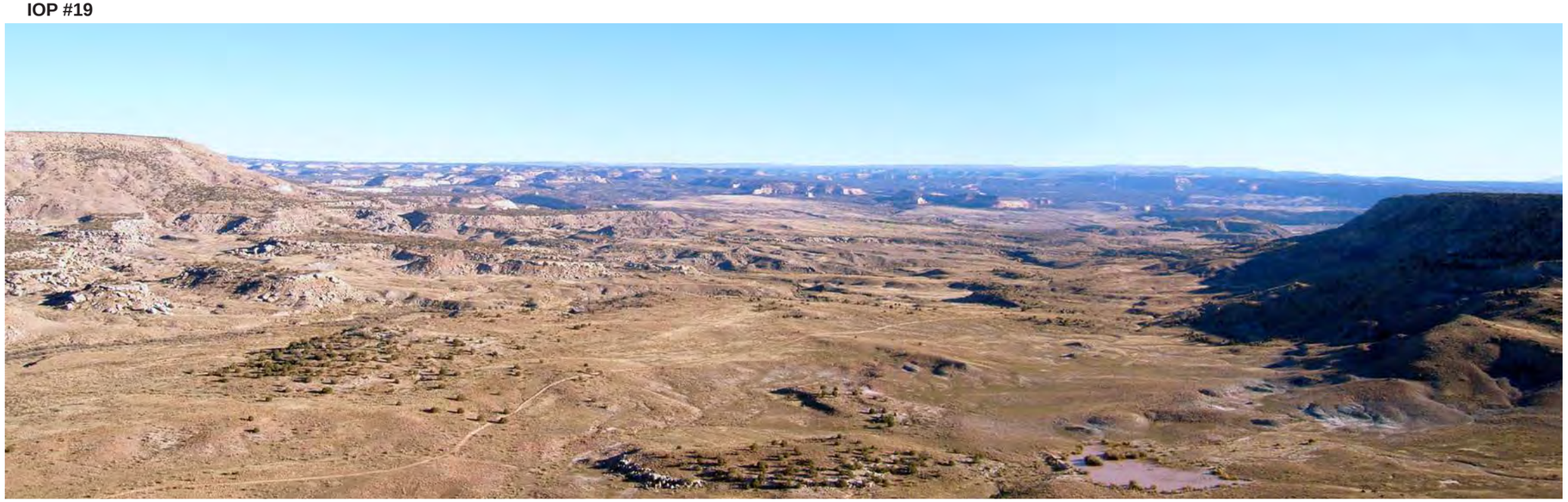

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #6
Dolores Triangle North

Date: 11/5/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rolling, soft trapezoids, flat topped, diagonal slopes, steep escarpments (erosional)	Low, rounded, amorphous, evergreens, shrubs, grasses, mostly dense evergreens	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, angular, soft/rounded, curving, undulating	Undulating to indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Brown, tan, red	Fine to medium, smooth	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Fine/smooth to medium, rock outcrops (scattered), continuous	Dense to sparse, evergreens, grasses, and shrubs, directional, some stippled	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit consists of a raised plateau with deeply incised valleys that drain northwest toward the Colorado River. The unit is mainly undeveloped.

The unit primarily has dense evergreen cover with patches of grasses and shrubs.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4	High cliffs and steep canyons, prominent buttes/ spires
VEGETATION	3.5	Mostly evergreen, but also patches of shrubs and grasses
WATER	1	Present but not visible from most areas, seasonal
COLOR	3	Some intensity, particularly with evergreens and red rock forms
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	Enhances from high areas, but is limited in valleys
SCARCITY	3	Distinctive, though somewhat similar to others in the region
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	17.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

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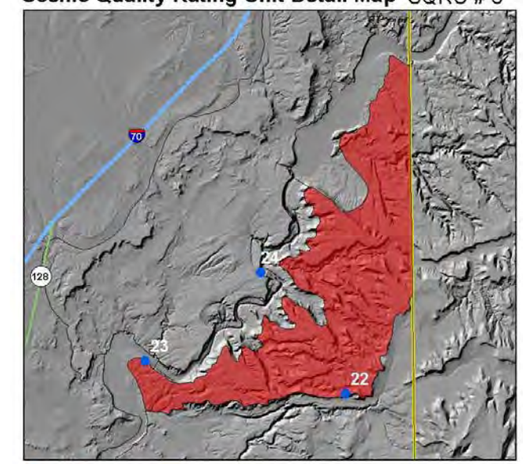
B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 6



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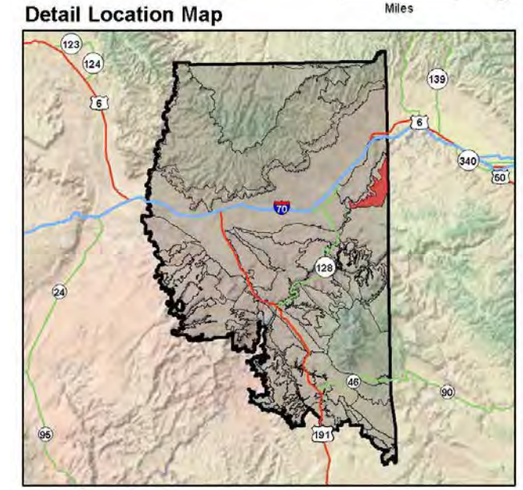

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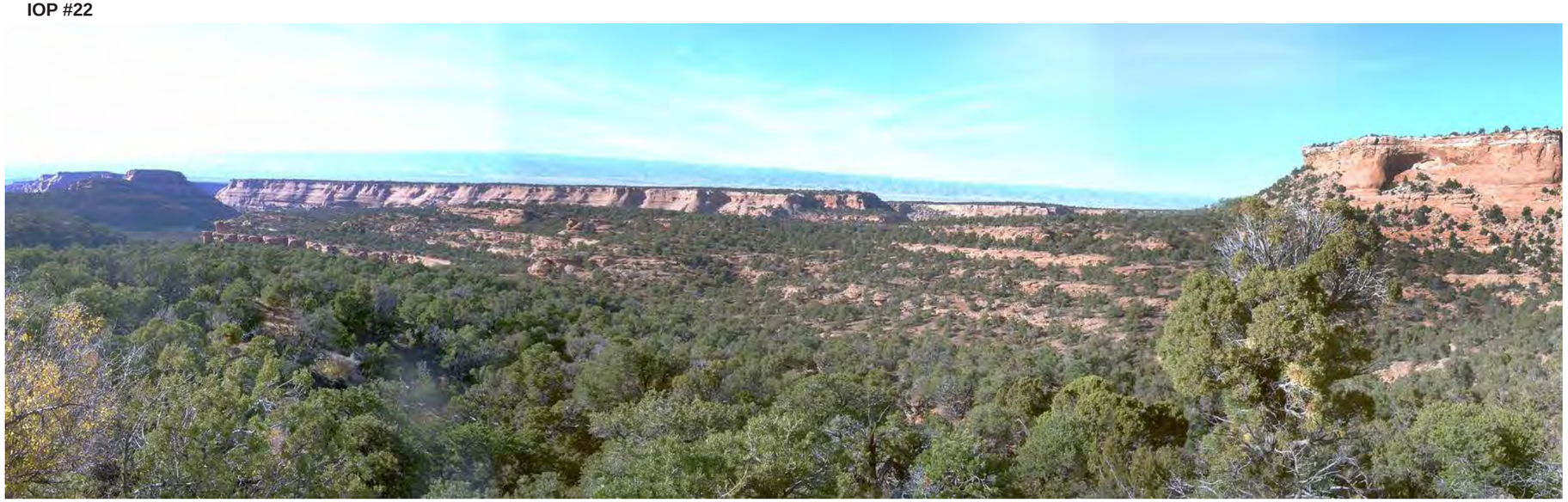

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #7
Dolores Triangle South

Date: 11/5/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat, angular, sloping, uplifted, wide, rolling, low, horizontal, diagonal, mesa outcrops - soft, rounded	Rounded, low shrubs, medium evergreens, continuous, horizontal	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, diagonal, angular, simple, continuous, curvilinear mesa lines	Indistinct, smooth, simple, soft, continuous, horizontal lines on mesa bands	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Light tan, pale to dark red, white and red banding in mesa outcrops	Dark green, yellow/green, gray/green, gray	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Fine to medium, smooth, directional	Medium, uniform, dense stippling, gradational, directional on mesa bands	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit is mostly flat to rolling, and sloped to the west. It includes numerous drainage channels, a few of which are deeply incised on the eastern portion of the area. The unit is mostly undeveloped.

There is a mixture of evergreens, shrubs, and grasses at various densities.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	2.5	Overall flat to rolling and sloped; some deeper valleys
VEGETATION	3.5	Some variety, mostly evergreens, shrubs, grasses
WATER	1	Seasonally in deeper valleys and washes
COLOR	3	Some intensity, particularly with evergreens and rock colors
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	Enhances; La Sal Mountains, other distant landforms, rivers
SCARCITY	1	Fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	15	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

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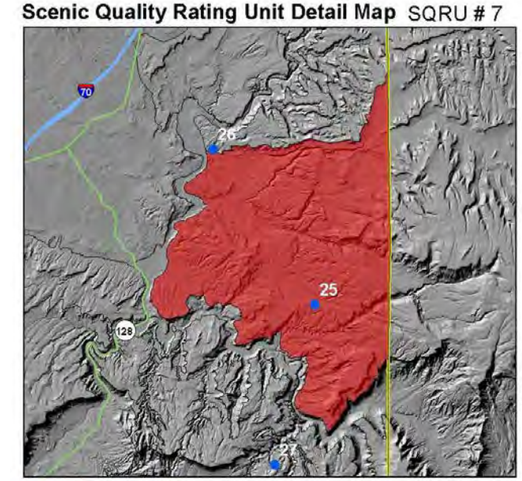
Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 7



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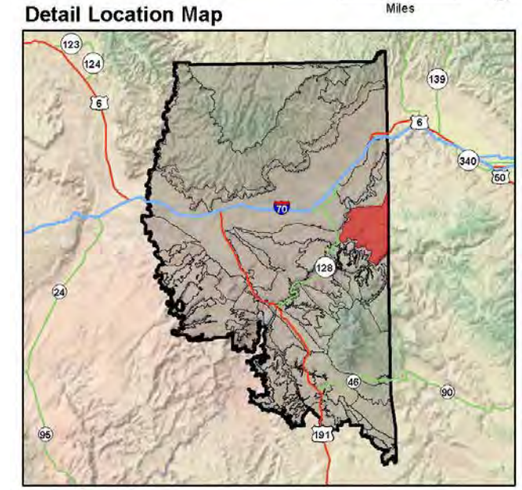

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #8
Westwater Canyon/Beaver Creek

Date: 11/5/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock, MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Large irregular blocky forms on canyon wall, pyramidal; very flat bottom, serpentine, horizontal, slight undulation, steep vertical escarpments	Vertical canopy of cottonwood, indistinct in uplands; bold prominent, vertical, contrasting, irregular	Rectangular, angular, vertical
LINE	Horizontal layers/banding, angled slopes, undulating rim, sinuous creek/river; horizontal, curvilinear, flowing, simple, soft, vertical	Curvilinear along river, indistinct in uplands; irregular, curving, horizontal, undulating, simple	Vertical, diagonal, hard, horizontal
COLOR	Red, blacks, gray, tan/ buff, light tan - Navajo; white to light tan, dark red, brown, black to dark gray	Yellow cottonwood, gray/ blue-black brush, dark green juniper; bright yellow/gold, yellow/green, tan, gray, brown	Brown, white
TEXTURE	Rough form, smooth slopes; fine, uniform, continuous, subtle	Speckled on slopes/upland, coarse cottonwood; fine, smooth to medium to patchy, discontinuous, clumped, random, directional	Medium, clustered

Narrative

The unit includes the river valleys of the Colorado and Dolores rivers, as well as numerous prominent canyons draining to these rivers.

The unit is mostly undeveloped and primarily consists of deeply incised canyons, though some areas are wider and less enclosed. The slope is covered in grass and sage with extensive cottonwoods and riparian vegetation in some locations.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4.5	Mostly high, steep canyon walls
VEGETATION	4.5	Variety of evergreens, shrubs, grasses, and plants along river edges; good stands of riparian
WATER	4	Dominant views of flowing water; creek reasonably large with prominent features
COLOR	4.5	Variety of vegetation and rock colors; tans and reds of canyon and multiple greens of vegetation
ADJACENT SCENERY	1	Mostly enclosed with few views beyond canyon walls; views of Colorado River at mouth
SCARCITY	4	Distinctive in region; substantial perennial water somewhat rare
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	22.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

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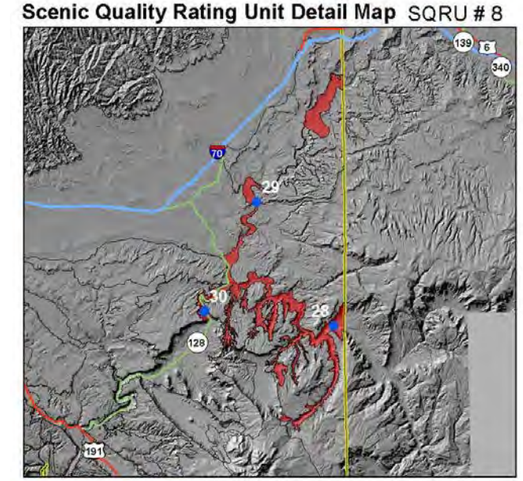
C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 8



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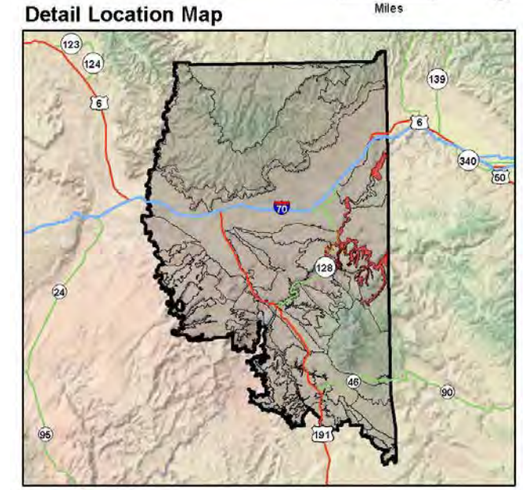

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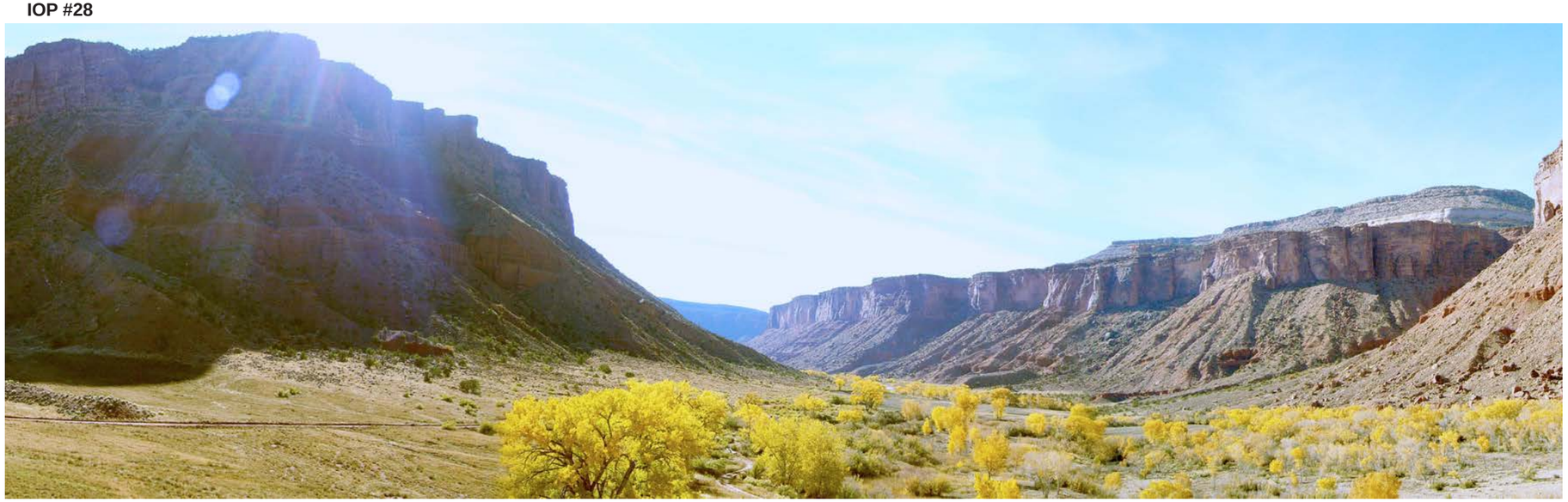

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #08A Westwater Canyon

Date: 11/5/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Steep, vertical escarpments, irregular, inner gorge, sloped and jagged	Low, rounded, amorphous	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Distinct, irregular, horizontal, vertical, continuous, hard, serpentine, diagonal, short vertical	Indistinct, horizontal bands	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan, brown, red/brown, black	Dark green, light green, gray, yellow, blue/gray	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium to rough, some smooth vertical cliffs, random, discontinuous, mostly medium to rough	Smooth to medium, directional, dense, random clusters, stippled to gradational	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit includes part of Westwater Canyon, which is a deeply incised canyon of the Colorado River. The lower portion of the canyon is dark gray/black in color. The unit is mostly undeveloped, aside from trails and camp areas.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4.5	High vertical relief of canyon walls
VEGETATION	4	Variety of evergreens, shrubs, grasses, and plants along river edges
WATER	4.5	Dominant views of water
COLOR	4.5	High variety of rock and vegetation colors
ADJACENT SCENERY	0	Adjacent scenery has little or no influence on overall visual quality
SCARCITY	4	Distinctive canyon in the region
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	21.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

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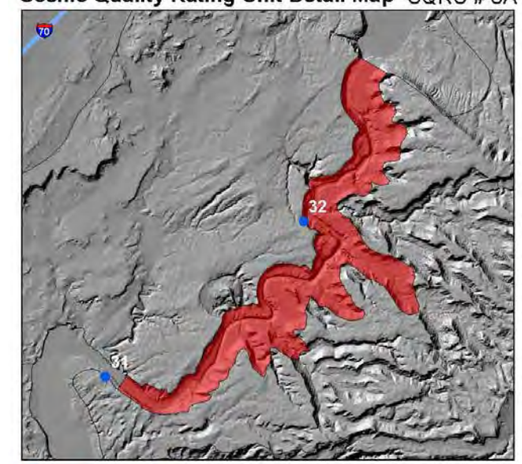
IOP #31

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 8A



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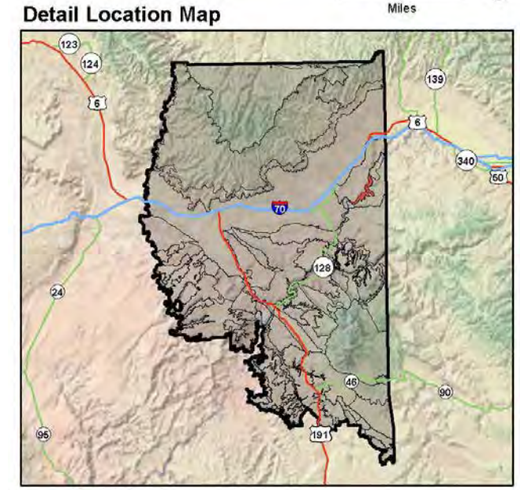

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #9
Top of the World

Date: 11/5/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat, angular slopes, rough, somewhat jagged, uplifted/tilted, vertical, steep escarpments	Medium height, prominent, angular, irregular	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Diagonal, horizontal, irregular, rugged, broken, hard, horizontal banding	Definite, irregular, complex, broken	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Light tan, pale red	Dark green	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Fine to coarse, smooth to rough, directional, random	Medium, smooth, continuous, dense	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit consists of uplifted plateau formations, sloping north/northeast. The plateau has two primary layers/elevations, the higher plateau creates high escarpments at its edges.

The unit is mostly undeveloped, and drains toward the Dolores and Colorado rivers.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	High escarpments
VEGETATION	3	Mostly evergreens and shrubs, some variety
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	3	Some intensity, particularly with evergreens and banded rock
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	Enhances, particularly from higher elevations
SCARCITY	2	Somewhat distinctive, though similar to others in the region
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	15	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

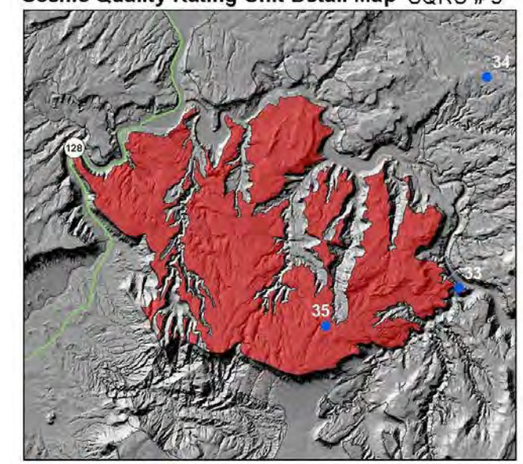
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 9



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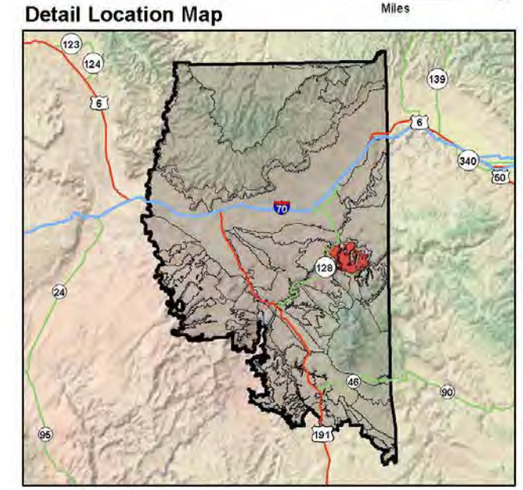

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #10
Polar Mesa

Date: 11/5/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, MGurtler, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Round plateaus, heavily rolling, blocky in areas	Vertical in forested area, amorphous	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, angular, vertical, curved	Irregular lines along patches	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan/buff, red, white to light gray	Dark green juniper and pine, light green gray sage, straw/yellow grasses	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Coarse to smooth	Fine to medium, patchy	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit is heavily covered in pinyon/juniper over much of the area. Some pine is present in the upper elevations. The elevated plateau form offers distant views as you ascend the road to the top of the mesa.

The steep canyon of Beaver Creek is located to the east.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Steep, occasionally blocky cliffs and buttes
VEGETATION	3.5	Sage, grasses, pinyon/juniper, some pine
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	3	Faint colors of landforms contrast somewhat with vegetation
ADJACENT SCENERY	4.5	La Sal Mountains, Dolores Triangle, Book Cliffs, Beaver Creek and other canyons
SCARCITY	3	Raised mesa form similar to others in Colorado Plateau
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	No detractions from natural setting
TOTAL	17	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

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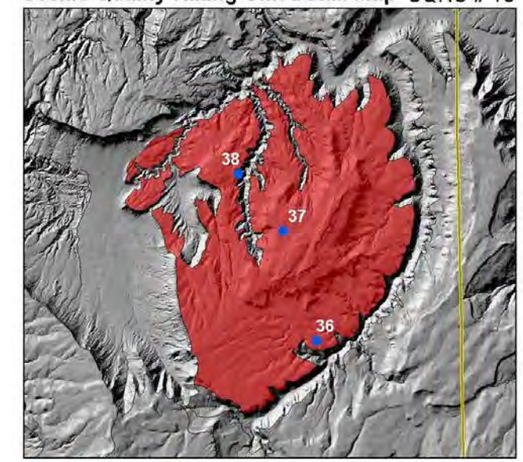

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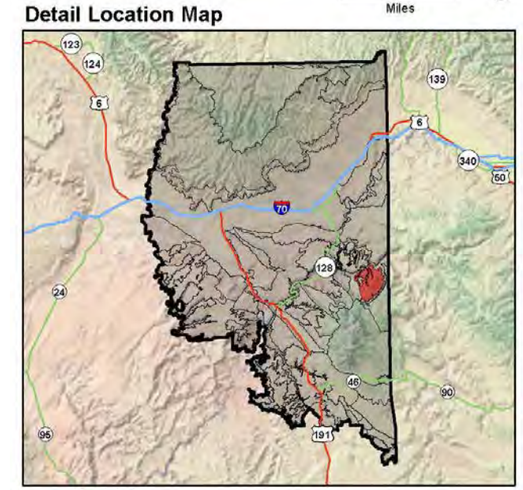

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #11
Fisher Valley

Date: 11/5/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, MGurtler, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Slightly rolling to flat valley bottom, steep angle to vertical cliffs, some rounded forms at cliff base	Indistinct, agricultural fields	Ranch house/facility, rectangular, low profile/ short
LINE	Horizontal, vertical, angular, curved	Indistinct grasses, sage; juniper in fringe areas; linear/angular agricultural fields	Horizontal, vertical
COLOR	Red/reddish tan, tan/buff, gray	Straw/yellow, dark green, gray	Gray, white
TEXTURE	Smooth valley bottom, medium valley walls/cliffs	Fine, stippled juniper	Medium

Narrative

The unit is an interior valley. There are red cliffs, covered in juniper. The ranch creates a pastoral setting. There is a strong sense of enclosure, but there is also a large open valley.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3.5	Slightly rolling with some red landforms/cliff faces; includes the cliff
VEGETATION	3	Grasses, sage, juniper, with agricultural fields, cottonwoods at the ranch
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	4	Good contrast of vegetation and red soil/cliffs
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	Cliffs, landforms, La Sal Mountains
SCARCITY	1.5	Fairly common in the Colorado Plateau
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	1	The ranch adds to the scenic quality
TOTAL	17	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

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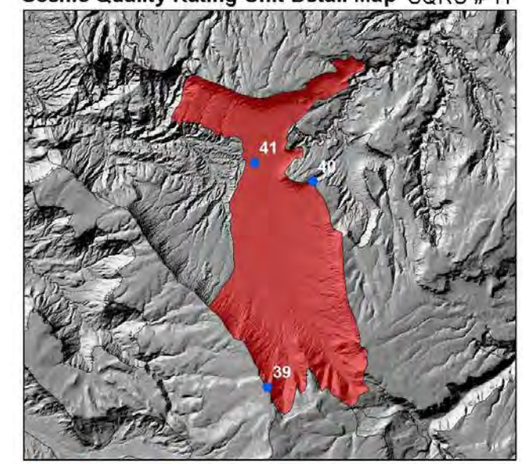
Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 11



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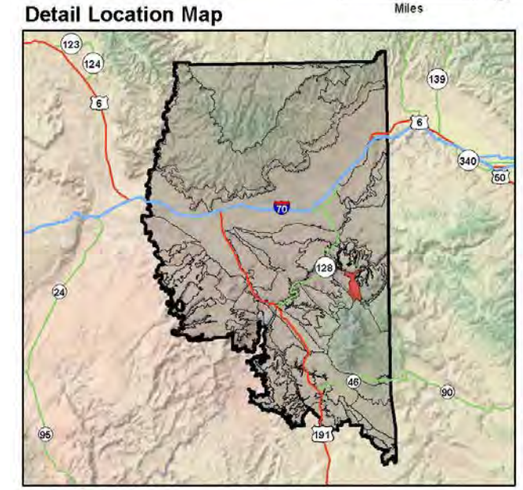

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #11A
Onion Creek

Date: 11/5/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, MGurtler, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rounded, pyramidal, steep angular, some rolling in upper areas below cliffs	Mostly indistinct but rounded canopies of cottonwood and round/oval forms of shrubs/ juniper discernable in some areas	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, vertical, curved, angular	Some angular lines along slopes, mostly indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Red, tan/buff, light gray/ white (salt dome)	Dark green juniper, gray sage, green/yellow cottonwood	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium to Coarse	Fine to medium, stippled	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit extends from Professor valley across rolling to rugged terrain. There is a creek located along the road. The views are mostly enclosed until the unit rises toward Fisher Valley.

The salt dome's color and form adds interest.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4	Fairly rugged rolling hills transition into mesa cliffs
VEGETATION	4	Grasses, sage, juniper, with riparian along the creek
WATER	2.5	Onion Creek is perennial but small
COLOR	4	Multiple color cliffs/landforms, white salt dome adds interest
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	La Sal Mountains, Fisher Towers, but sometimes limited views because of enclosed views - not critical to the unit
SCARCITY	3	Somewhat common terrain
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	20.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

Scenic Quality Classification

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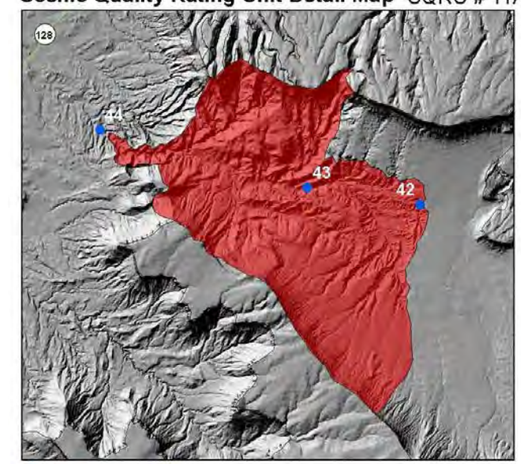
Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 11A



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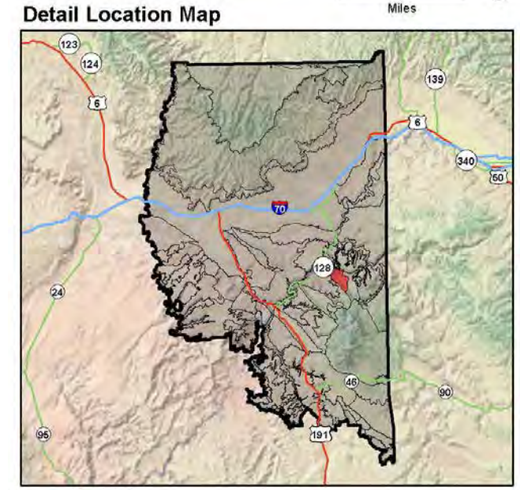

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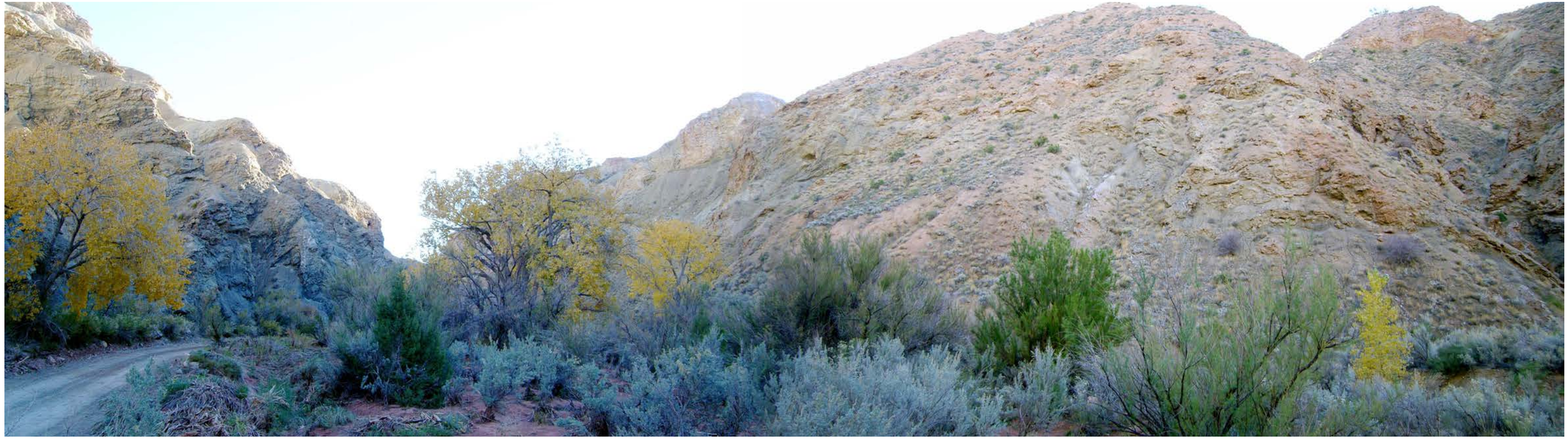

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #12
Dolores Point

Date: 11/5/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, KKennedy, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Round plateaus, flat tops, blocky in areas, rolling	dense, amorphous	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, angular, vertical, curvalinear	irregular between juniper and grass edges	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan/buff, white, red	Dark green of evergreens, grays of deciduous, white aspen, straw grasses	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	coarse to smooth	dense and even in areas, clumped and dotted in others, medium	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Highland plateau area east of Beaver Creek, along Colorado border. This area lies at the base of the La Sal Mountains, and has a good variety of fairly dense vegetation. The landform is generally rolling and undulating, with some sheer rock faces.

Seasonal color could be striking with presence of aspen trees.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Rounded and rolling forms with some vertical faces/outcroppings
VEGETATION	3.5	Good diversity with variety of species, forms, and textures
WATER	0	Not present
COLOR	3.5	Good contrast and variety between landform diversity and vegetation. Probably even better earlier in year.
ADJACENT SCENERY	4.5	Great views to surrounding landforms and canyons, into Colorado, up against La Sal Mountians
SCARCITY	3	Many distinctive features but similar to others in the physiographic province
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	None visible
TOTAL	17.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

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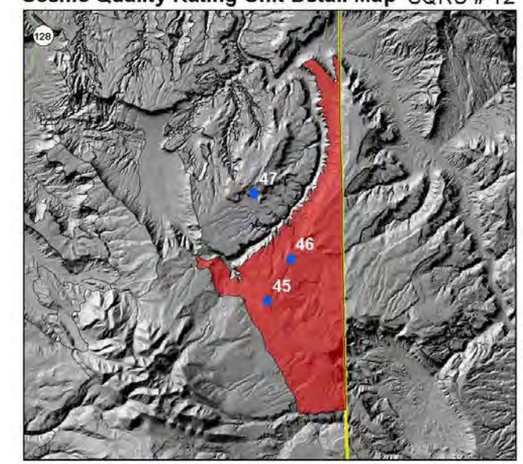

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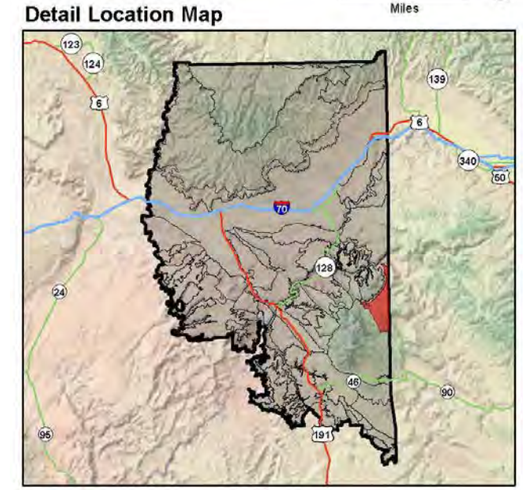

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #13
Fisher Mesa

Date: 11/8/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rolling mesa tops, rolling/ rounded landforms; jumbled, blocky, isolated landforms	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Rounded, soft curves, undulating, vertical, angled	Some horizontal in layering, mostly indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan/buff, red/orange, some dark stain areas, gray	Dark green juniper and pine, gray sage, straw/ yellow though minimal grasses	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium to rough	Medium to coarse	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit has a raised mesa area above Fisher Valley. It is extensively forested and is located at the base of the La Sal Mountains. There are distant views from overlook areas but vegetation limits the views in many areas.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3.5	Mostly rolling hills, some steeper drainage areas
VEGETATION	3.5	Some sage and grasses but mostly a good mix of pinyon/juniper, montane evergreens
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	3	Dominated by dark green vegetation
ADJACENT SCENERY	4.5	Views of La Sal Mountains, Fisher Tower, Onion Creek, Professor Valley
SCARCITY	3	Forested mesas not extremely common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	17.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

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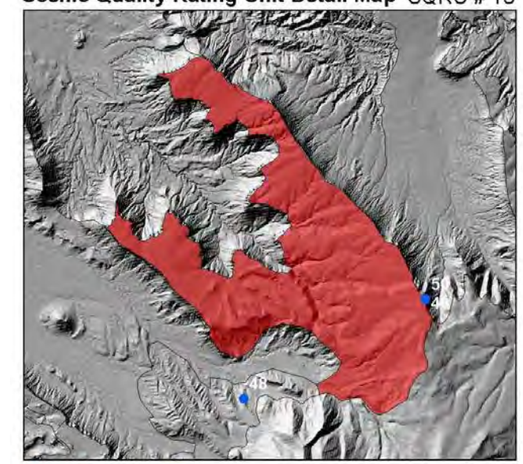

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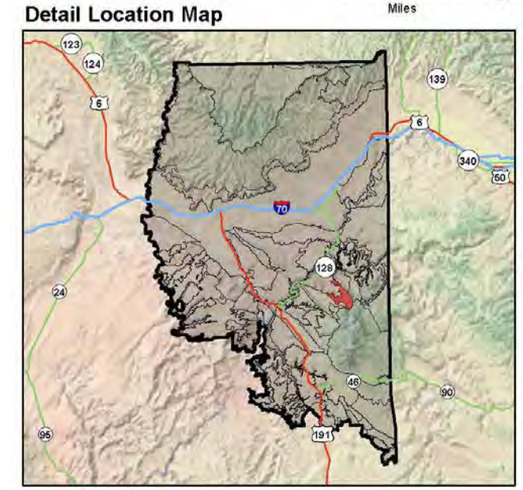

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #13A
Upper Castle Valley

Date: 11/8/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rolling to deep angular, conical, pyramidal	Indistinct, some irregular patches	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Angular, curvilinear, horizontal ridges	Indistinct mostly, some undulating along patch edges	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan/buff, some red	Dark green pinyon/ juniper and pine, gray sage, some straw/yellow grasses	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Coarse	Fine to medium most areas, patchy, stippled	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit is located at the foothills of the La Sal Mountains, with the northern peaks of the mountains immediately to the south. There is a pine-forested series of ridges.

There are some views from the road to Castle Valley and beyond.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3.5	Series of low ridges, small hills
VEGETATION	3.5	Forested in some areas, mix of species at the base of the La Sal Mountains
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	3	Dark green vegetation is dominant
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	La Sal Mountains, landforms of Castle Valley, Porcupine Rim
SCARCITY	3	Forested mesas not extremely common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	17	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

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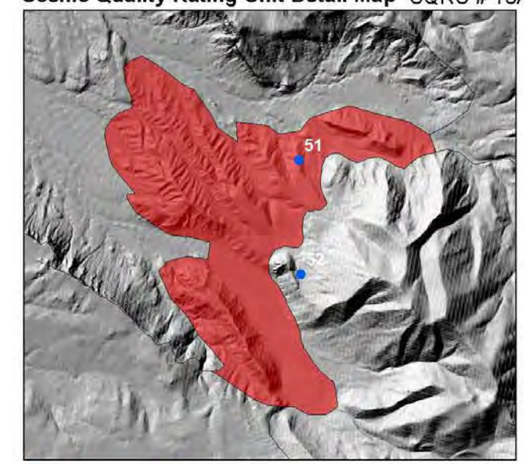

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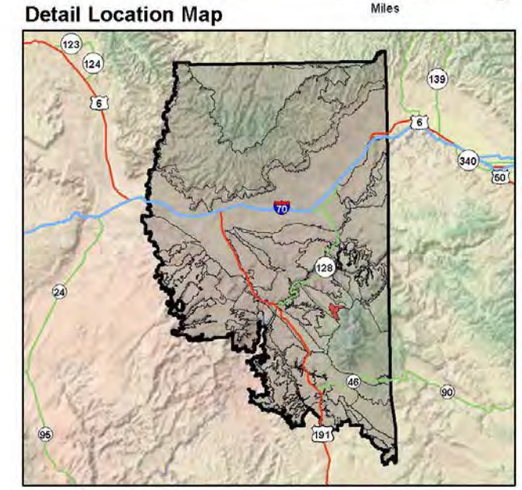

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #14
Wilson, South, and Bald Mesas

Date: 11/7/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat with rolling foothills adjacent to La Sal Mountains	Indistinct to amorphous	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal to slightly angular/slopes	Indistinct to irregular (line between juniper and sage)	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Beige/brown	Dark green, green/gray, beige, gray	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Fine	Stippled, fairly even	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit consists of rolling foothills of the La Sal Mountains. The drainages slope/flow generally to the northwest.

The unit is mostly undeveloped, but has fairly significant amount of agricultural/grazing development, and some rural housing.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	2	Softly rolling to flat
VEGETATION	4	Evergreens, aspen, shrubs, grasses, grazing fields
WATER	1	Present but not noticeable from most locations
COLOR	3	Some intensity in vegetative colors
ADJACENT SCENERY	5	Greatly enhances; La Sal Mountains, Behind the Rocks
SCARCITY	2	Fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	17	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

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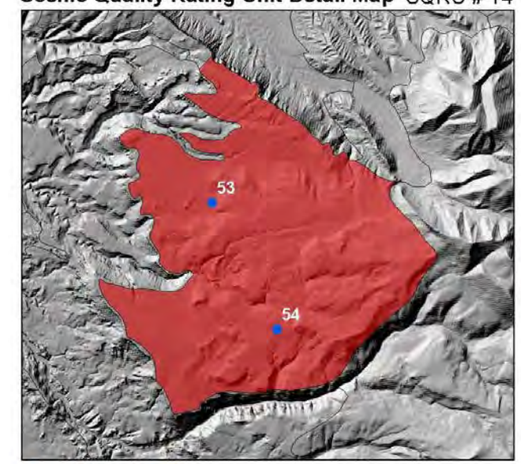

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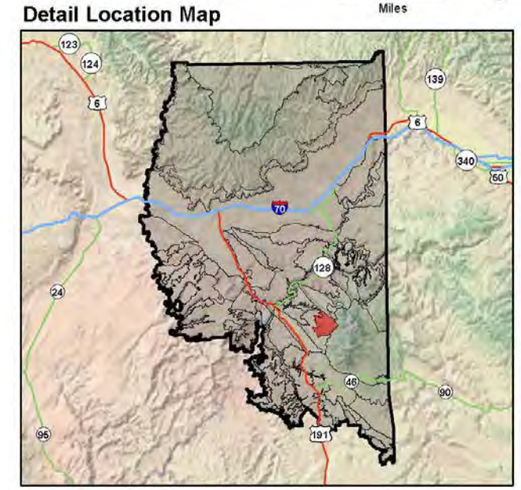

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #15
Professor Valley

Date: 11/6/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, TMurdock, MMeyer, RDonigan, MGurtler, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Moderate rolling uplands, complex, amorphous, irregular, low, flat, sloping floodplain/river, serpentine, simple, smooth, curving, directional, steep valley walls; deep angular, jagged, pyramidal, heavily eroded, columnar spires, blocky, rectangular	Rounded, flat, low shrubs and grasses, high cottonwoods, directional along river, rectangular to rounded grazing fields; mostly indistinct, some rounded individual trees, highly variable	Rectangular, flat
LINE	Moderate, irregular, curving, horizontal valley, undulating, broken, vertical and angled valley walls; complex, horizontal banding, rounded	Natural vegetation is irregular, curvilinear and broken; cropland is hard and straight to continuous; indistinct, some linear/curved along river, some random angles on landforms	Hard, vertical, horizontal, broken, angles
COLOR	Tan, brown/red; dark reds/brown, tan/buff, red/orange; gray, yellow, dark gray, black	Dark green juniper, dark brown, tan, green; gray sage, yellow/straw grass, bright green/yellow cottonwood, gray/blue black brush	Glaring, brown, white; gray, tan
TEXTURE	Fine to medium, smooth to rough, patchy, directional, discontinuous, contrasting, gradational; highly complex smooth slopes	Fine to medium, smooth to rough, mottled/patchy, random, clusters, contrasting; stippled	Clustered, medium, random, scattered, sparse, smooth surfaces

Narrative

The unit consists of a wide enclosed valley with high vertical valley walls and rock formations. The Colorado River runs through the valley along the NW edge and all areas drain toward the river.

The unit is mostly undeveloped; roads and ranches/agricultural fields are highly visible but don't distract from the scenery (some recreational dev/rural with resort dev). Spectacular landforms and towers are within the valley, making an iconic landscape.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	5	High vertical relief of valley walls and rock formations, dominating; spectacular isolated tower forms; one of a kind iconic features
VEGETATION	4	Variety of evergreens, shrubs, grasses, and vegetation along river; sage with sparse juniper, riparian along the river but not a dominant feature
WATER	4.5	Dominant in landscape, prominent; Colorado River is feature element in lower reaches of valley
COLOR	4	Intensity of colors in rock, water, vegetation, and agricultural fields; good composition between landforms and vegetation; full combination of reds, oranges, tan/buff, gray along with variety of vegetation color
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	Occasional views of La Sal Mountains moderately enhances; some outside scenery visible but hard to enhance scenery of unit
SCARCITY	4.5	Rare within the region; river canyon and tower forms are rare/scarce
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	1	Ranches, agricultural fields, and recreation areas add favorably to the landscape
TOTAL	26	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

Scenic Quality Classification

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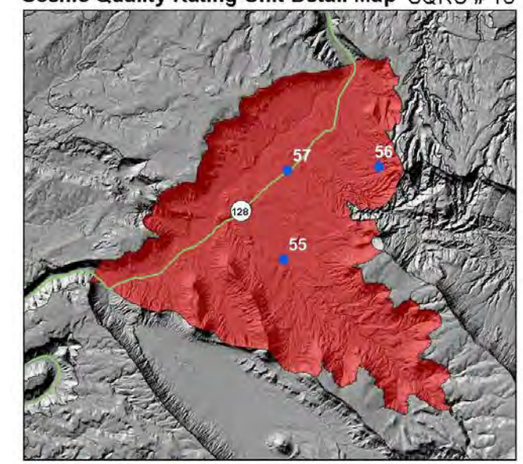

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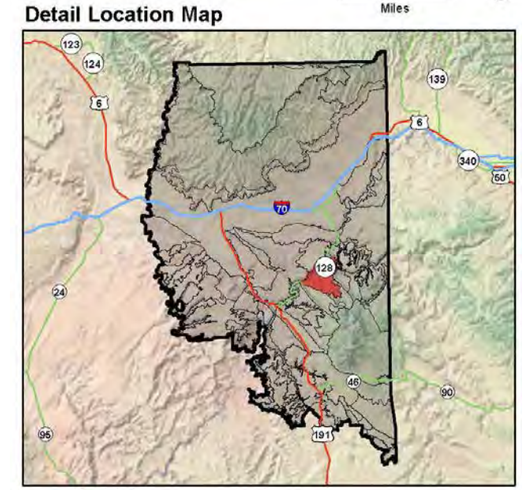

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #15A
Castle Valley

Date: 11/8/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat valley, gently rolling, conical round mountain	Indistinct	Rectangular, angled roofs of rural development
LINE	Horizontal, angular	Mostly indistinct, horizontal, some curvilinear along the creek	Horizontal, vertical, angular
COLOR	Tan/buff, red/orange	Dark green, straw yellow, gray, yellow cottonwood	Gray, tan, white
TEXTURE	Smooth to some medium with landforms	Fine, stippled	Medium

Narrative

Unit encompasses Castle Valley landform. The unit consists of a valley with rural development, surrounded by canyon walls and landforms. Vegetation includes grasses, sage, juniper, riparian, agricultural fields, and developed landscapes

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	2	Mostly flat valley with steep walls, round mountain
VEGETATION	4	Mix of grasses, sage, juniper, riparian, agricultural fields and developed landscapes
WATER	2	Placer Creek, strong riparian vegetation but not prominent water
COLOR	3	Mix of greens contrasts with landforms
ADJACENT SCENERY	4.5	La Sal Mountains, landforms including Parriott Mesa, Castle Valley to Fisher Tower, the Rectory
SCARCITY	1	Valleys are fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Rural development seems to fit in the landscape
TOTAL	16.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

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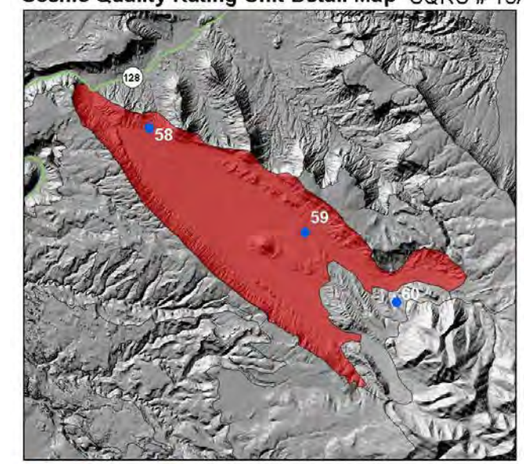
Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 15A



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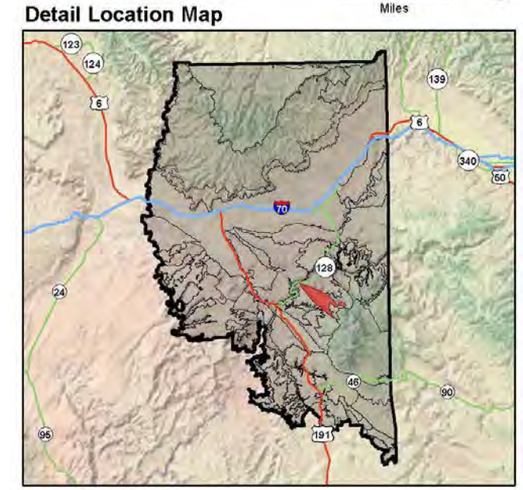

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #16
Dome Plateau

Date: 11/6/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat to rolling with tall rounded buttes and rock formations, low mesas with blocky tops and sloped sides	Rounded, low, moderate density, juniper is more scattered on top of mesas	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, flowing flat areas, undulating, vertical and horizontal lines of rock formations, horizontal and broken mesas, diagonal slopes	Irregular, indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Brown, red/brown, red, tan, gray/white	Dark green, green, tan, gray	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Fine to medium, smooth, discontinuous, random, contrasting, scattered	Amorphous, patchy, somewhat stippled	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit consists of a large plateau sloped to the north. The unit drains generally to the north, east, and west. The unit is mostly undeveloped aside from OHV roads and prospecting ruins.

There is a mixture of evergreens, shrubs and grasses.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Mostly flat to rolling and sloped with some high mesas and rock formations
VEGETATION	3	Some variety, evergreens, shrubs, and grasses
WATER	1	Seasonally present
COLOR	3	Some intensity with evergreens and rock color
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	Enhances quality; Book Cliffs, La Sal Mountains, Arches National Park
SCARCITY	3	Distinctive, though somewhat similar to others in the region
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Some roads visible; structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	17	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

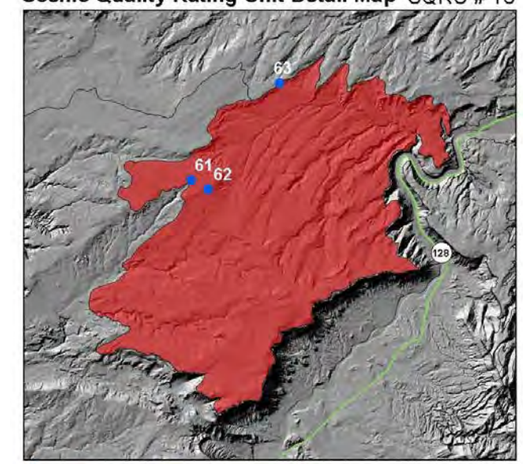
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 16



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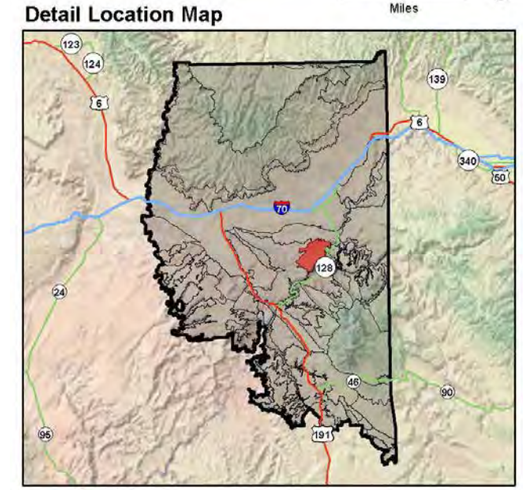

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #17
Poison Strip

Date: 11/6/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Low, flat, blocky plateaus, horizontal, slightly rolling, tall, flat-topped mesas with sloped sides	Rounded, medium to low, horizontal, indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, diagonal, convex foothills, hard to soft, horizontal striations	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Light tan to light gray, pale red	Dark green, gray/green, tan, gray	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Fine to medium, smooth, continuous to broken, patchy, directional	Fine, clumping shrubs in grassland, clumped juniper on foothills, dispersed juniper in grassland	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit consists of an uplifted upper plateau broken by many erosional valleys, and a lower flat plateau with raised mesa formations. The unit is mostly undeveloped, aside from old mining remains and OHV roads.

The upper plateau generally drains north and east; the lower plateau drains south and west. There are mostly grasses and shrubs.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	2	Mostly flat to rolling with fairly small mesa/raised plateau forms
VEGETATION	2	Little variety
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	2	Subtle intensity of vegetation and rock
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	Moderately enhances; Book Cliffs, La Sal Mountains, Arches National Park
SCARCITY	1	Fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	10	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C

Scenic Quality Classification

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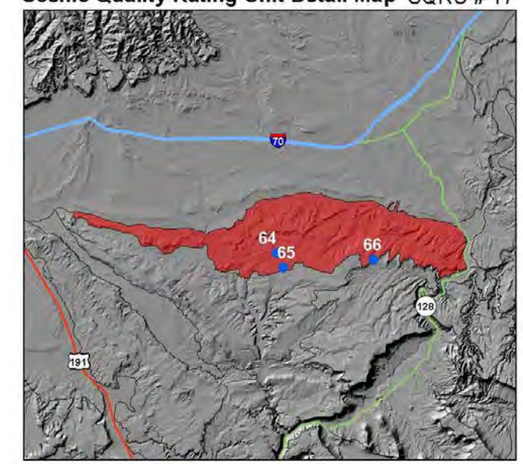
B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 17



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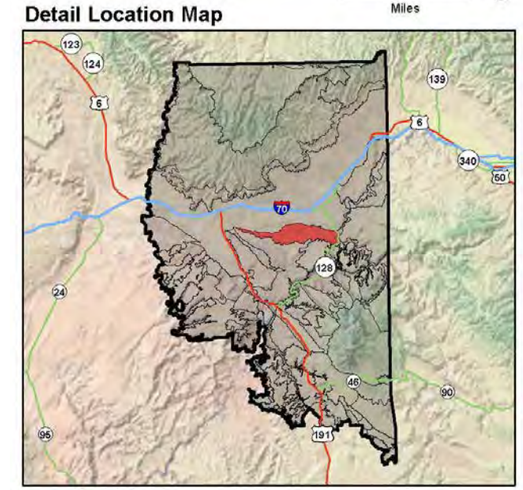

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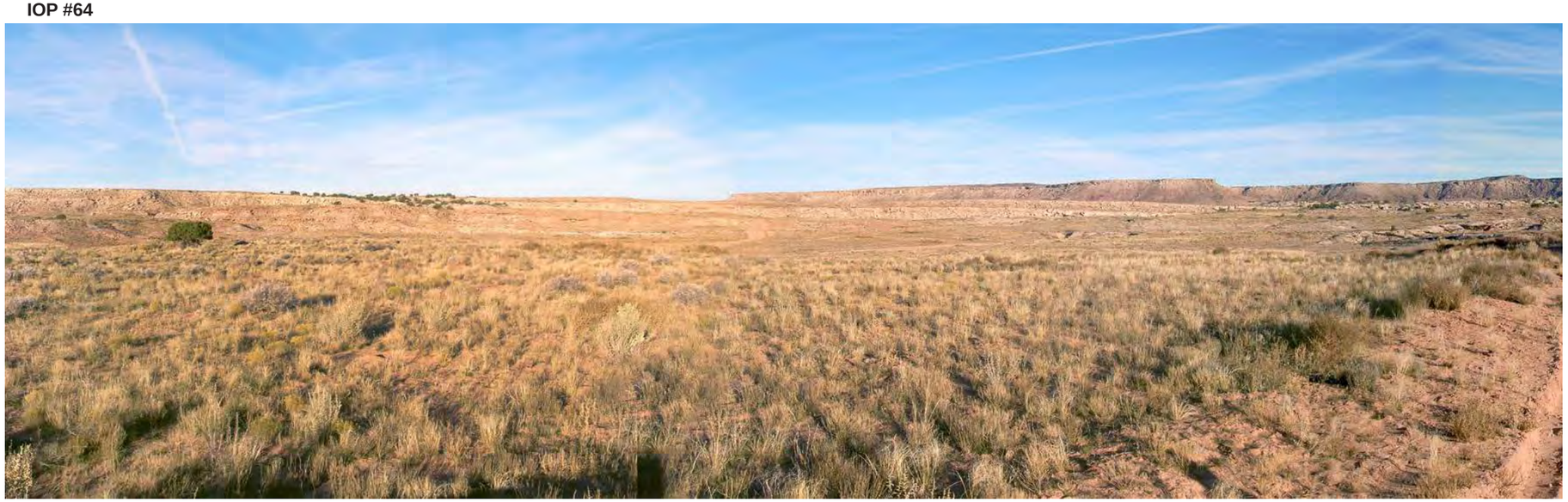

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #18
Arches National Park

Date:

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Large diversity of bold, prominent landforms; angular, irregular, planar, bulbous, spires and arches	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Undulating to very irregular and broken, horizontal striations, vertical	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	White, buff, light to dark reds, orange, gray, brown, black	Straw, gray, green of juniper/pinyon, yellow, blue	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Smooth to coarse	Variable, even and smooth to sparse and patchy, dotted	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit is large and contains the majority of Arches NP. Landforms are very variable, distinctive and unique. Vegetation is variable and includes pinyon/juniper, sage, black brush, rabbitbrush, Ephedra and more.

There are views of the Book Cliffs to the north and the La Sal Mountains to the south. Numerous layers of sandstone are visible, though they are mostly Entrada and Navajo.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	5	Numerous striking features, great diversity and very unique
VEGETATION	3	Good variety, though somewhat sparse and variable across the unit
WATER	0	No water visible, though may be present in the drainages
COLOR	4.5	There is a great diversity of color in the landforms and some in the vegetation
ADJACENT SCENERY	3.5	Elevated platforms provide good views in numerous directions; La Sal Mountains, Book Cliffs, Colorado River, Moab, Dome Plateau
SCARCITY	5	Definitely unique and one of a kind
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	No structures present
TOTAL	21	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

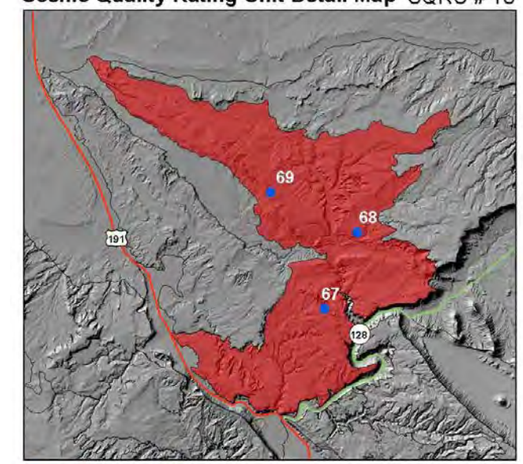
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 18



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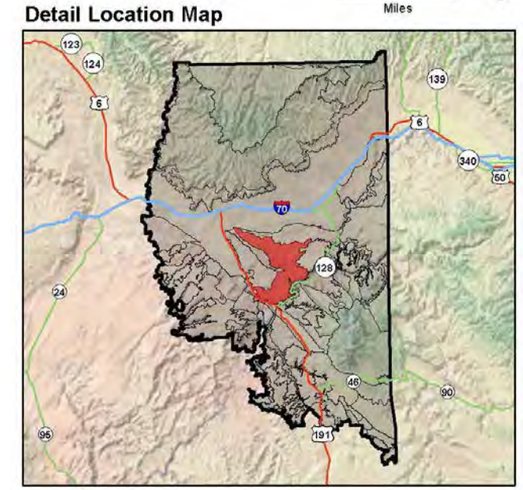

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #19
Windows/Little Valley

Date: 11/9/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Bluffs: horizontal and vertical with columnar features, convex and concave, striated, parallel terraces, rounded/domed. Valley: flat, sloping floor with angular escarpments, jagged with smooth tops.	Indistinct, rounded, horizontal, low	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Bluffs: bold, horizontal, smooth, continuous, vertical. Valley: continuous, curving, horizontal, diagonal.	Indistinct, horizontal with landform, irregular, valley is indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Bluffs: rich red, white/buff, tan. Valley: blue green, brown, red, buff, gray.	Dark green, gray green, yellow green; valley is tan, yellow (cottonwood), harmonious	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Bluffs: white, medium, random, smooth and rough; red, striated. Valley: fine (floor) to medium (slopes), smooth.	Scattered, somewhat sparse, striated, medium; valley is random, patchy, clumped by washes, stippled	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Rock outcroppings are in the valley along the stream. Distinct bluffs frame the valley floor. The bluffs' color/form contrasts greatly with the valley's color/form.

The white sloping foothills provide a contrasting transition between the flat valley floor and the red, vertical escarpments/bluffs. The angular, sloping bluffs are multi-colored (blue green, brown, red) and enclose the valley on the western side.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	2	Wide variety (sloping/angular, vertical escarpments, flat, horizontal); textures smooth to coarse; the area provides 3 levels of contrast in form (flat/horiz, angular/ sloping, vert. escarpments)
VEGETATION	1.5	Indistinct, minimal perceptible variety; there is juniper on the bluffs and desert scrub/grass in the little valley
WATER	1	Intermittent, small drainage in the valley
COLOR	3	Wide variety of color between the three types of landforms; the area provides 3 levels of contrast in color (beige/buff monotone, multi-colors, deep red)
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	La Sal Mountains
SCARCITY	1	Red/white, bluffs/escarpments not seen in other areas of the field office; the valley is very common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	None present
TOTAL	11.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

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C = 11 or less

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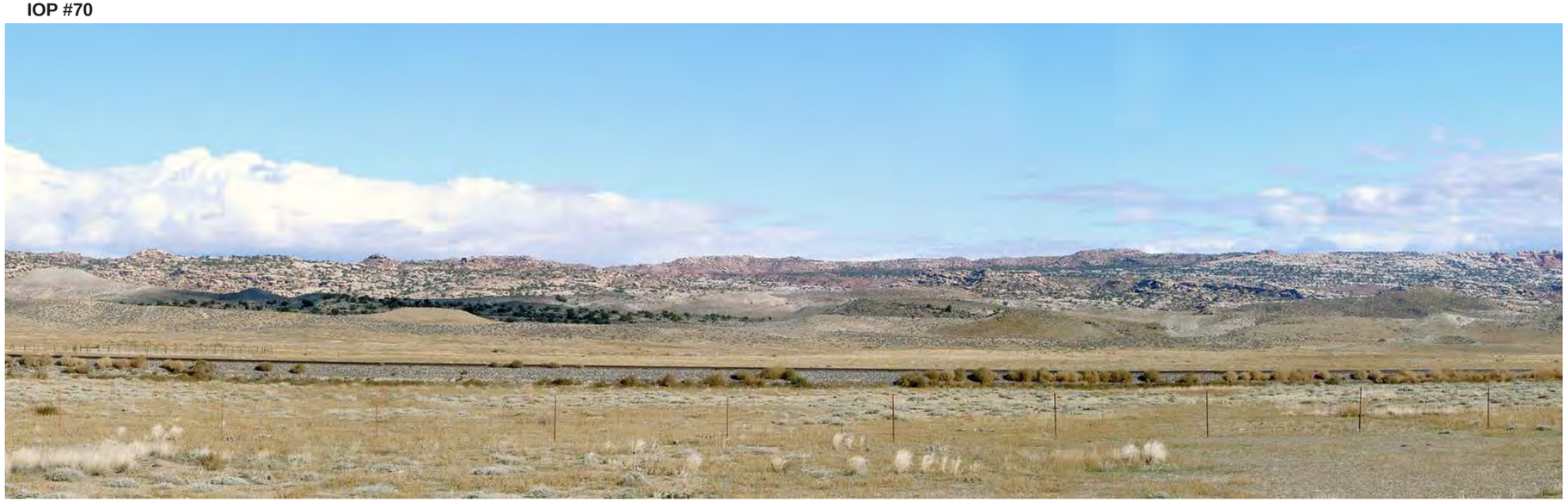

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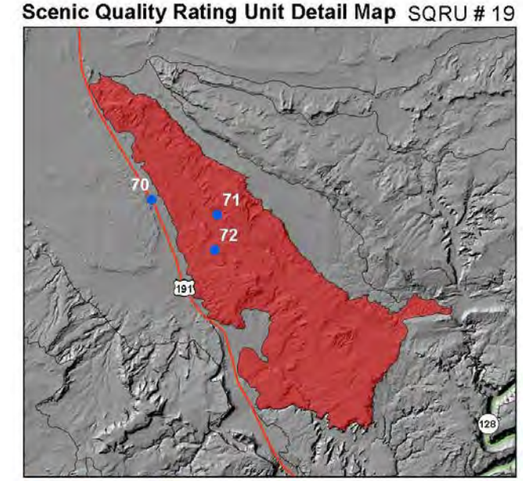

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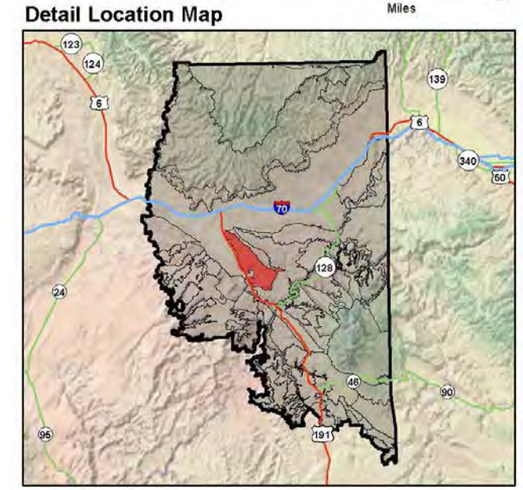

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #20
Salt Valley

Date: 11/8/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: M Meyer, RDonigan, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat, simple to rolling of valley; complex cubic, planar, angular and bulbous forms of surrounding cliffs	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Irregular, broken; vertical, low angled striations, broken, horizontal to undulating of valley	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Buff, light and dark reds, browns, blacks, yellows, white	Straw, yellow, gray, light green of grasses and sage, darker green of evergreens	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Random, coarse though somewhat directional	Smooth and even valley, scattered and patchy evergreens near landforms	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit is a flat to rolling valley bottom between Klondike Bluffs and the northern end of Arches NP. Vegetation in the valley is predominantly grass with varying densities of woody shrubs.

The cliffs and surrounding landforms have more evergreen cover, although it's scattered. The soil is very sandy and red in the valley; the surrounding landforms provide a high diversity of other colors. More than half of the valley is within Arches NP.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4	Landform surrounding valley has high vertical relief, diversity and detail
VEGETATION	2.5	Some variety but predominantly grass with other scattered types
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	4	Great diversity and intensity of colors because of landform
ADJACENT SCENERY	2	There are excellent views to the edges of the adjacent to Arches NP and Klondike Bluffs, but the valley is fairly enclosed; views to the north to Book Cliffs
SCARCITY	3.5	Very distinctive with landform, though somewhat similar to others in the region
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	16	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

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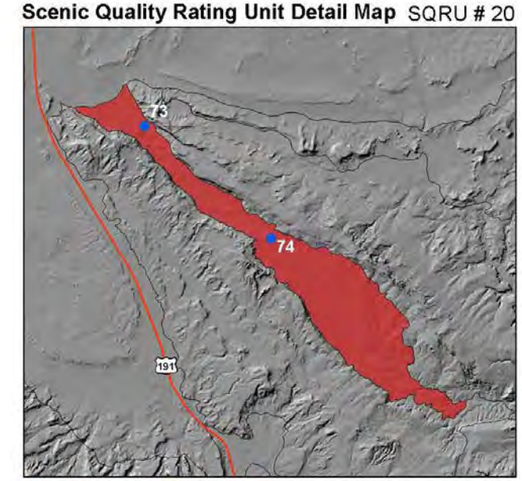
B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 20



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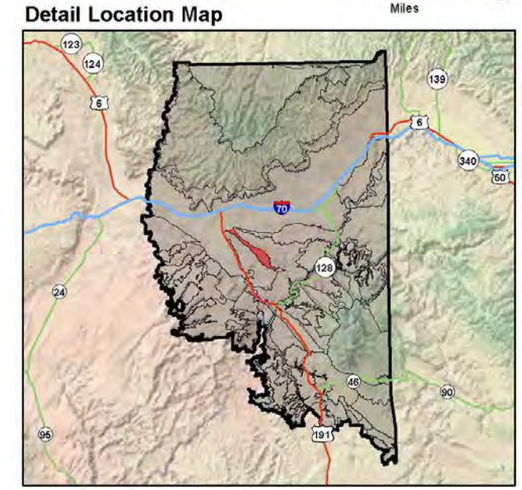

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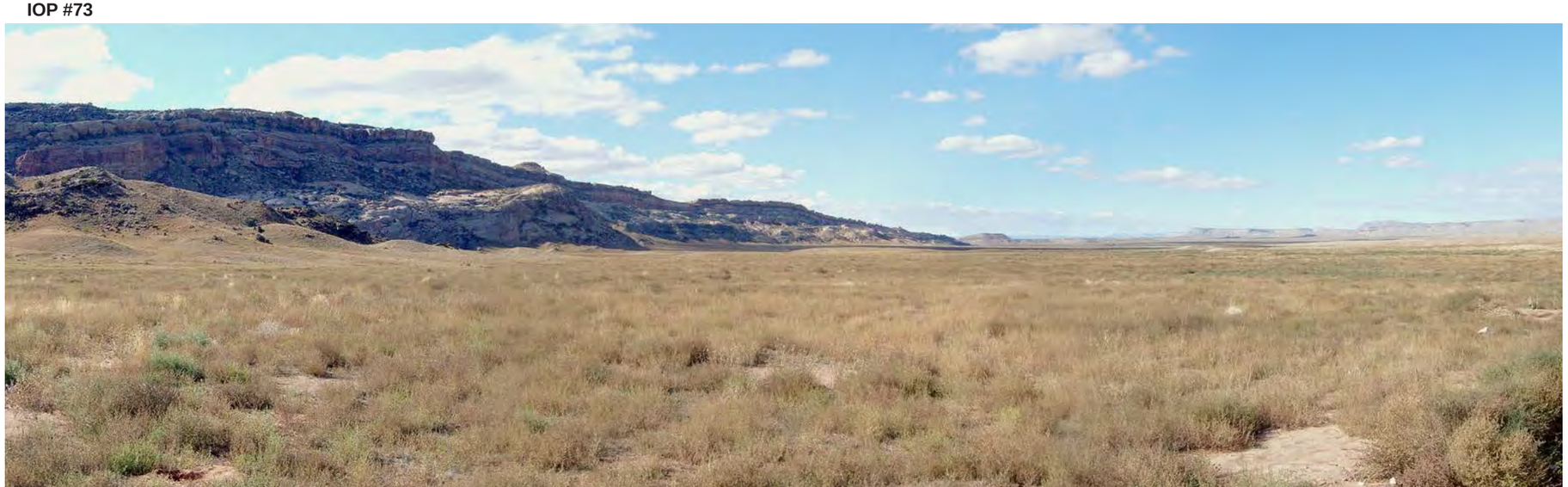

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #22
Colorado River

Date: 11/8/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Vertical, rounded, blocky, angular, flat, sinuous river	Indistinct, some rounded with individual trees	Rectangular, flat recreational sites
LINE	Horizontal, vertical, undulating rim, angled slope	Sinuous line of trees/ vegetation along the river	Horizontal, vertical
COLOR	Tan/buff, red, black/dark gray	Dark green, yellow cottonwoods, brown, gray, light green, straw yellow	Tan/beige, white
TEXTURE	Coarse walls/rim, medium slopes	Fine to coarse, some stippled	Smooth surfaces, medium structures

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Colorado River corridor from Spanish Valley to Castle Valley. The unit consists of a river canyon with steep walls. The views are enclosed. Riparian vegetation and the river are the dominant features along the road.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4	Steep canyon walls
VEGETATION	4	Grasses/sage in uplands, extensive riparian
WATER	5	The river is dominant
COLOR	4	Canyon walls and riparian vegetation have good contrast and composition
ADJACENT SCENERY	2.5	Opens up at the ends of the canyon
SCARCITY	4.5	Major rivers scarce in the Colorado Plateau
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Recreation sites do not distract from the setting
TOTAL	24	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

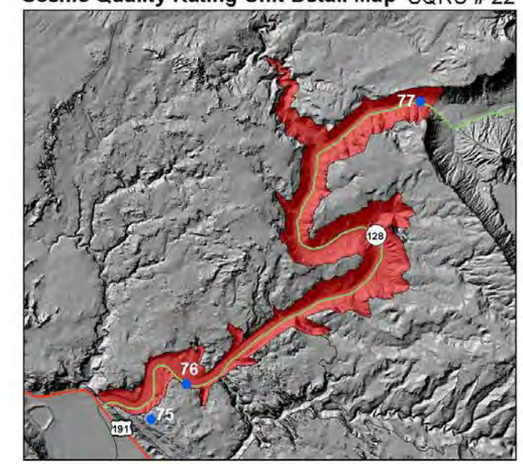
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 22



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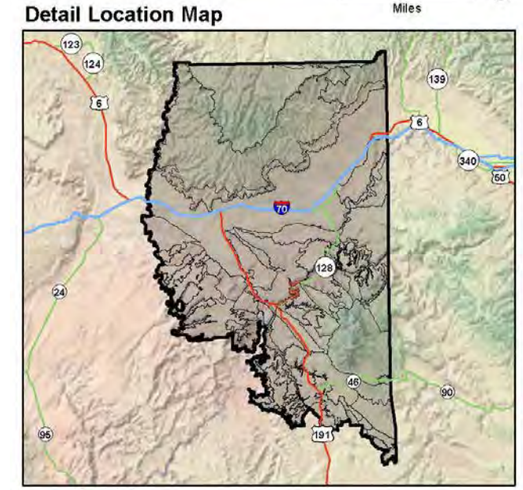

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #22A
Colorado River/Amasa Back

Date: 11/2/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Smooth, serpentine river, sloping talus, tall escarpment, horizontal, rounded mesa tops	Definite, serpentine, narrow, horizontal	Intermittent, compatible, horizontal, vertical
LINE	Definite, horizontal, curvilinear river, vertical escarpments	Horizontal, curving, bold, simple, soft	Bold, angular, hard, simple
COLOR	Red, black, tan	Green to dark green, gray/green shrubs	Tan, brown
TEXTURE	Fine to medium, smooth sandstone	Fine to medium, scattered on slopes, clumped, dense, contrasting river texture	Medium, clustered

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3.5	Fairly high vertical escarpments of valley walls
VEGETATION	3.5	Variety of river-edge plants, evergreens, shrubs, and grasses
WATER	5	Dominant feature
COLOR	3.5	Intensity in color of cottonwood and red rock
ADJACENT SCENERY	0	Mostly contained within the valley
SCARCITY	4	Fairly rare in the region
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	19.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Narrative

The unit consists of a deep river valley, varying from highly enclosed to more open and wide. The unit is mostly undeveloped, aside from roads and campgrounds along the river edge.

There is one large industrial use building (potash processing plant). The vegetation is mostly along the edges of the river, but evergreens, shrubs and grasses appear where the valley widens.

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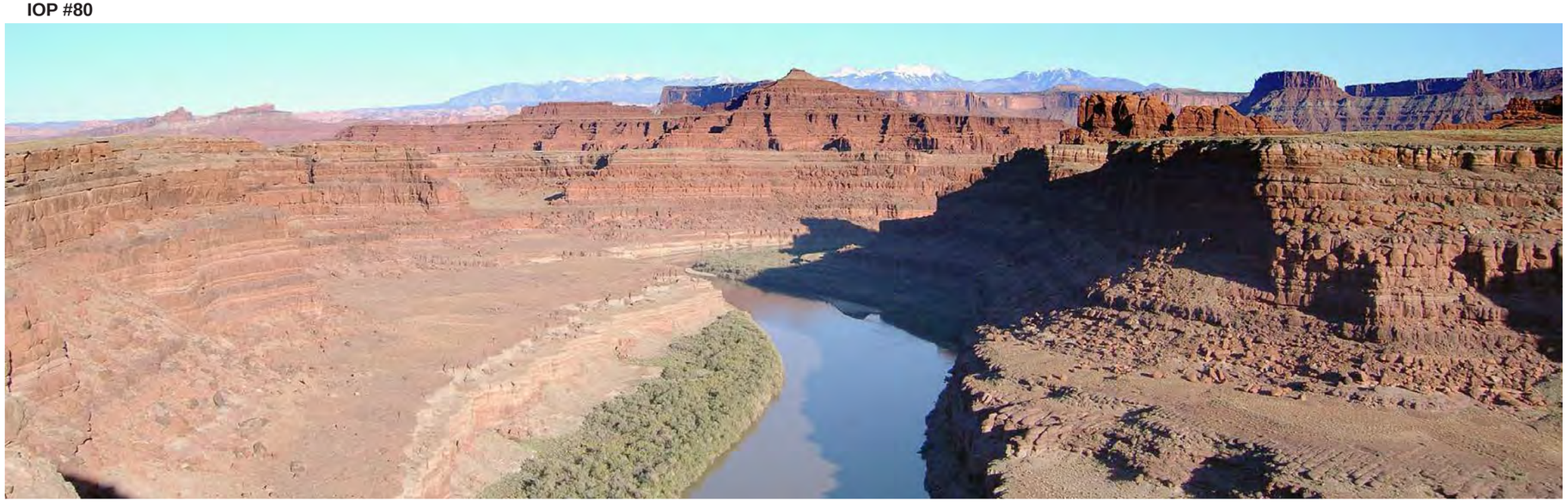

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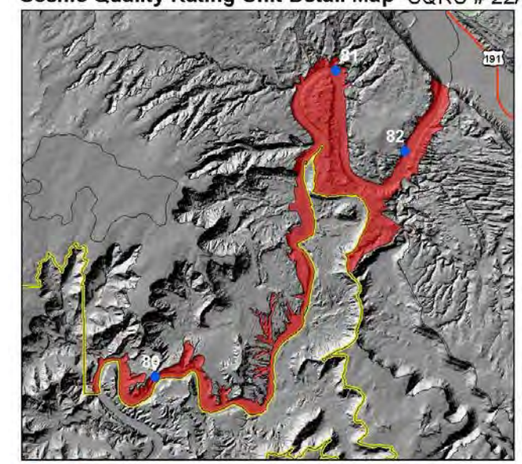

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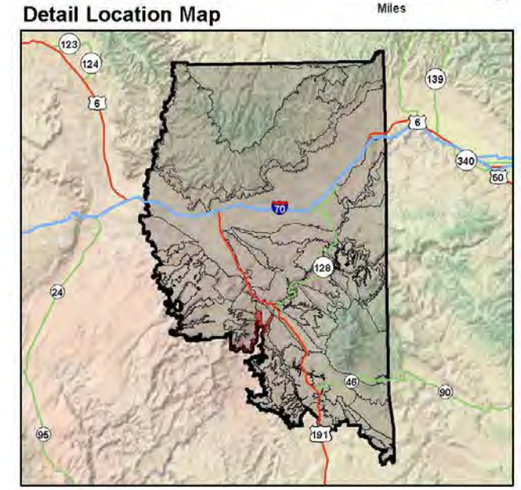

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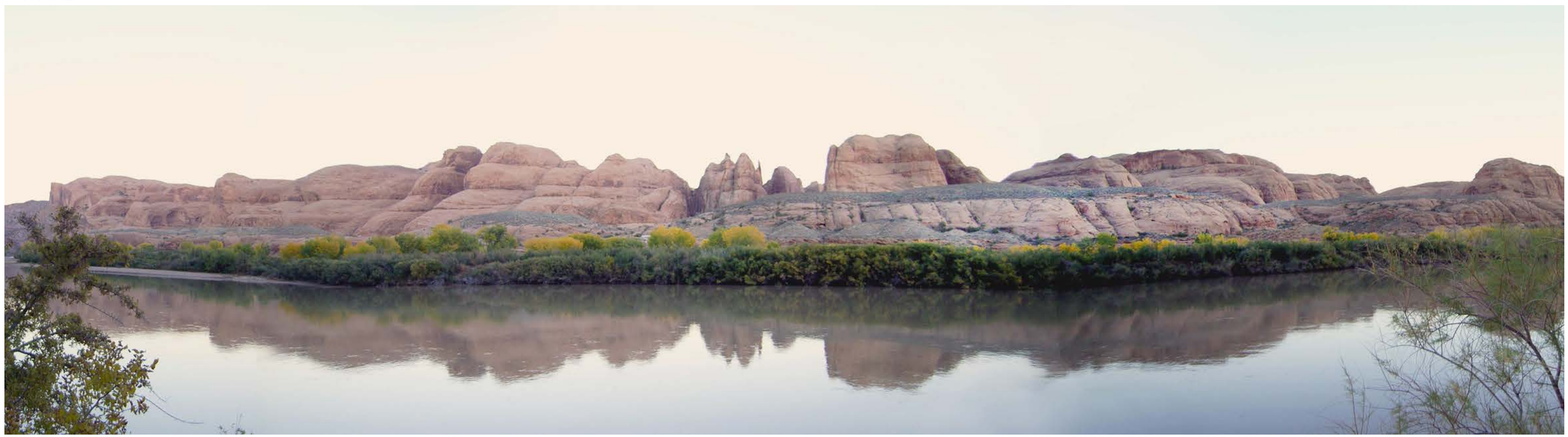

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #23
Porcupine Rim

Date: 5/24/2011

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: RDonigan, LTabing, APerry

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Broken, irregular, sloping with some blocky mesa features, rounded, isolated pillars	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Low angled, some irregular curving, horizontal, vertical	Low angled directional lines, irregular	No structures visible
COLOR	Red, buff, pink	Dark green of pinyon juniper, blue grey of sage	No structures visible
TEXTURE	Medium to rugged	Even, uniform, dense	No structures visible

Narrative

Angled mesa top of Porcupine Rim above Negro Bill Canyon and Castle Valley. Vegetation is predominantly dense sage and pinyon juniper. Landform is angled mesa top with numerous rock outcroppings and features.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Good diversity of landform for mesa top, distinctive isolated features
VEGETATION	3	Mainly sage and pinyon juniper, but dense
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	3.5	Good contrast and combination of color between landform and vegetation
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	Castle Valley, La Sals, Negro Bill, arches, etc. . .
SCARCITY	2	Interesting and distinctive, but somewhat common and similar
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Not applicable
TOTAL	15.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

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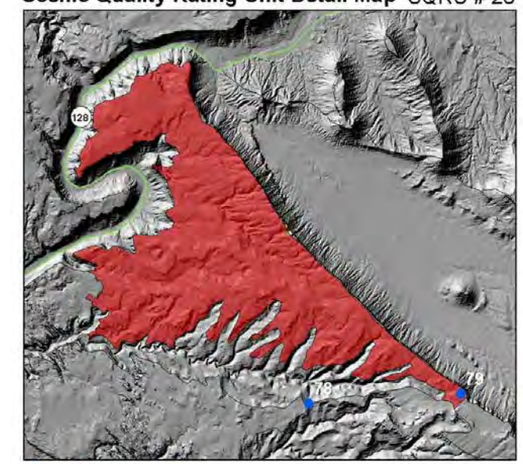
B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 23



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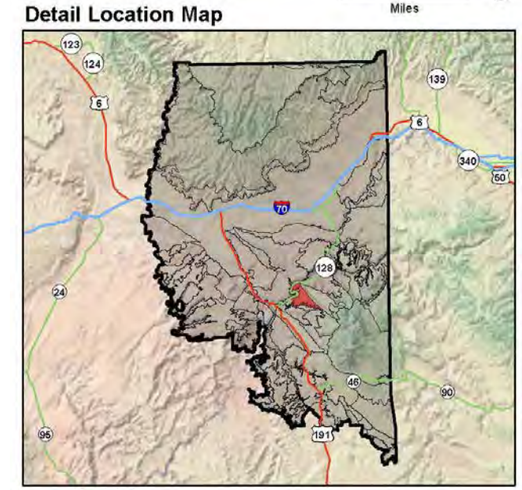

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #24
Negro Bill Canyon

Date: 11/8/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rounded, angular, conical	Some rounded, most indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Undulating, vertical, horizontal striations	Indistinct, slightly horizontal on landforms, sinuous along the creek	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Buff, orange/red, black, dark gray	Dark green juniper, yellow cottonwood, straw/yellow grasses, gray sage	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Rough	Medium to coarse, stippled	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Little Bill Canyon landforms. Consists of a rugged canyon with a good variety of vegetation, especially riparian vegetation along the wash. There is good accessibility for the canyon setting.

The unit is surrounded by petrified dune landforms and sand flats.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4	Steep canyon, vertical walls
VEGETATION	4.5	Good variety, extensive riparian vegetation
WATER	3	Perennial wash
COLOR	4	Landform/vegetation has good variety and composition
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	La Sal Mountains, but not highly visible in the canyon
SCARCITY	2.5	Large wash canyon is somewhat scarce
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	21	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

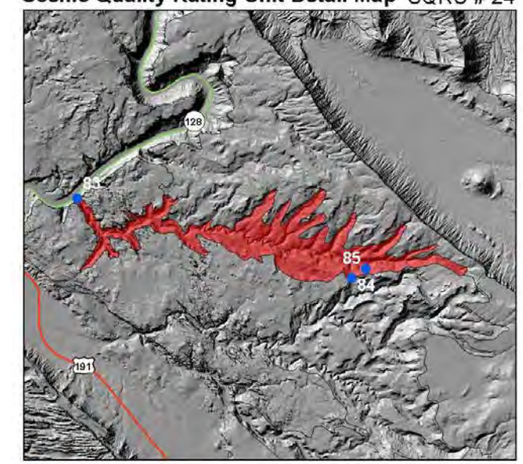
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 24



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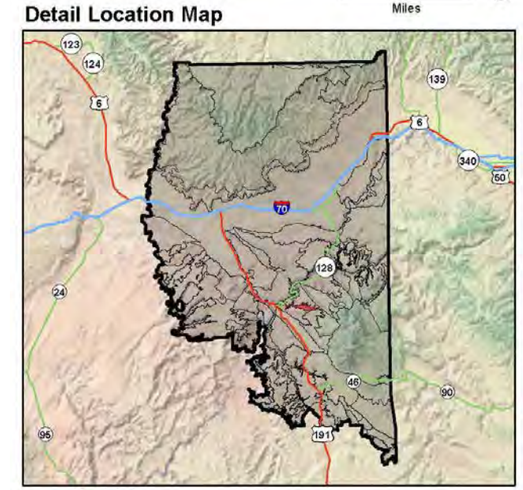

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #25
Sand Flats

Date: 11/7/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Undulating, convex, domed, rounded, multi-level	Rounded, vertical, low, indistinct	Rectangular, square
LINE	Undulating, simple, convex, broken, horizontal	Indistinct	Hard, vertical and horizontal
COLOR	Pale red/orange	Dark green, gray, yellow, tan, red	Pale red, brown, black
TEXTURE	Medium, smooth, fairly random	Medium, patchy, random, scattered, clumping	Medium, clustered

Narrative

Unit encompasses rolling sand flats and slickrock formations falling generally between Moab Valley and Negro Bill Canyon. It is mostly undeveloped, with the exception of recreational/camping facilities and roads/trails.

Vegetation is primarily shrubs and grasses, with scattered evergreens.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4	Exceptional landforms due to amount of slickrock forms
VEGETATION	3.5	Variety of evergreens, shrubs and grasses
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	4	Intensity primarily with rock color and shrub/ evergreen color
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	Moderately enhances; La Sal Mountains and other distant formations
SCARCITY	4	Fairly distinctive in region
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Jeep trails on slickrock are discordant, but not significantly so
TOTAL	19.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

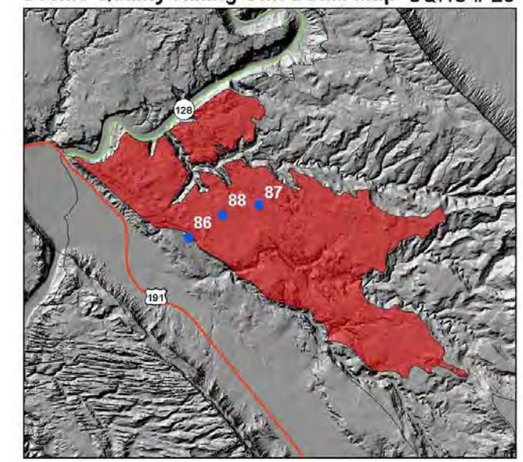
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 25



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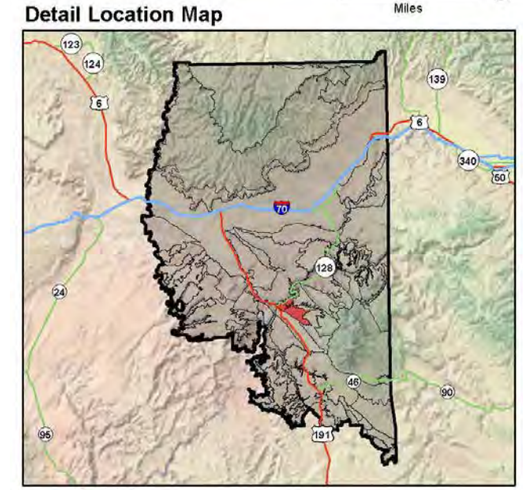

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #26
Mill Creek

Date: 11/7/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Vertical, rugged escarpments, hoodoos, sloped, tall, deep valleys	Rounded, amorphous, irregular, medium height, low shrubs, dense, varied	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Vertical, broken, complex, hard, serpentine	Indistinct, diagonal lines on slopes, serpentine	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Red, tan, light brown	Dark green, gray, gray/green, tan, yellow, red/brown	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium slopes to coarse escarpments, rough, discontinuous, contrasting, directional, smooth rock faces, coarse	Medium to coarse, patchy to dispersed, directional, dense texture	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses La Sal Mountain foothills, as well as rugged landforms adjacent to Wilson, South, and Bald Mesas. Includes erosional valley forms of Mill Creek and adjacent creeks. Some slickrock formations near the convergence of the creeks.

The unit is generally sloped and drains to the W and NW. The unit is mostly undeveloped with some grazing/ranch use to the south abutting La Sal foothills.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4	Fairly high and exceptional rock formations
VEGETATION	4	Mostly evergreens, shrubs, and grasses, but also includes plants along creeks
WATER	3	Dominant from some areas, but not others
COLOR	4	Color intensity between vegetation and rock
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	Enhances; La Sal Mountains and other surrounding formations
SCARCITY	3.5	Fairly distinctive
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	22.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

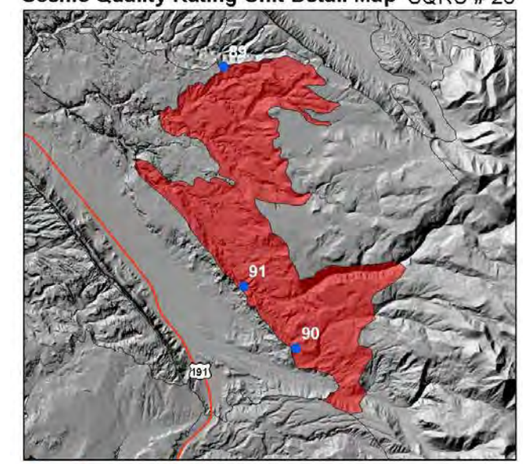
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 26



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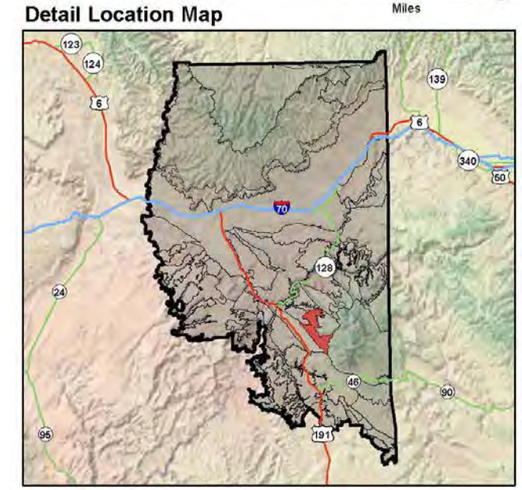

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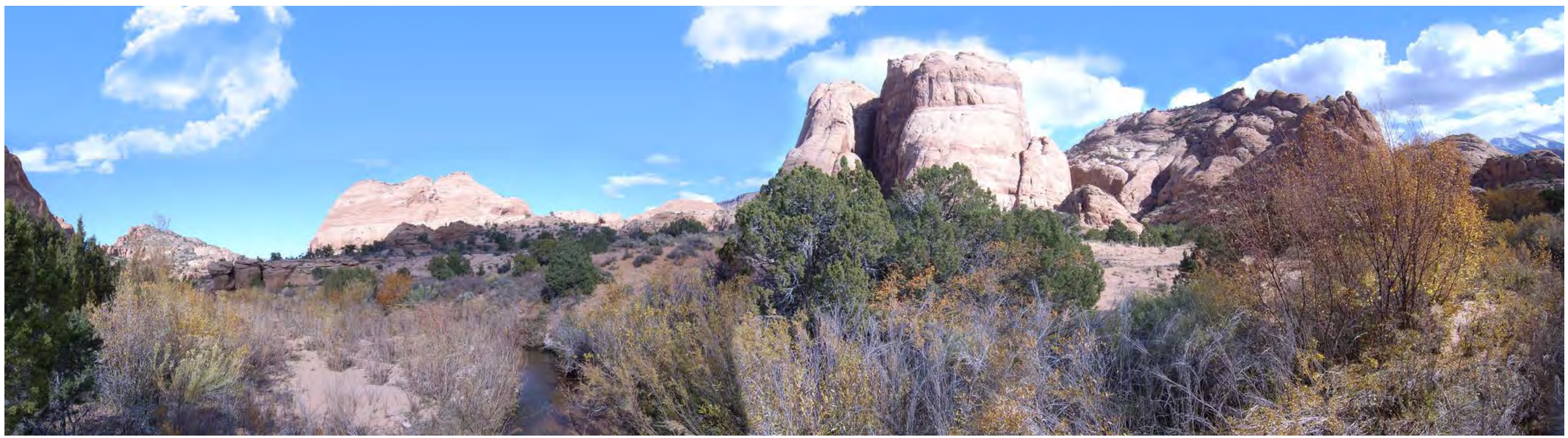

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #27
Moab/Spanish Valley

Date: 11/7/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Gently sloping and undulating, wide, smooth, simple, steep/vertical valley walls	Flat, low, horizontal, grasses, high cottonwood	Rectangular, blocky
LINE	Soft lines, horizontal, curving, simple, soft, vertical/angular valley walls	Amorphous	Hard, vertical, horizontal, diagonal
COLOR	Red/brown	Brown, green, gray/ green, tan, contrasting	White, glaring, gray
TEXTURE	Smooth, fine, uniform, continuous, subtle	Patchy, fine, smooth, random	Medium, continuous, ordered, clustered

Narrative

Unit encompasses Moab and Sopanish Valleys. The unit consists of a flat, fairly wide valley with steep to vertical valley walls. The unit includes agricultural, residential, and commercial development associated with the City of Moab.

Vegetation includes desert scrub, juniper/pinyon, and urban/agricultural.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Flat to rolling, but steep valley sides
VEGETATION	2	Some variety but of little interest
WATER	1	Present, but not visible from most locations
COLOR	2	Some intensity of rock and vegetative colors, but not exceptional
ADJACENT SCENERY	2	La Sal Mountains moderately enhance
SCARCITY	1	Fairly common valley type
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	-2	Fairly discordant
TOTAL	9	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C

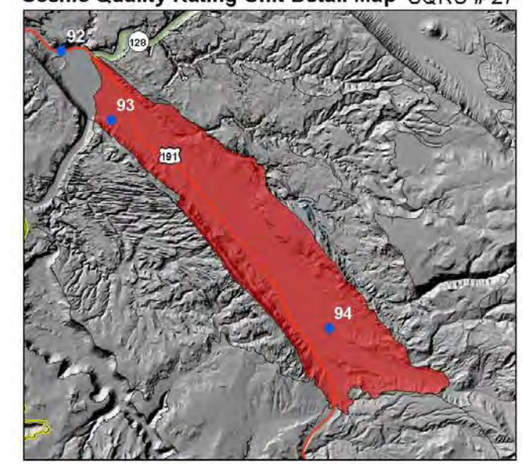
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 27



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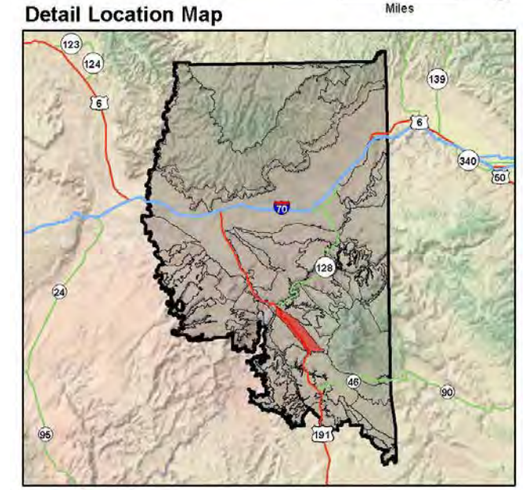

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #27A
Moab Canyon

Date: 11/8/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Blocky, angular, horizontal, conical	Indistinct	Linear, vertical transitional lines, horizontal/angles rail line/bed
LINE	Undulating, irregular, some horizontal banding/ striations, angled slopes	Indistinct	Horizontal, vertical, angles
COLOR	Dark red, tan/buff, dark stain/brown	Straw/yellow, gray	Brown, gray
TEXTURE	Rough, some smooth on slopes	Fine, stippled	Coarse

Narrative

Unit encompasses valley stretching from Klondike Flat south to Moab Canyon. The unit is an entry canyon to Moab from the north. The La Sal Mountains are prominent from southbound on 191.

There is a utility corridor with multiple lines but the landforms and scenery still dominate the views.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4.5	Canyon walls, isolated rock formations
VEGETATION	1.5	Minimal sage/grasses
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	4	Strong red browns with tan and buff
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	Distant views of La Sal Mountains create a strong focal point in one area
SCARCITY	3.5	Narrow canyon/valley is not extremely rare
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	-2	Utilities, railroad, mine areas
TOTAL	14.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

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C = 11 or less

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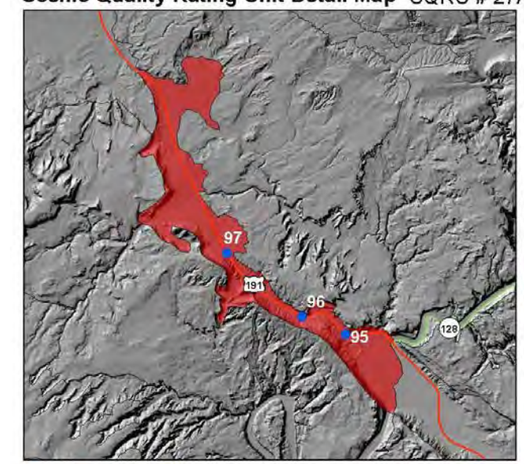

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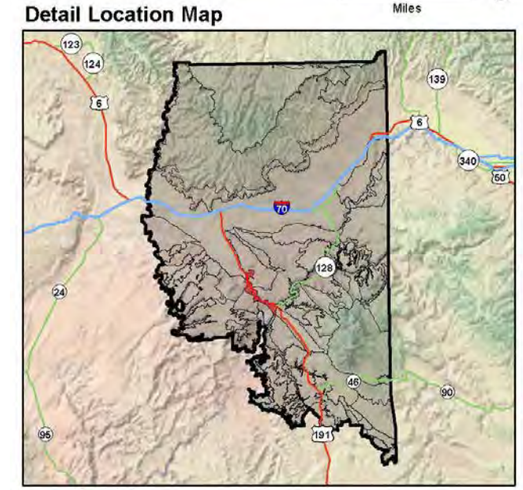

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #28
Black Ridge

Date: 11/7/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rounded, angular uplifts to rolling, convex, angular hills, diagonal, angular escarpments (red), flat to rolling mesa tops	Definite, rounded, dense, medium height, horizontal	vertical utility towers, horizontal utility lines, flat roads
LINE	Horizontal, hard, angular, diagonal to soft, undulating, simple and continuous	Directional with landforms, diagonal, horizontal, simple, irregular	vertical, straight utility towers, horizontal utility lines, flat, curving roads
COLOR	White, pale red, tan, light brown, gray	Dark green to yellow/ green, gray/green, gray, tan	dark and light gray, brown
TEXTURE	Fine to medium, smooth to somewhat rough, patchy, continuous and subtle on mesa tops, random uplifts	Medium to coarse, stippled and gradational, random	clustered, fine to medium

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	2.5	Rolling hills with some mesa escarpments
VEGETATION	3	Evergreens, shrubs, and grasses; some variety
WATER	0	Not noticeable from most locations
COLOR	3	Some intensity with vegetation and rock colors
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	Enhances; La Sal Mountains, Mule Shoe Canyon, and other distant forms
SCARCITY	1	Fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	13.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Black Ridge formation, including areas west and south of South Mountain. The unit is primarily foothills and relatively flat mesa formations sloping to the west into Mule Shoe and Kane Springs Canyons.

Development primarily consists of major transmission lines, cell/radio towers, and a network of unpaved roads. Vegetation is mostly evergreens with an increased amount of shrubs/grasses on flat mesa tops.

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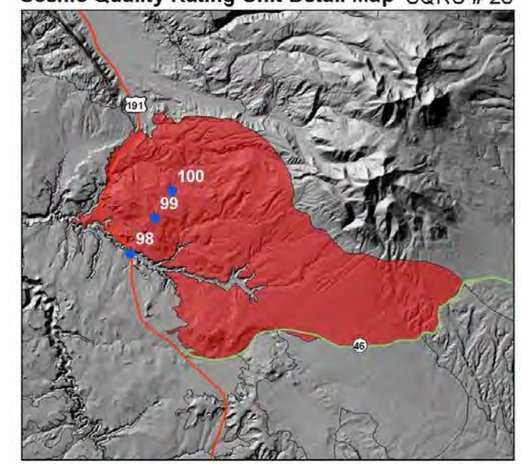
Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 28



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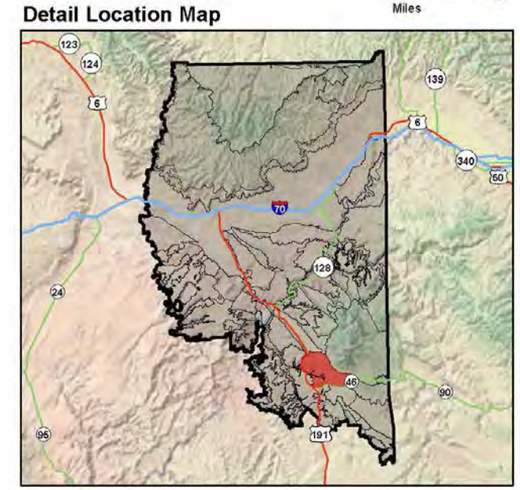

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #29
La Sal Community

Date: 11/6/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, MGurtler, KKennedy, JJames

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat	Indistinct, some rounded at developed area	Mix of geometric forms, rectangular, angled roofs of residential buildings
LINE	Horizontal, slightly undulating	Indistinct	Horizontal, vertical
COLOR	Tan/buff, gray	Gray, straw/yellow, some dark green	Mix, wide variety but mostly grays, whites, tan, with some red, blue, etc.
TEXTURE	Smooth	Fine to slightly coarse around development	Medium to coarse

Narrative

Unit encompasses flat lands near the community of La Sal. The rural community of La Sal is within the unit and lies at the base of the La Sal Mountains. The mountains provide a dramatic backdrop. The unit has a pastoral setting.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	1	Mostly flat to slightly sloping
VEGETATION	1	Sage in undisturbed areas, agricultural fields
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	1.5	Not much variety except structures in developed areas
ADJACENT SCENERY	5	La Sal Mountains create dramatic setting
SCARCITY	1	Common rural landscape
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	-2	Though somewhat pastoral setting, the wide variety of development can appear cluttered
TOTAL	7.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

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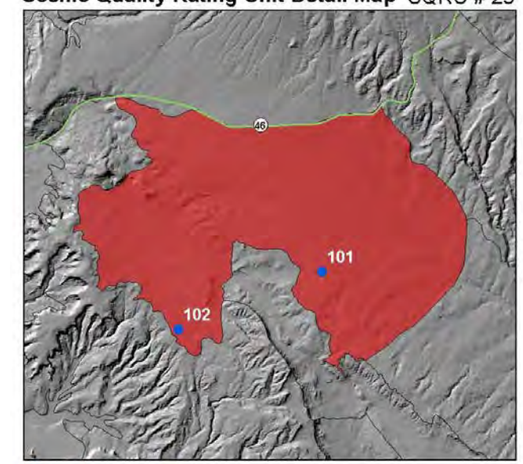

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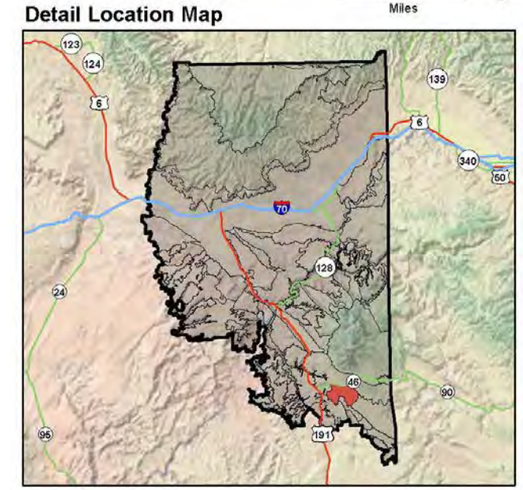

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #30
La Sal Creek

Date: 11/6/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, MGurtler, KKennedy, JJames

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Vertical, blocky canyon walls, flat topped mesas, pyramidal slopes	Indistinct, some canopy along the creek	Angular/horizontal, pyramidal ranch homes
LINE	Horizontal, angular, vertical, sinuous creek	Horizontal on layers, mostly dense cover	Horizontal, angle
COLOR	Tan/buff, red, gray	Dark green, gray, yellow deciduous trees	Light tan, gray
TEXTURE	Rough walls/form to smooth surfaces	Medium dense, some stippled on landforms	Smooth

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3.5	Steep, angular canyon
VEGETATION	4.5	Good mix of sage, pinyon/juniper, riparian, pine forest
WATER	3	Creek is prominent
COLOR	4	Good variety/banding in landforms in composition with vegetation
ADJACENT SCENERY	0	Adjacent scenery has little or no influence on overall visual quality
SCARCITY	3	Deep perennial creek valley is somewhat scarce
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	-2	Mining, roads, rural development
TOTAL	16	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Narrative

Unit encompasses the La Sal Creek valley landform, and includes several smaller canyons south and west of Hideout Mesa. The unit has a scenic canyon extending to the east.

There is good riparian vegetation along the creek, and heavily forested slopes in some areas. Some mining activity is visible, but otherwise, development consists of low density residential/agricultural.

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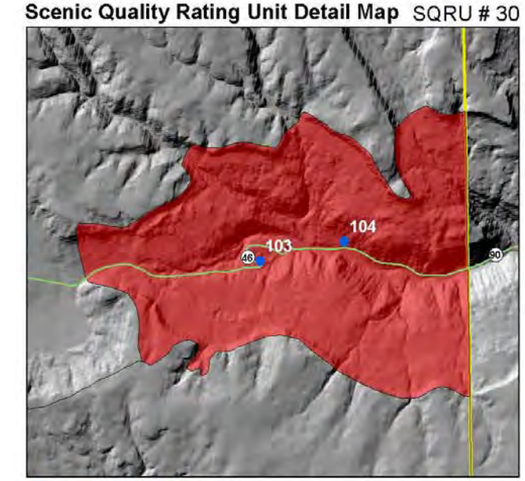
Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 30



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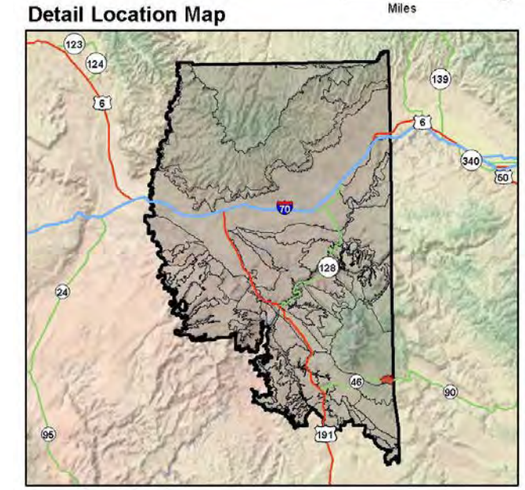

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #31
Ray Mesa

Date: 11/6/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, MGurtler, KKennedy, JJames

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rolling, sloped mesa, horizontal, flat topped forms, some angular/ rounded	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, vertical, angles	Indistinct, mostly even distribution	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan/buff	Dark green juniper, some gray sage	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium to rough	Medium to dense	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses Ray Mesa and the landforms sloping south toward Coyote Wash. The vegetation is dense, and is mostly pinyon/juniper. There are cliff forms at the edges and interspersed throughout.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Undulating/rolling ridges, hills, some vertical cliffs
VEGETATION	2.5	Mostly pinyon/juniper, dense in most areas
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	2.5	Dark green, vegetation dominant
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	La Sal Mountains visible form some areas but not throughout
SCARCITY	2	Pinyon/juniper covered hills somewhat common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	13	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

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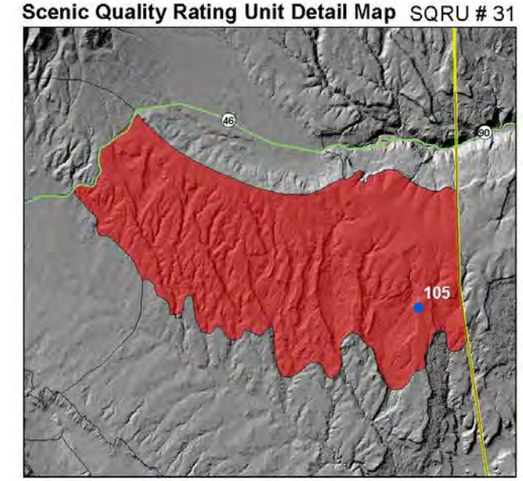
C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 31



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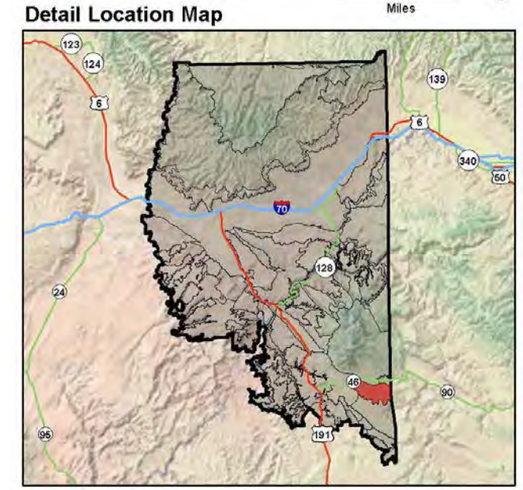

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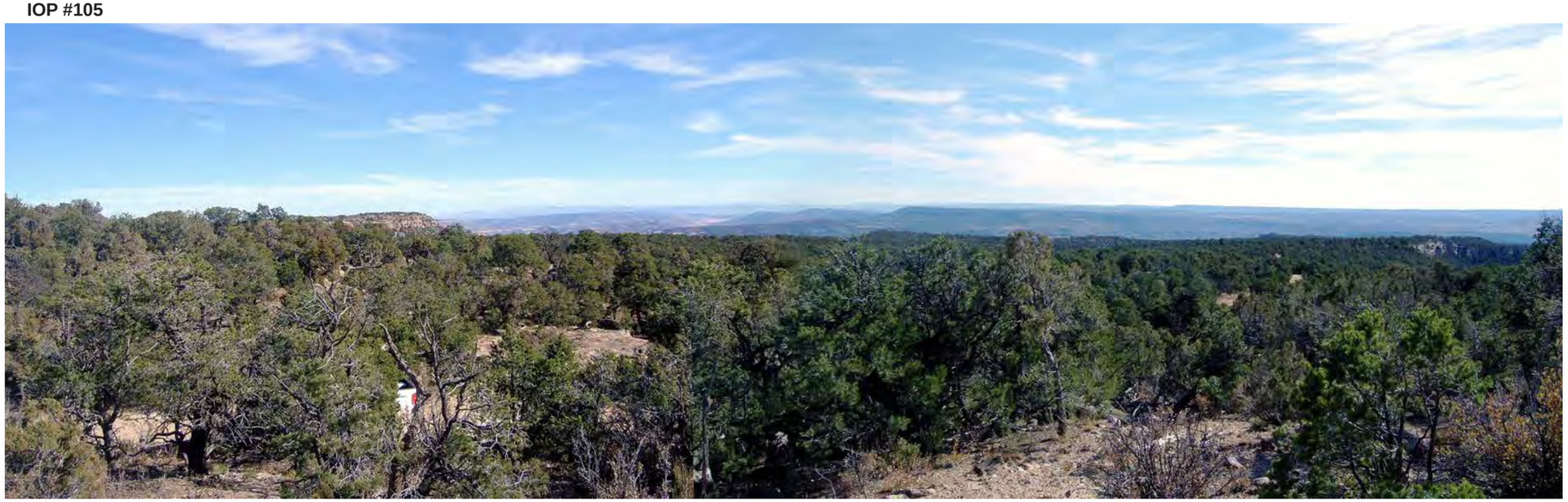

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #31A
Coyote Wash

Date: 11/6/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, MGurtler, KKennedy, JJames

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rolling, flat, some angular slopes at wash	Mostly indistinct	Rectangular, cylindrical (limited oil and gas)
LINE	Horizontal, undulating, curved along wash	Indistinct, some irregular lines along the edges of pinyon/juniper patches	Horizontal, vertical
COLOR	Tan/buff	Straw/yellow grasses, gray sage, dark green juniper	Tan/beige
TEXTURE	Smooth/fine to medium	Fine to medium, stippled	Smooth surfaces, medium structures

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Coyote Wash basin. The landforms gently slope to the wash. The unit consists mostly of grass/sage covered rolling hills.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	2.5	Shallow to flat slopes to wash, some rolling
VEGETATION	3	Mix of grasses, sage, pinyon/juniper
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	2	Some interest/contrast of landforms/ vegetation but somewhat monochromatic
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	La Sal Mountains add strong enhancement
SCARCITY	2	Shallow valley wash landscape is somewhat common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	-0.5	Some oil and gas development
TOTAL	13	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

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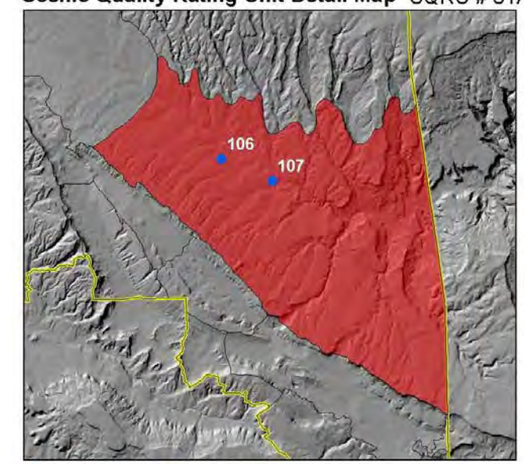
C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 31A



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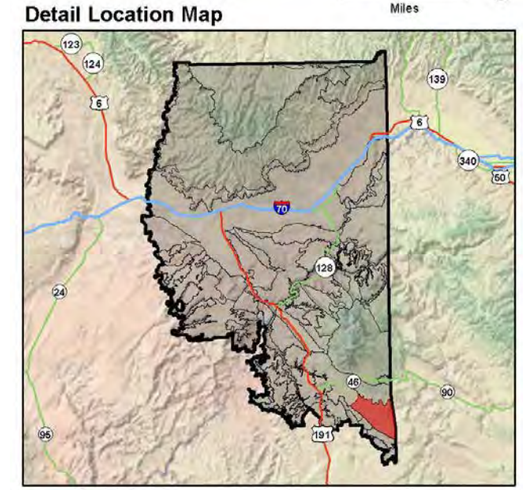

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #32
Lower Lisbon Valley

Date: 11/6/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, MGurtler, KKennedy, JJames

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat valley bottom, rolling hills	Mostly indistinct	Rectangular, trapezoidal mining structures
LINE	Horizontal, undulating	Mostly indistinct, some angular/straight lines at edges of disturbance areas	Horizontal, vertical, angular, irregular, curved
COLOR	Tan/buff, grays, some red	Gray sage, dark green juniper	Gray/silver, tans, white
TEXTURE	Smooth to medium	Fine, stippled/patchy in some areas	Medium to coarse, mining landforms

Narrative

Unit encompasses the lower Lisbon Valley landform. The unit is heavily impacted by mining operations in the valley. There are some distant views, but it is difficult to enhance the visual setting because of the disturbance.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	2.5	Variety of flat, rolling, and valley walls
VEGETATION	2.5	Mostly sage, pinyon/juniper on hills
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	2	Mostly vegetation color but some variety from the landforms
ADJACENT SCENERY	0	Adjacent scenery has little or no influence on overall visual quality
SCARCITY	1	Common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	-4	Heavy mining/industrial disturbance
TOTAL	4	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C

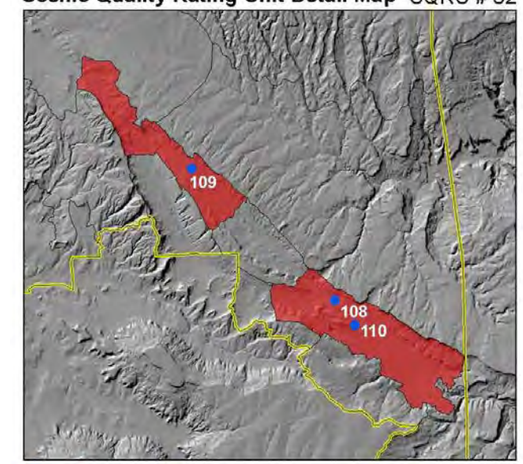
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 32



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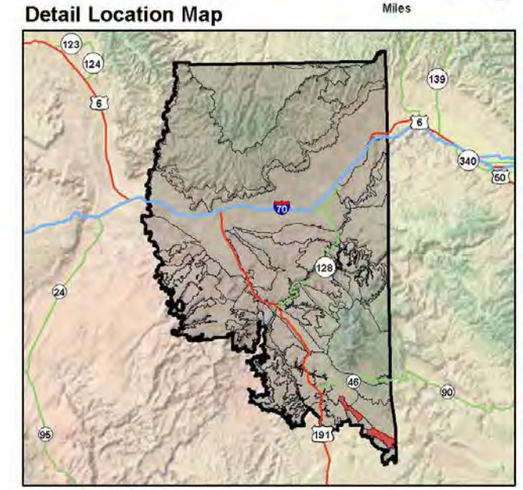

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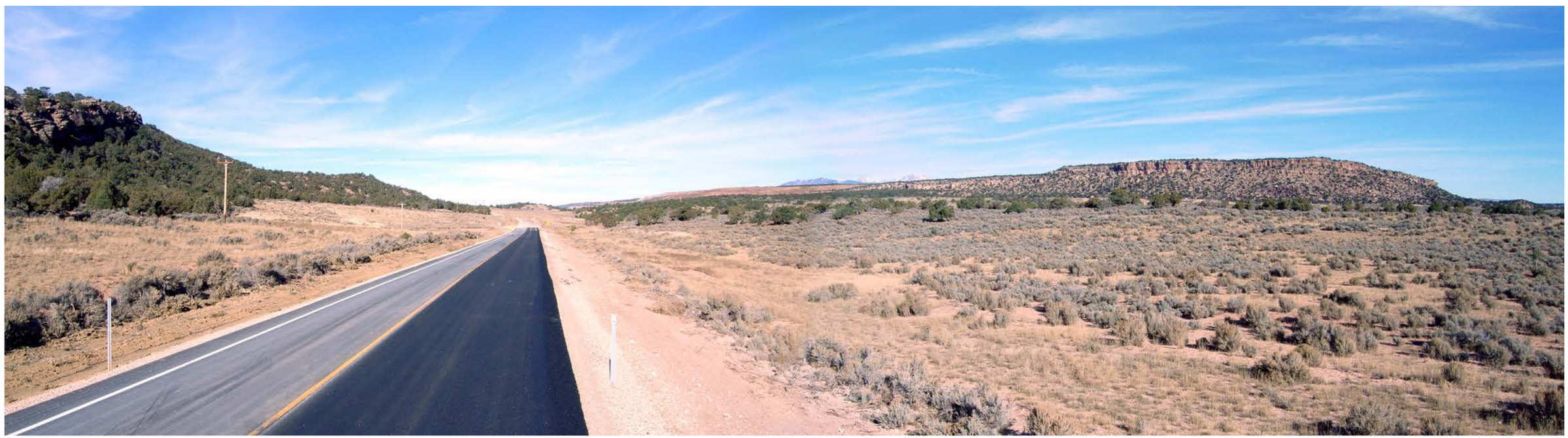

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #32A
Little Indian Canyon

Date: 11/6/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, MGurtler, KKennedy, JJames

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Horizontal mesas, rounded/rolling mounds	Irregular, amorphous openings in vegetation	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, undulating, angled slopes	Undulating/curved along patch edges	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan/buff, gray, little exposed	Dark green pinyon/ juniper, gray sage, straw/ yellow	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium, smooth valley	Fine vegetation cover, medium to coarse patches	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses an area of horizontal mesas and rolling mounded landforms in and around Little Indian Canyon. The unit consists of a densely covered valley, with mesas, rolling mounds, and some sheer sides.

The San Juan Mountains are visible from the high points in the unit.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3.5	Rolling hills, valley bottom, some steep areas
VEGETATION	3	Sage, grasses dense in some areas, some pinyon/juniper
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	2	Not much variety, mostly vegetation color
ADJACENT SCENERY	2.5	La Sal Mountains from some locations, San Juan Mountains from high points, but don't greatly enhance
SCARCITY	1.5	Reasonably common landscape
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	12.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

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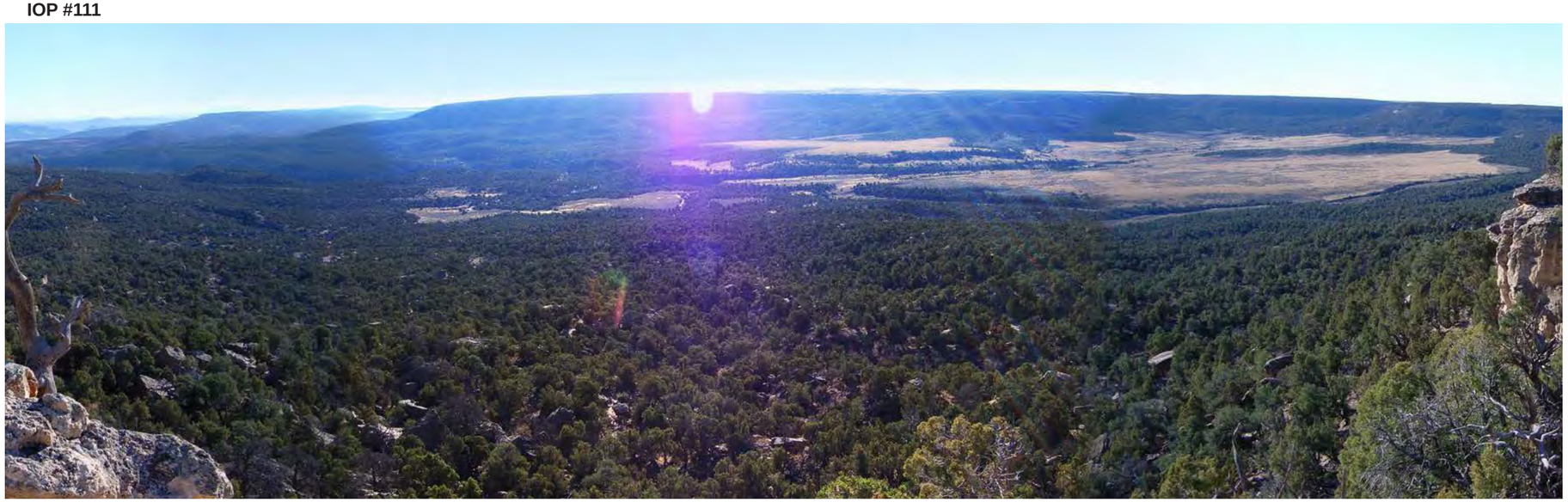

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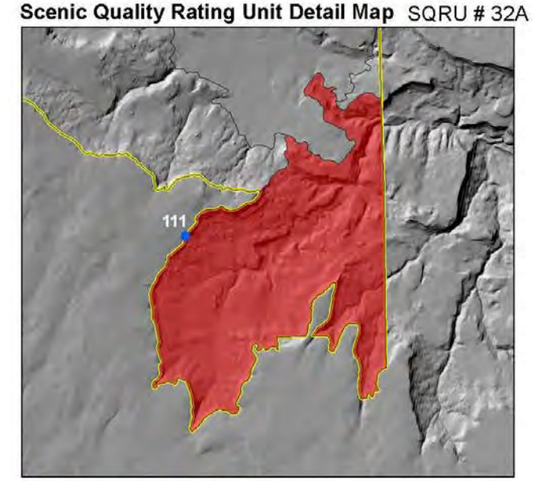

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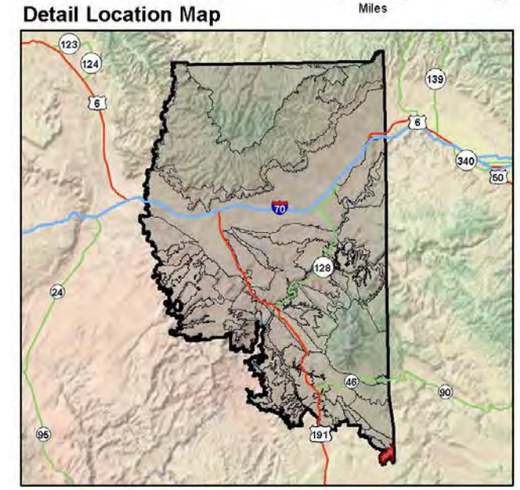

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #32B
Upper Lisbon Valley

Date: 11/6/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, MGurtler, KKennedy, JJames

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat valley bottom, rounded mounding, blocky, vertical cliffs	Mostly indistinct, some irregular patches	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, angled slopes, undulating	Indistinct, sage, grasses, irregular/curvilinear patch edges, pinyon/juniper	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan/buff, red/orange	Yellow/straw, gray, dark green	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium	Medium to fine, stippled	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit encompasses the central, less disturbed area of Lisbon valley. The landscape consists of sage and pinyon/juniper, with some rolling terrain.

There are distant views up and down the valley, but views out of the valley are obstructed by the valley terrain from some locations.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	2	Flat to gently rolling
VEGETATION	3	Sage, pinyon/juniper
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	1.5	Monochromatic vegetation color
ADJACENT SCENERY	1.5	Views from some areas, but do not give strong enhancement
SCARCITY	1.5	Reasonable common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	-1	Some mining disturbance
TOTAL	8.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C

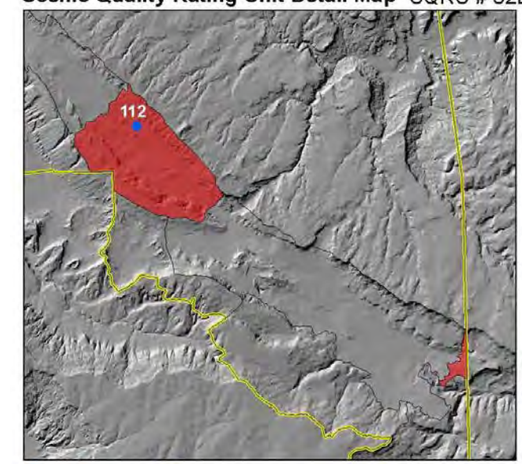
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 32B



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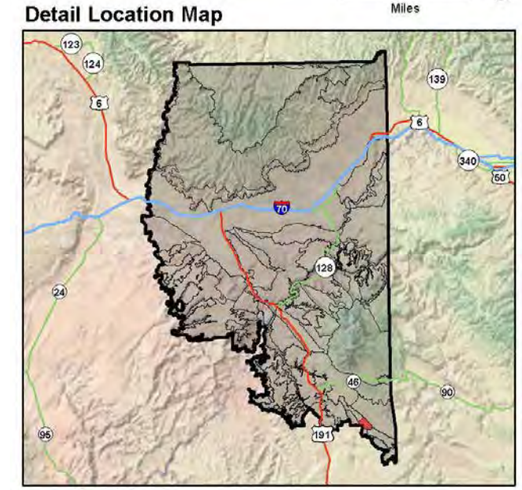

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #33
Indian Valley

Date: 11/6/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, MGurtler, KKennedy, JJames

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Pyramidal, tilted triangular forms, flat valley bottom	Indistinct	Angular, curved tailing piles from old mines
LINE	Horizontal, angled, rounded/undulating, banding	Indistinct in the valley, angular on forms, some horizontal on cliff	Angled, horizontal, some vertical
COLOR	Red, tan/buff, red, gray, purplish	Dark green, gray, yellow/ straw	Gray, red
TEXTURE	Rough forms, smooth valley bottom	Fine valley, medium, partially stippled	Medium, some fine

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Big Indian Valley landform, which extends into the Monticello Field Office. There is some old mining visible but it does not really detract from the visual setting.

There are some interesting landforms in the south part of the valley.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4	Angular cliffs enclose the valley, fin-like forms to the south
VEGETATION	3	Sage, pinyon/juniper on the valley floor with good pinyon/juniper cover on the valley walls
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	3	Good variety of vegetation/landform color, banding
ADJACENT SCENERY	2.5	Some distant views but don't enhance unit much
SCARCITY	2	Somewhat common valley landscape
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	-1	Some old mining visible and some disturbance at the north end
TOTAL	13.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

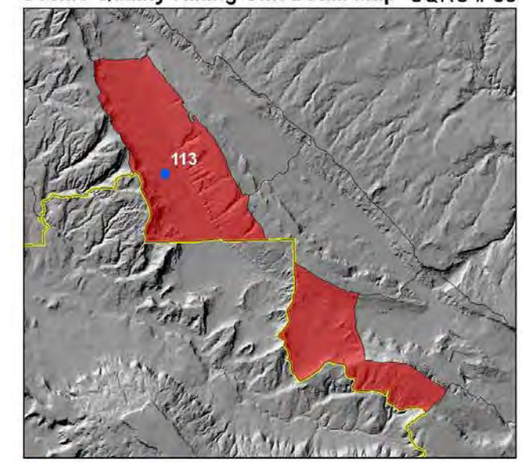
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 33



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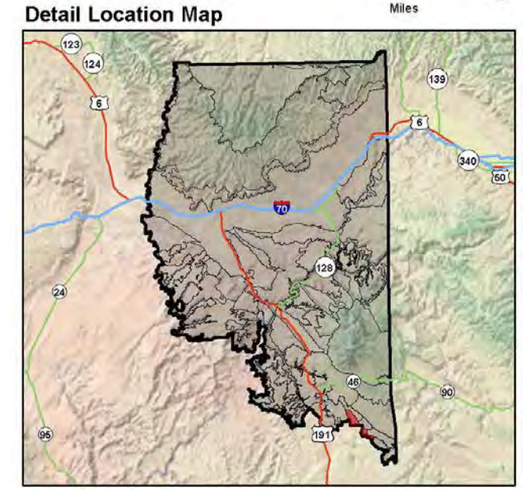

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #33A
Three Step Hill

Date: 11/6/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, MGurtler, KKennedy, JJames

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat mesas, rounded mounds, horizontal	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, angled slopes, slightly undulating	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Little exposed, tan/buff	Dark green, gray	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium , smooth	Medium to coarse	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses a portion of the Three Step Hill landform. The unit is the upper terrace area southwest of Lisbon Valley. It is a gently rolling, mostly pinyon/juniper landscape, with some distant views.

The landscape is generally intact but unremarkable.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	1.5	Low rolling to flat in some areas
VEGETATION	3	Mix of sage areas and pinyon/juniper
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	1.5	Fairly monochromatic, vegetation color is dominant
ADJACENT SCENERY	2.5	Some enhancement from La Sal Mountains and San Juan Mountains
SCARCITY	1	Common landscape
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	9.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C

Scenic Quality Classification

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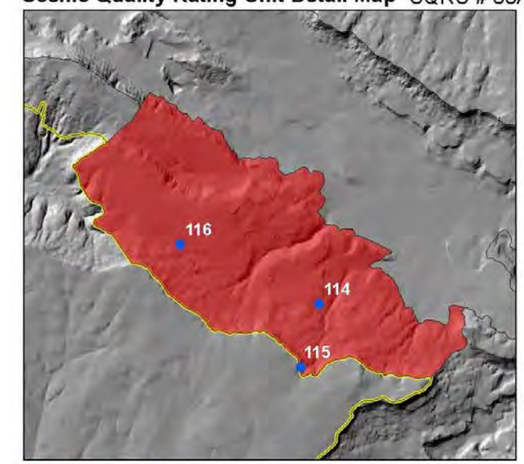
Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 33A



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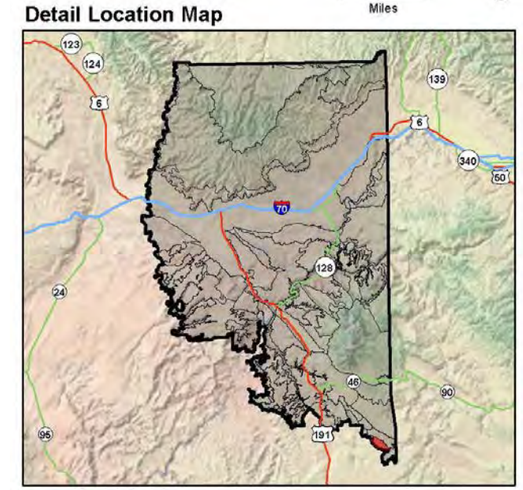

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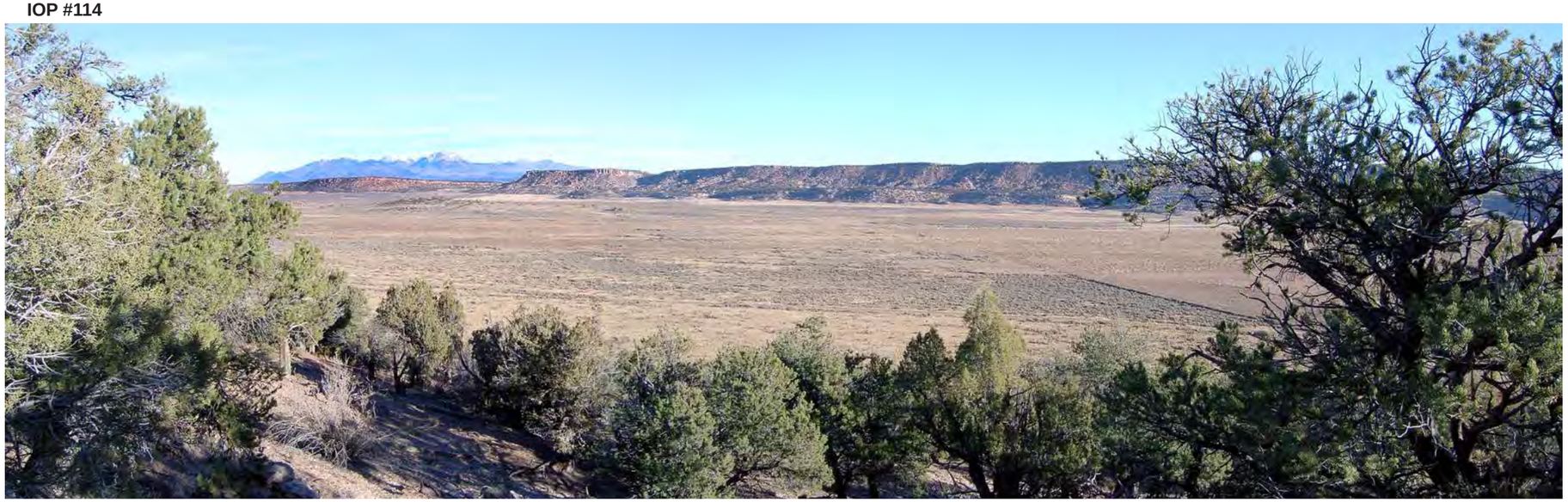

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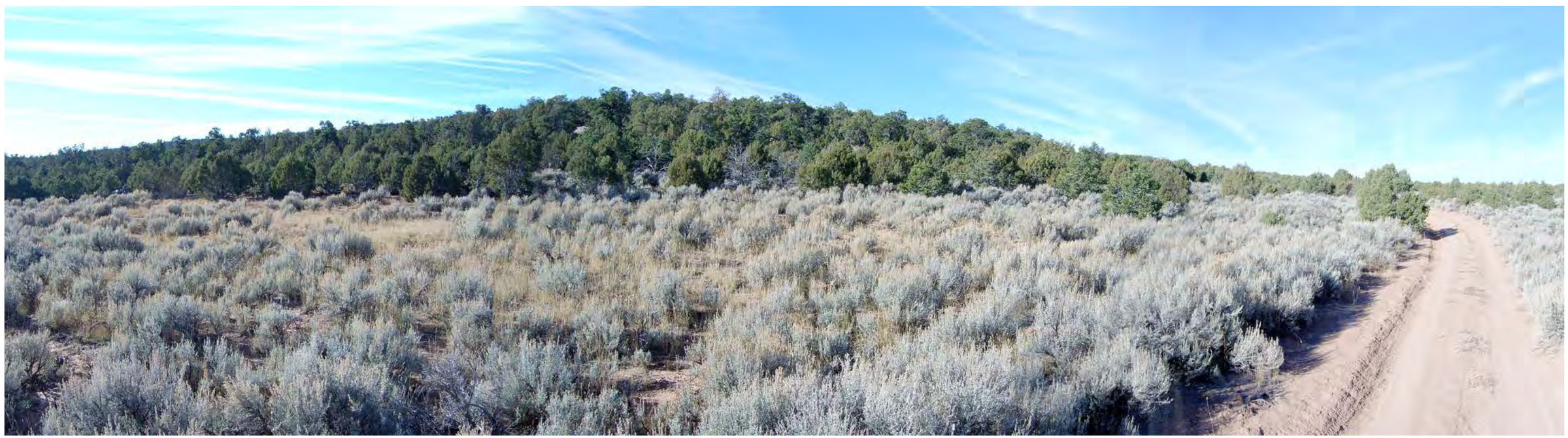

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #34
Wilson Arch

Date: 11/6/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, MGurtler, KKennedy, JJames

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rounded, conical, pyramidal, soft angular slopes	Mostly indistinct	Mostly rectangular, residential development
LINE	Undulating, horizontal valleys, some vertical, curvilinear	Horizontal on layers, indistinct at base and top	Horizontal, vertical
COLOR	Tan/buff, red, gray	Dark green pinyon, gray sage	Tan/beige, some green roofs
TEXTURE	Rough, rounded, smooth surfaces	Medium to coarse, stippled	Medium, smooth surfaces

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	5	Dramatic cliffs, natural arch
VEGETATION	3	Mostly pinyon and sage, not a dominant feature
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	4.5	Highly visible layering of tan/gray/red
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	La Sal Mountains provide a backdrop throughout the unit
SCARCITY	3.5	Somewhat scarce but similar to other formations
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	-1	Development along 191 detracts in some areas
TOTAL	19	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

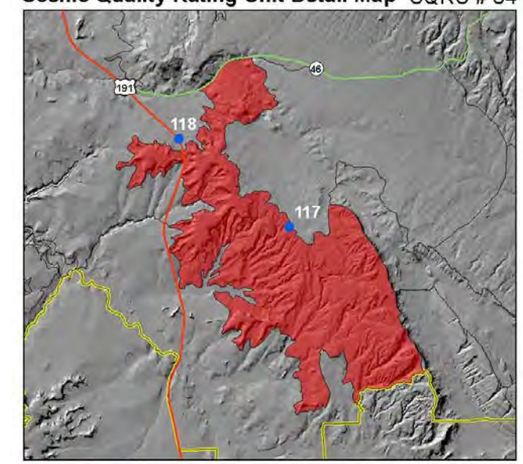
C = 11 or less

Narrative

Unit encompasses an area of soft, rounded to angular landforms generally located between Big Indian Valley and Hatch Wash. The unit consists of a plateau form with dramatic peninsula forms that extends into a flat valley.

The unit's proximity to the La Sal Mountains is a strong enhancement. It is the entry landscape into Moab from south on 191.

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 34



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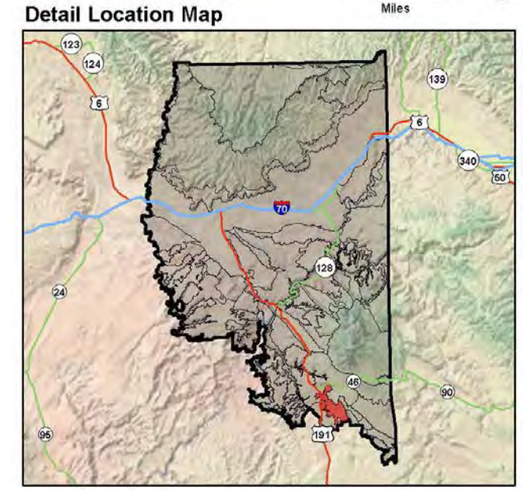
Detail Location Map



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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #35
Flat Iron

Date: 11/7/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, MGurtler, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat to mostly rolling, some isolated conical and trapezoidal forms	Indistinct, some dense, irregular patches	Rectangular, cylindrical, oil development
LINE	Horizontal, undulating, angular	Mostly indistinct, irregular, curvilinear at patch edges	Horizontal, rolling pipeline corridor
COLOR	Tan/buff, red, gray	Dark green juniper, gray sage, straw/yellow grasses	Tan, gray
TEXTURE	Medium, smooth	Medium to coarse pinyon/ juniper, fine grasses, some stippled	Medium

Narrative

Unit encompasses Flat Iron Mesa, and includes adjacent flat to rolling landforms extending southeast to Joe Wilson Canyon. The unit has isolated small structures because of the oil and gas development.

The unit is a rolling pinyon/juniper mesa with isolated landforms. The isolated landforms create an interesting landscape, though some are in proximity to the oil and gas development.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Mostly rolling, some isolated rock/landforms
VEGETATION	3	Mostly pinyon/juniper with some sage and grasses
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	3	Good color mix, but not as dominant as some areas
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	Close proximity to La Sal Mountains
SCARCITY	1.5	Fairly common but isolated rock/landforms add interest
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements; oil and gas development impacts a limited area
TOTAL	14.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

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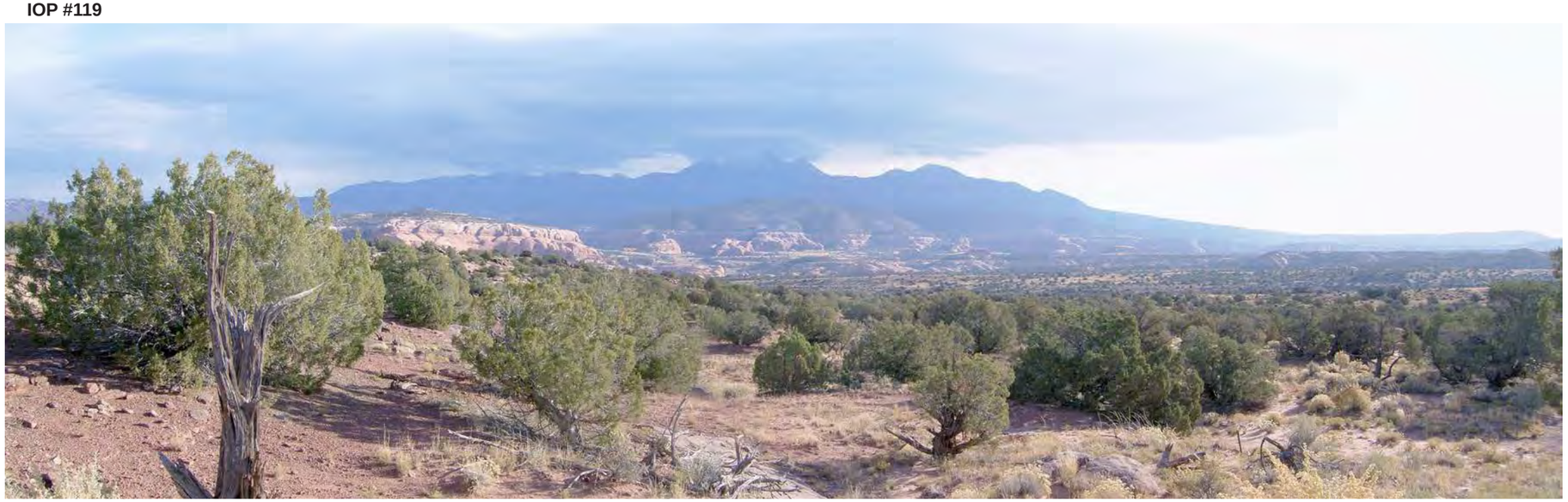

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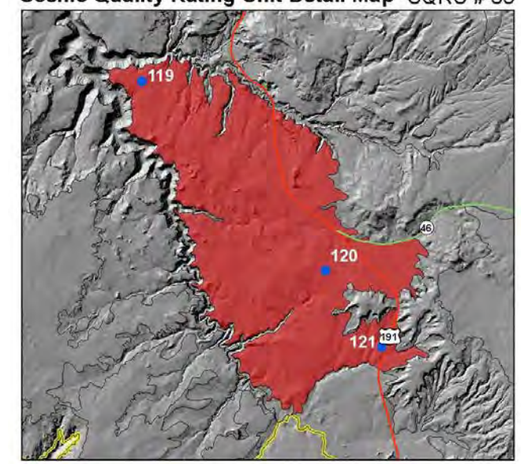

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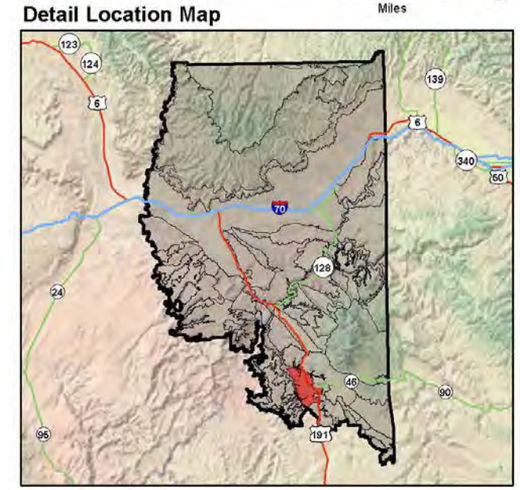

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #36
Dry Valley

Date: 11/7/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, MGurtler, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat to rolling, rounded conical landforms interspersed throughout	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, rounded, undulating, curved, banding in landforms	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan/buff, reds, orange	Dark green juniper, gray sage/scrub, straw/yellow grasses	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Smooth to rough	Fine to medium, stippled	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

The unit encompasses an open valley located below SQRU 34. Hatch Wash is a prominent feature in a portion of the unit, but not the unit as a whole. The landscape is mostly flat to rolling, with sage covered terrain.

Some rolling, exposed rock areas are located at the transition to Hatch Wash. There are expansive views in most directions.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Mostly flat but distinct forms and rolling rugged terrain at the wash
VEGETATION	2.5	Sage, some juniper, riparian in the wash
WATER	1	Hatch Wash, but not a major feature in most of the unit
COLOR	3	Tan/buff/reds contrast with vegetation
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	La Sal Mountains, SQRU 34/Arches
SCARCITY	2.5	Somewhat common, but large wash and isolated rock forms somewhat scarce
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	16	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

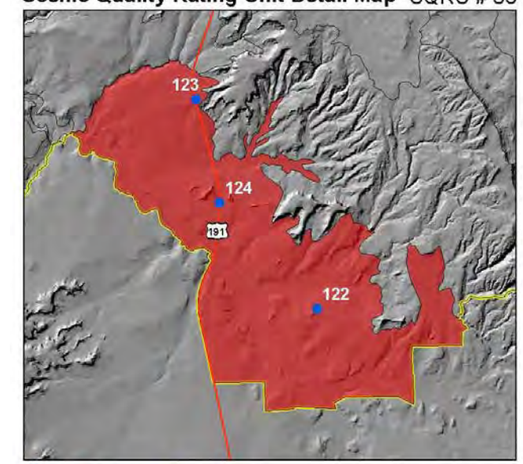
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 36



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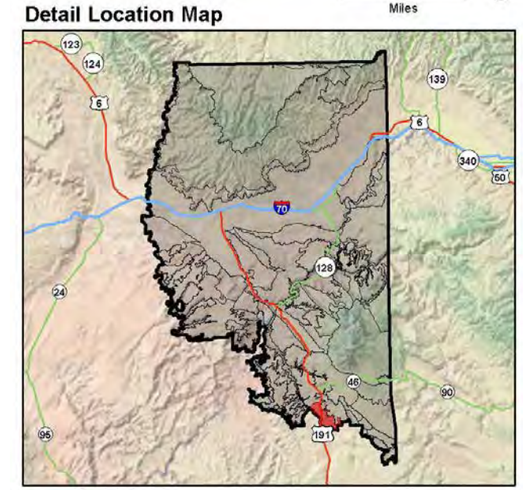

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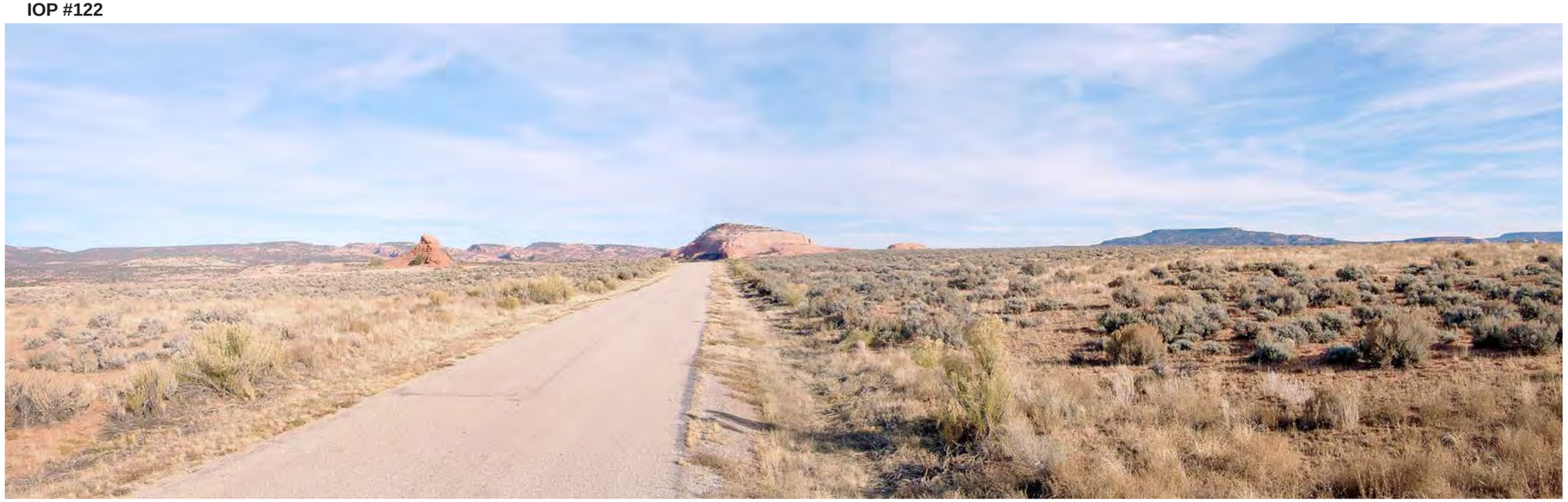

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #37
Kane Springs Canyon

Date: 11/7/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, James, MMeyer, RDonigan, MGurtler, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Vertical cliffs, steep escarpments, sloped talus, blocky, flat valley bottom, edges are prominent, rough, jagged, rounded rock forms, conical; steeper, higher cliffs in lower reaches, some isolated forms and rolling in canyon bottom	Some rounded/vertical cottonwood along creek, rounded shrubs, serpentine, prominent, simple; mostly indistinct	Simple, solid, vertical, rectangular
LINE	Vertical, horizontal, diagonal, jagged, complex, hard and broken, striated valley walls; angled slope, sinuous creek, undulating	Curvilinear along creek, definite, horizontal along landform terraces, simple, soft, continuous	Hard, vertical and horizontal
COLOR	Red, dark brown, tan, desert varnish, gray/ green; red/black walls, gray, tan/buff	Green, gray/green, yellow/green, gray, tan; dark green, yellow	Red, brown, harmonious
TEXTURE	Medium to rough, coarse, directional, contrasting; smooth surfaces in some areas	Medium to coarse, directional, scattered on slopes, dense in valley bottom; fine to rough	Smooth

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Kane Springs Canyon landform, as well as Muleshoe Canyon and numerous other tributaries of this landform. The unit consists of a deep, wide valley with steep to vertical walls. Canyon is dramatic in form.

Kiosks/trailheads/camp sites are present, but are generally harmonious. Strong riparian features/vegetation. A band of water (Kane Springs Creek) and vegetation wind through the canyon. Mostly undeveloped.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4	High vertical relief of valley walls
VEGETATION	4	Variety including evergreens, shrubs, grasses, and creek vegetation; sage and grasses in addition to riparian along the creek
WATER	4	Somewhat dominant, but mostly seasonal; perennial creek
COLOR	4	Vegetation color and striated colors of rock forms; wide variety and distinctive layering
ADJACENT SCENERY	1	Mostly enclosed; minimal views out of the canyon
SCARCITY	3.5	Somewhat distinctive valley in region; scale of drainage and perennial water somewhat scarce
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	20.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

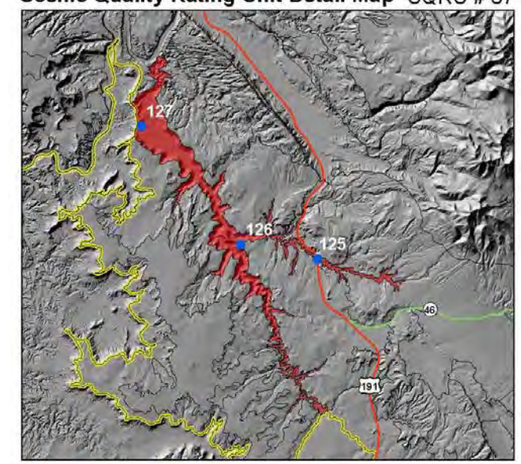
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 37



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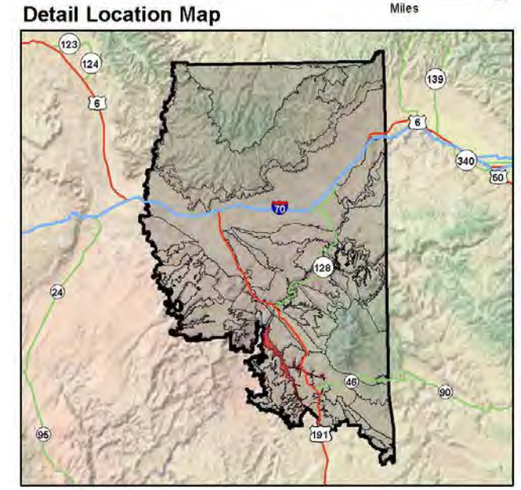

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #38
Behind the Rocks South

Date: 11/7/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Slightly sloping, rolling plains with medium rounded, horizontal outcroppings, convex, undulating outcrops	Rounded, medium, horizontal	Rectangular, angled
LINE	Horizontal, diagonal, curving, irregular, complex to simple	Indistinct	Horizontal and vertical, diagonal
COLOR	Pale red, tan	Dark green, tan, brown, gray/green	Brown, white, tan
TEXTURE	Fine plants to medium rock, smooth to rough, directional, contrasting, random, discontinuous	Fine to medium, smooth to rough, contrasting, dense to sparsely scattered	Clustered, sparse

Narrative

Unit encompasses the southern portion of the Behind the Rocks landform. The unit generally consists of a flat to rolling plateau with some raised, rounded, horizontal rock formations.

The unit is mostly undeveloped, with few residential structures and numerous unpaved roads. The vegetation is mostly shrubs and grasses with scattered evergreens.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	2.5	Flat to rolling with some vertical rock forms
VEGETATION	3	Some variety; evergreens, shrubs, grasses
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	3	Some intensity with rock forms and evergreens/ shrubs
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	Enhances; La Sal Mountains, adjacent canyons, and other distant formations
SCARCITY	2	Fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	14.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

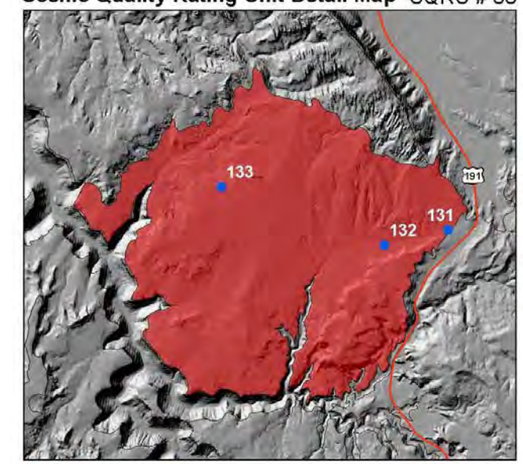
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 38



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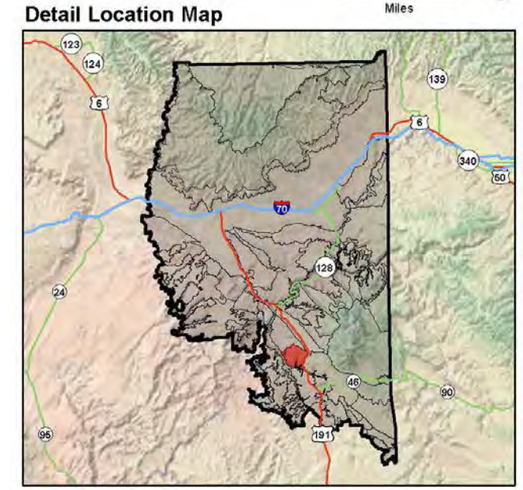

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #39
Behind the Rocks North

Date: 11/2/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Soft, fins, undulating, bold, complex, prominent, rugged, jagged, but soft forms, diverse, contrasting	Indistinct, smooth, low, higher vertical vegetation in canyons	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Irregular, vertical, rugged, broken, very undulating, complex	Indistinct, soft, some horizontal in the flatter areas	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Pale red/orange, some red, desert varnish	Gray/green, dark green, yellow and red tree color in canyons	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium to coarse, rough, directional, discontinuous, contrasting, dense, striated	Fine, directional, horizontal, fairly even and dense in flat areas	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses the northern portion of the Behind the Rocks landform. The unit consists mostly of repeating vertical rock fins, rounded in form. The unit is undeveloped aside from trails and jeep roads.

The unit generally drains to the northwest through Hunter and Pritchet Canyons, toward the Colorado River. The unit is a paler red than the foreground, with softer, rounded landforms, broken form and line, and medium texture.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	5	Exceptional repeating fins
VEGETATION	3.5	Variety of evergreens, shrubs and grasses; also cottonwoods and oaks in valleys
WATER	1	Seasonally present
COLOR	3.5	Intensity in vegetation and rock colors, particularly cottonwoods and oaks
ADJACENT SCENERY	3.5	Enhances from high points; limited in valleys
SCARCITY	5	Very rare landforms
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	21.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

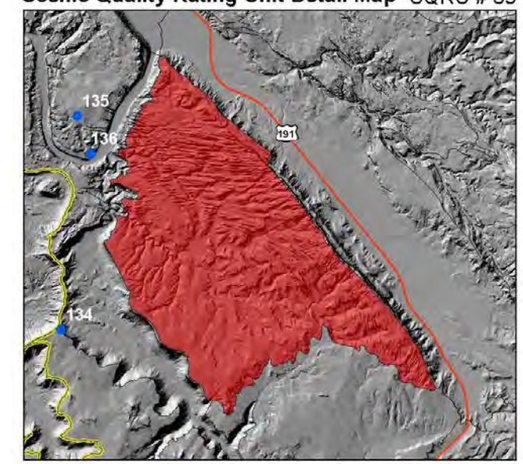
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 39



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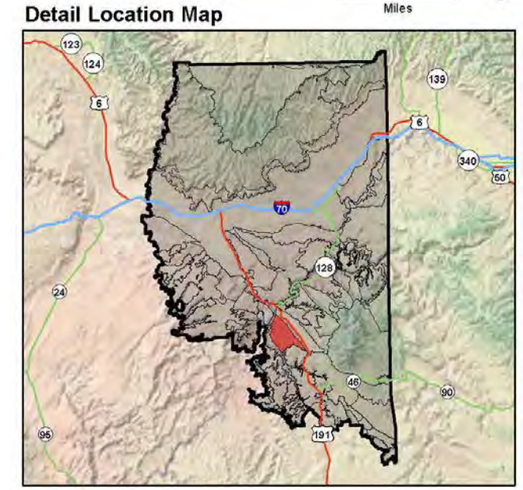

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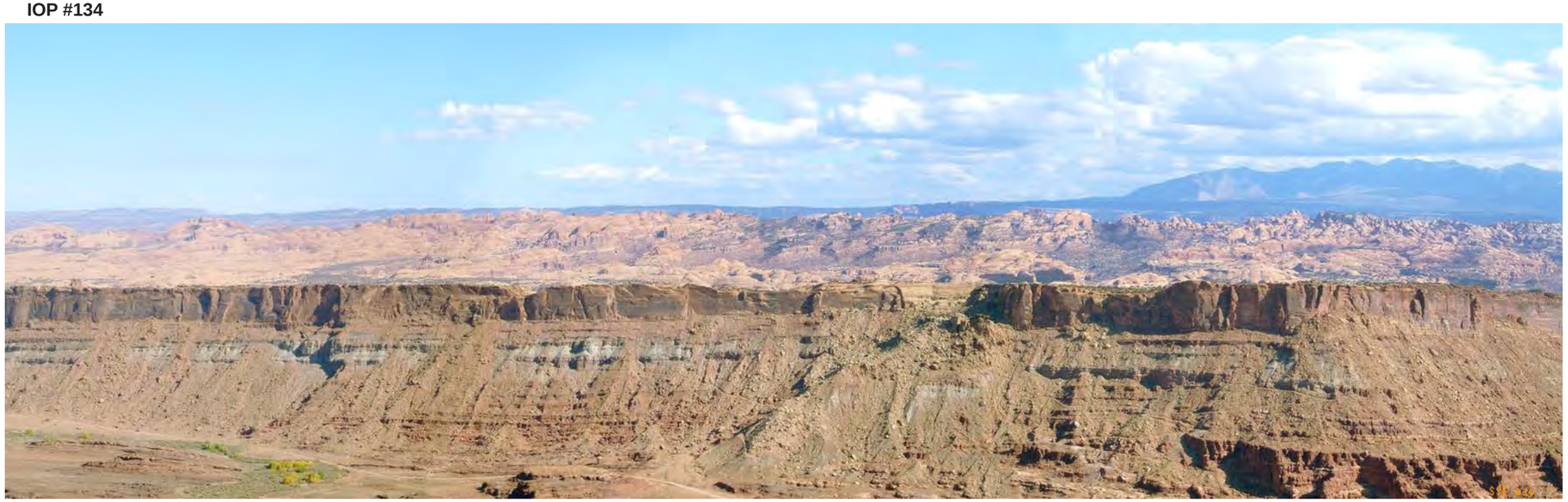

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Form 8400-1

Scenic Quality Rating Unit #40
Hatch Mesa

Date: 11/7/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, MGurtler, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat mesa, slightly rolling, occasional rounded landforms	Indistinct	Rectangular, cylindrical (oil and gas development)
LINE	Horizontal, slightly rounded areas	Horizontal, indistinct	Vertical, horizontal
COLOR	Tan/buff, occasional red	Gray sage, dark green juniper, sparse	Grays, green
TEXTURE	Smooth	Fine, slightly stippled at edges	Smooth surfaces, medium structures

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Hatch Point mesa landform. The unit consists of a wide open mesa with expansive views. The central part of the mesa has a flat to rolling terrain dominated by sage. There are some isolated, smooth rocks.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	1.5	Mostly flat, rolling in some areas
VEGETATION	1.5	Sage/grasses with scattered juniper
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	2	Mostly monotone with scattered dark green that adds interest
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	La Sal Mountains, good distant views
SCARCITY	1	Common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	-0.5	Oil and gas development in some areas, rolled semi-trailer
TOTAL	9.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C

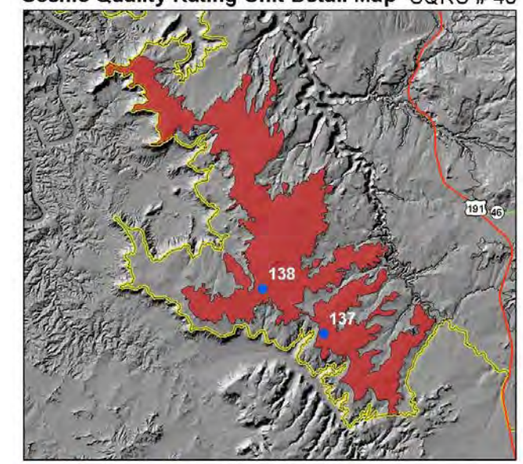
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

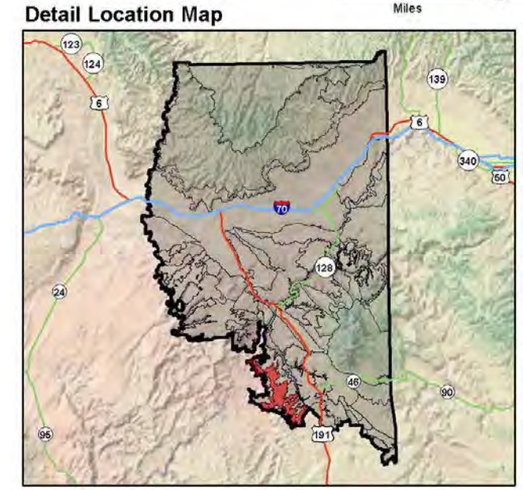
C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 40



IOP Rating Unit Field Office 0 3 6 Miles

Detail Location Map



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IOP #138

Form 8400-1

Scenic Quality Rating Unit #40A
Hatch Points/Canyon Rims

Date: 11/7/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, MGurtler, Kennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rolling, rounded rock form, some flat, angular	Some rounded, mostly indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, rounded, undulating	Mostly indistinct, some horizontal on landform	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan/buff, red	Gray sage/black brush, dark green juniper, straw/ yellow grasses	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium, smooth surfaces	Medium to coarse, some areas of fine	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses an area of mostly rolling landforms sloping down from the Hatch Point mesa landform to the Canyon Rims and Kane Creek.

The elevated areas and the rim of the mesa offer expansive views of canyons to the west and the backdrop of the La Sal Mountains to the east. The unit contains some flat areas, but is mostly exposed rolling rock formations on a mesa formation.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Some rock formations/landforms, mostly rolling to slightly rugged
VEGETATION	3	Juniper is dominant in some areas, grasses, sage
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	3	Mostly tan/buff shades, some reds/pinks
ADJACENT SCENERY	5	Views of Canyonlands NP, La Sal Mountains
SCARCITY	2.5	Ruggedness slightly scarce
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	16.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

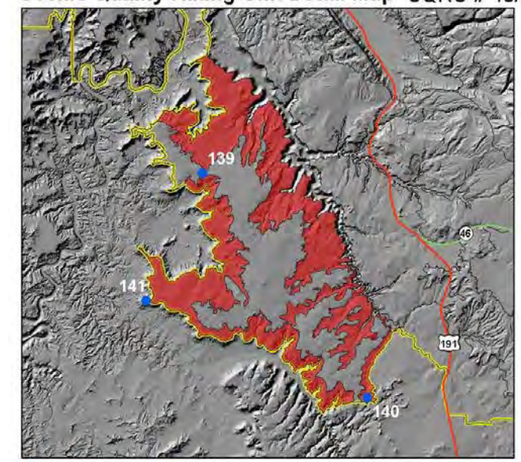
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 40A



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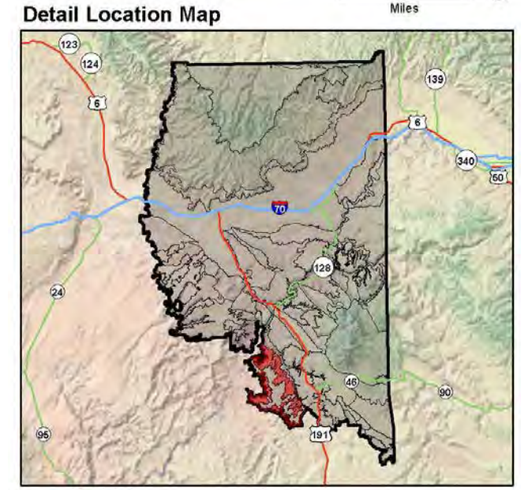

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #41
Poison Spider Rim/Little Canyon

Date: 11/2/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, BStevens, MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten, TMurdock,KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat to rolling, with rounded, irregular, mounded, soft forms, horizontal, highly undulating, large, braided domes; columnar, bold vertical faces, rugged, complex, angled slopes	Amorphic, irregular, rounded, directional; indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Weak, horizontal, undulating, bold, rounded, convex, concave; angular	Weak, irregular, broken, curving, broken, continuous, complex, simple; indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Red, pale red, tan, monotone; dark gray/ black, orange/red, tan buff	Gray/green, dark green, yellow/green, tan, gray, gray-black brush, straw/ yellow	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Fine to medium, smooth, subtle, directional, contrasting; fractured, coarse, rough, smooth faces	Fine, patchy, directional, medium, rough, random, contrasting, scattered clumps; speckled, stippled	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Poinson Spider Mesa landform, extending northwest to the ridge between Little and Gold Bar Canyons. Raised area covered mostly by undulating slickrock domes and deep canyons. Unit is mostly undeveloped.

There are exposed outcrops and landforms throughout. The vegetation is thin, and consists mostly of desert scrub with scattered evergreens. The vegetation in the canyons is more dense and varied, including cottonwoods.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4.5	Intriguing slickrock domes and formations; steep varied canyons, rock outcrops and formations
VEGETATION	3.5	Mostly shrubs and grasses with scattered evergreens; also cottonwoods in canyons; grasses, sage, juniper
WATER	1	Seasonal washes and pools
COLOR	3.5	Some intensity of evergreens, cottonwood, and rock formations; tan/buff and reds have good contrast with vegetation
ADJACENT SCENERY	5	Greatly enhances; Colorado River, La Sal Mountains, Behind the Rocks, Arches National Park
SCARCITY	3.5	Fairly distinctive; somewhat scarce but similar to others in the field office
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	21	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

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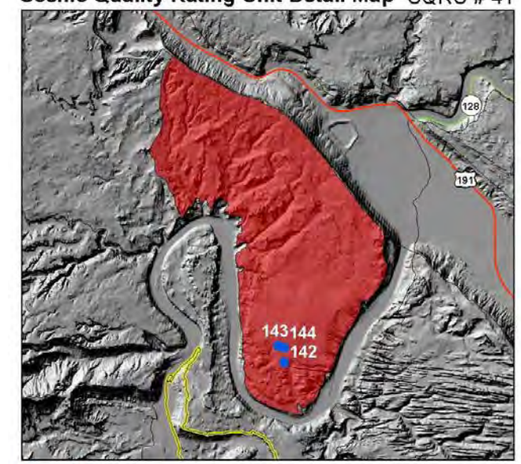
IOP #142

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 41



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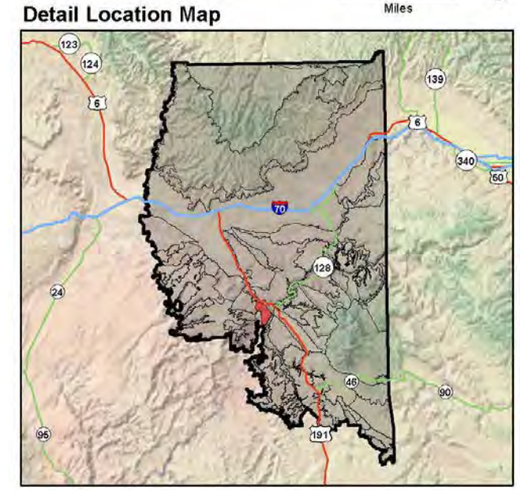

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IOP #143

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #42
Metal Masher Flats

Date: 11/3/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten, TMurdock, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rolling to flat	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal to gently undulating	Irregular edges at grass/ black brush edge	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Light red to tan	Straw yellow grass, dark gray black brush, some dark green juniper	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Smooth rock and land surface	Fine to medium, stippled juniper	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses flat to rolling lands extending generally from Bull Canyon to the ridge between Little and Gold Bar Canyons. This unit has an elevated mesa top, and is edged by Seven Mile and Bull Canyon/Gemini bridges.

There are expansive views from many locations.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	2	Low, slightly rolling
VEGETATION	2.5	Little variety
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	2.5	Mostly straw yellow/gray
ADJACENT SCENERY	5	La Sal Mountains, Behind the Rocks; adjacent scenery is the key to the visual quality of the unit
SCARCITY	2	Relatively common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	14	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

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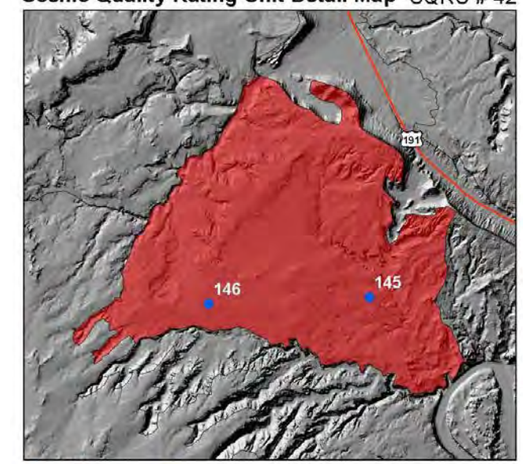
B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 42



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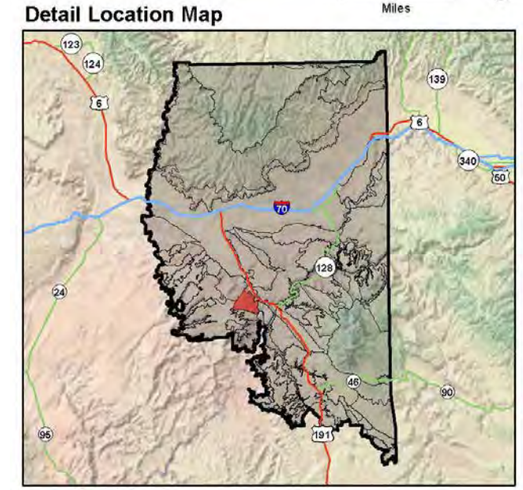

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IOP #146

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #42A
Bull Canyon/Gemini Bridges

Date: 11/3/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten, TMurdock, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rounded, complex, flat topped landforms	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Complex, horizontal, angular, broken	Somewhat linear on landform edges, mostly indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan/buff, reddish tan	Dark green, monochromatic, mostly juniper	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium to coarse in some areas	Even, medium	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses several canyon landforms draining northeast to Bull Canyon. This unit contains deeply incised canyons and multiple outcrops. There is heavy juniper cover, with even distribution in some areas.

There are expansive views from elevated areas, but the unit is more intimate in other areas. The rock/arch formations are unique.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	5	Canyons, arches, highly variable terrain
VEGETATION	3.5	Grasses, sage, juniper
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	4	Good combination of buff/tan/red landforms and vegetation color
ADJACENT SCENERY	5	La Sal Mountains, Behind the Rocks, Monitor/ Merrimac, Humphreys Peak
SCARCITY	3.5	Bridges scarce but other forms are more common in the field office
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	21	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

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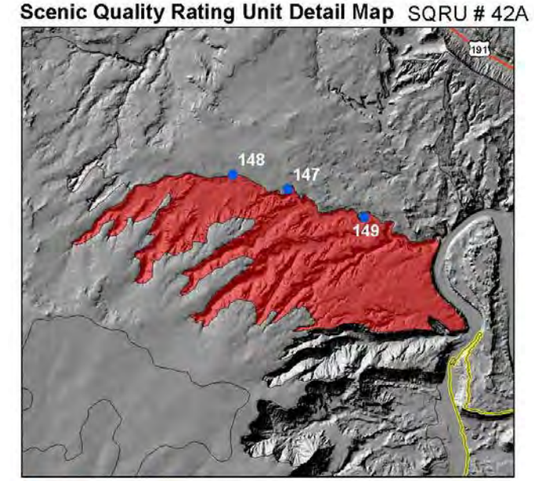
Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 42A



IOP Rating Unit Field Office 0 1 2 Miles

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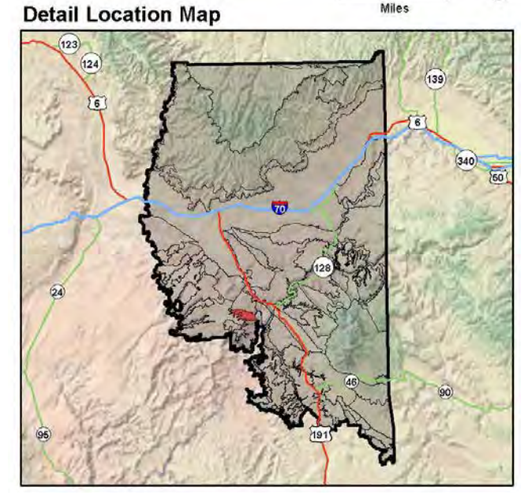

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #43
Shafer/Long Canyon

Date: 11/2/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten, TMurdock, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rugged, vertical cliffs, undulating faces, bold, irregular, columnar	Indistinct	Potash plant, flat planes of evaporating ponds
LINE	Horizontal layers/ banding, vertical, curvilinear, continuous	Indistinct to somewhat linear on benches	Horizontal, some angles of berms between ponds
COLOR	Dark reds/orange/salmon, dark gray to black surfaces, white, deep purple	Olive green, gray, gold	White, blue
TEXTURE	Extremely rough, some smooth vertical faces	Fine	Smooth

Narrative

Unit encompasses area of rugged, vertical cliffs and canyons that transition from Dead Horse Point down toward the Colorado River. There is also a steep vertical canyon below the level rim.

The views are enclosed to expansive, and include La Sal Mountains and Canyon Rims. A potash plant is visible from a limited area.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	5	Extensive canyon walls and distinctive landforms
VEGETATION	3	Minimal in some areas but overall good variety that compliments forms
WATER	4	Colorado River is prominent in many views
COLOR	4	Reds, gray, some tan/buff
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	La Sal Mountains, Canyon Rims, Behind the Rocks
SCARCITY	5	Somewhat rare, similar to Canyonlands NP features
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Potash plant impacts a limited area
TOTAL	25	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

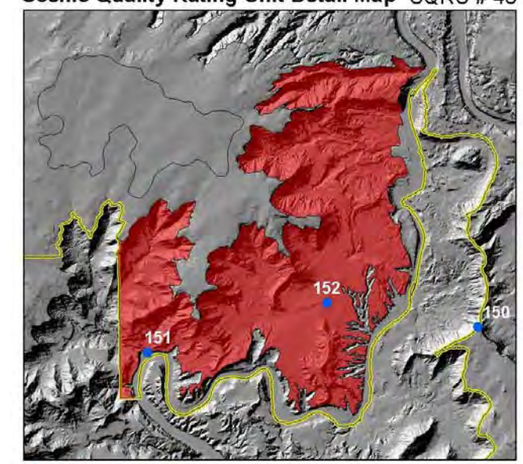
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 43



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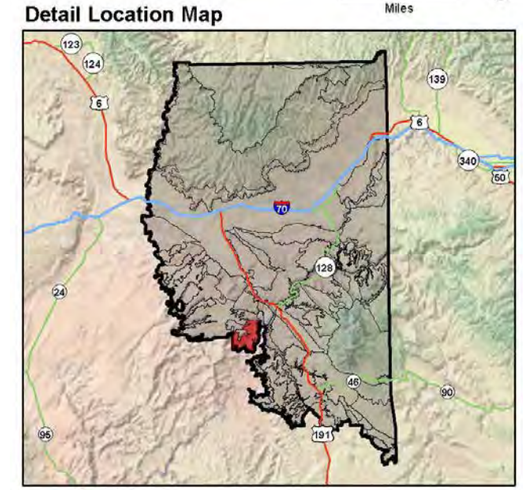

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IOP #151

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #44
Hell Roaring/Mineral Points

Date: 11/2/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten, TMurdock, KKenndy, CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Horizontal, rolling, scattered conical, rounded forms	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, vertical edges on washes, banded forms	Mostly indistinct, some linear edges on washes	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan/buff, reddish	Dark green juniper, gray sage	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium	Medium, even distribution, some areas scattered/stippled	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Dead Horse Horsetheif, and Mineral Points. This unit contains rolling hills with juniper, and is adjacent to deeply incised canyons such as Mineral and Hell Roaring, which transition donw to the Colorado and Green Rivers.

Elevated areas have expansive views, while other areas are enclosed by landforms and/or vegetation.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	2.5	Generally low rolling, occasional outcrops/cliffs
VEGETATION	3.5	Juniper is dominant in many areas but grasses/ riparian is mixed
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	3.5	Good variety and contrast of landform and vegetation
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	La Sal Mountains, Needles, Behind the Rocks
SCARCITY	1.5	Fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	15	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

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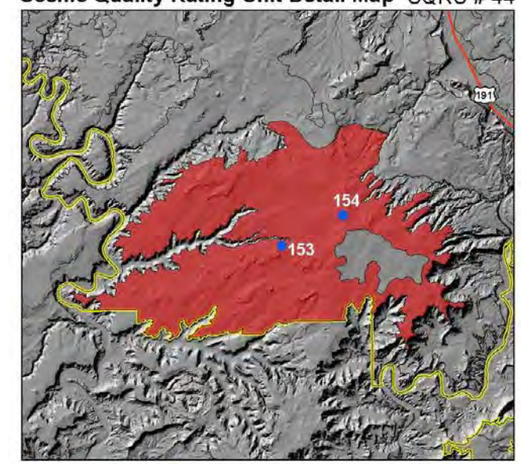
Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 44



IOP Rating Unit Field Office 0 3 6 Miles

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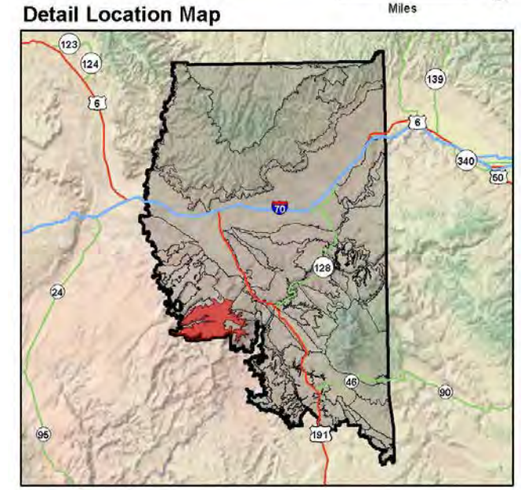

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #44A
Big Flat

Date: 11/2/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat to gently rolling, mostly horizontal	Indistinct, low, amorphous	Cylindrical, intermittent, rectangular, clustered
LINE	Weak, regular, horizontal, simple, soft	Somewhat indistinct, irregular, soft, continuous	Bold, regular, straight, hard, short, vertical
COLOR	Tan to light brown	Grayish, green sage, tan, yellow/green, green evergreens	White, tan, contrasting
TEXTURE	Fine, smooth	Fine to medium, smooth, patchy, random, scattered	Medium

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Big Flat landform, north of Dead Horse Point. This unit consists of open grassland, with dispersed juniper/pinyon. The juniper is denser at the edges of the cliff. The La Sal Mountains are in the background.

Seasonal changes to the vegetation and adjacent scenery (e.g. snow) may affect the visual characteristics. The unit is mostly undeveloped, with some oil and gas development.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	1	Flat to rolling
VEGETATION	2	Little variety; grasses and evergreens
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	2	Evergreens and grasses; fairly subtle
ADJACENT SCENERY	4	La Sal Mountains enhance
SCARCITY	1	Fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	-1	Oil and gas development
TOTAL	9	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C

Scenic Quality Classification

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C = 11 or less

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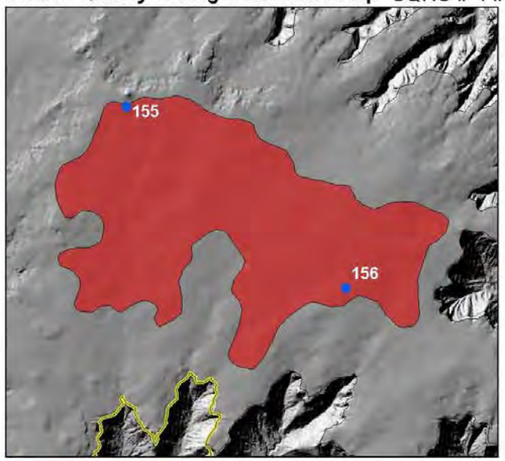
Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 44A



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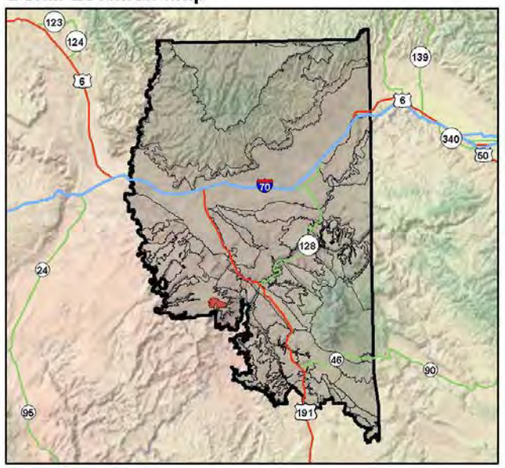

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #45
Green River/Labyrinth Canyon

Date: 11/2/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten, TMurdock, KKennedy, CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Curved, sheer walls, angled slopes, horizontal, serpentine river, flat bottom	Clumping trees along the river	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal banding, angular at top and bottom of walls, curvilinear river, serpentine	Serpentine along the river, indistinct on slopes	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Red, tan, black, buff	Gray green, dark green	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Smooth, medium	Dense at river, sparse, scattered slopes	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses the deeply incised Green River Canyon from Bull Bottom south to the southern limit of the field office, including Labrynth Canyon. This unit is enclosed and intimate within the canyon.

The water and riparian vegetation are the focal points.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4	Steep canyon walls
VEGETATION	4	Grasses, sage, pinyon/juniper on slopes, extensive riparian
WATER	4	Green River dominant
COLOR	4	Wide range of red/tan landform contrasts with vegetation
ADJACENT SCENERY	0	The unit is enclosed, adjacent scenery has little or no influence on overall visual quality
SCARCITY	4	Large rivers are not common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	20	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

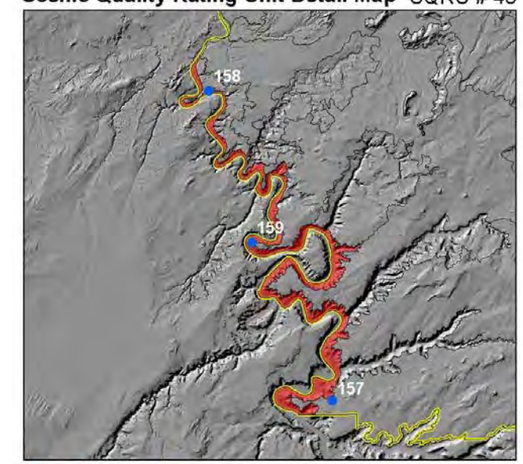
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 45



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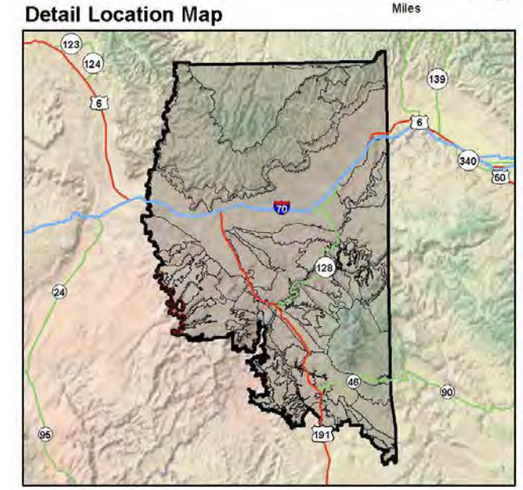

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Form 8400-1

Scenic Quality Rating Unit #45A
Green River Valley

Date: 11/3/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Edges are rounded, flat-topped, low, blocky and trapezoidal; vertical escarpments with sloped foothills, horizontal banding, flat river valley	Edges are indistinct, horizontal, low; the river is serpentine, low to medium	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Serpentine, curvilinear, simple, horizontal bottom; edges are vertical, horizontal and diagonal	Edges are indistinct; river is horizontal, simple, soft	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Red, gray, tan	Edges are light green, gray/green, tan; river is yellow/green, yellow cottonwoods	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Fine to medium edges, smooth river surface, broken, directional	Indistinct edges, sparse, clumped; river is fine to medium, dense, directional	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses more open portion of the Green River Valley from Gunnison Butte south to Bull Bottom. Unit consists of a river corridor with varying amounts of enclosure. Some areas are open and flat with no valley walls;

others are partially enclosed by adjacent hills and escarpments. Less enclosed than SQRU 45. Unit ranges from undeveloped to fairly developed. The town of Green River and Ruby Ranch are located in the unit.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	2	Fairly flat to rolling, with some vertical escarpments
VEGETATION	3	Desert scrub, agricultural fields, and river vegetation; some variety
WATER	4	Dominant, but fairly slow moving
COLOR	2	Some color variation in rock and vegetation; fairly subtle
ADJACENT SCENERY	2	Somewhat enhancing; Book Cliffs and other distant forms
SCARCITY	4	Flowing water at this scale is fairly uncommon in region
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	17	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

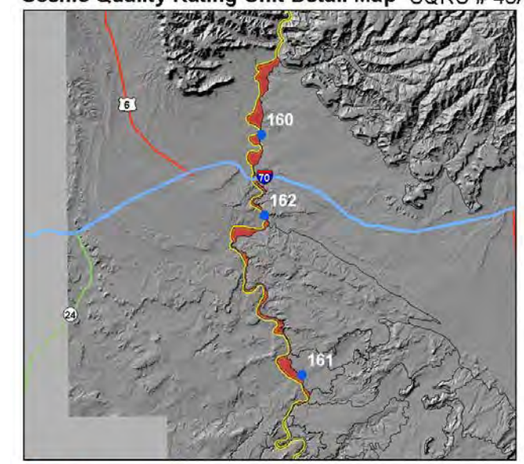
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 45A



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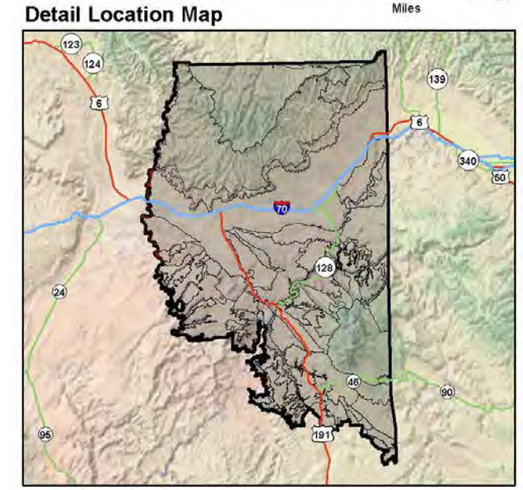

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IOP #162

Form 8400-1

Scenic Quality Rating Unit #45B
Lower White Wash

Date: 11/3/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat to rolling	Even, stippled, low	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, simple	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Beige to light red/brown	Green to beige	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Fine	Stippled, fine	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses flat to rolling lands along the lower portion of White Wash, directly east of Ruby Ranch. Unit generally drains to the southwest toward the Green River and Ruby Ranch.

The unit is mostly undeveloped, with some agricultural fields.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	1	Flat to rolling
VEGETATION	1	Sparse desert scrub
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	1	Fairly mute tones
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	Enhanced by Green River and other distant landforms
SCARCITY	1	Fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	7	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C

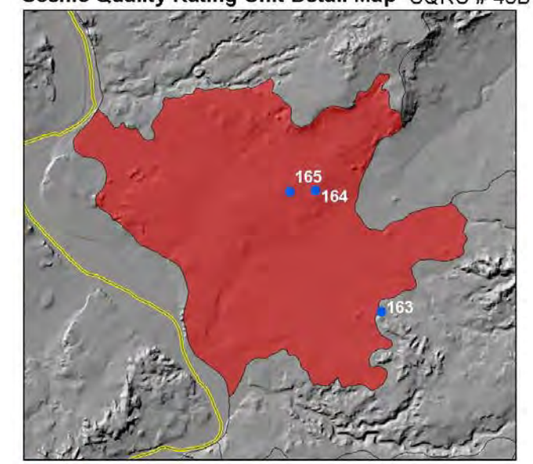
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 45B



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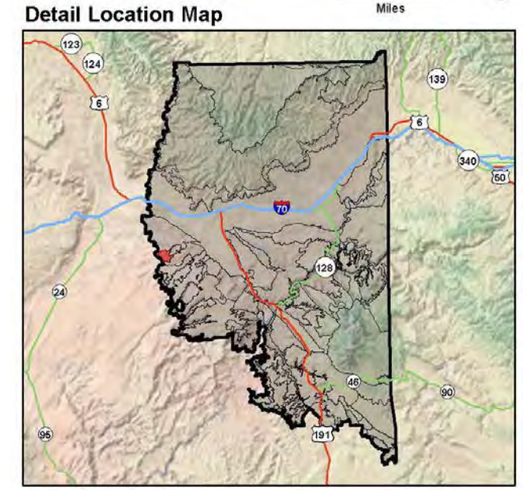

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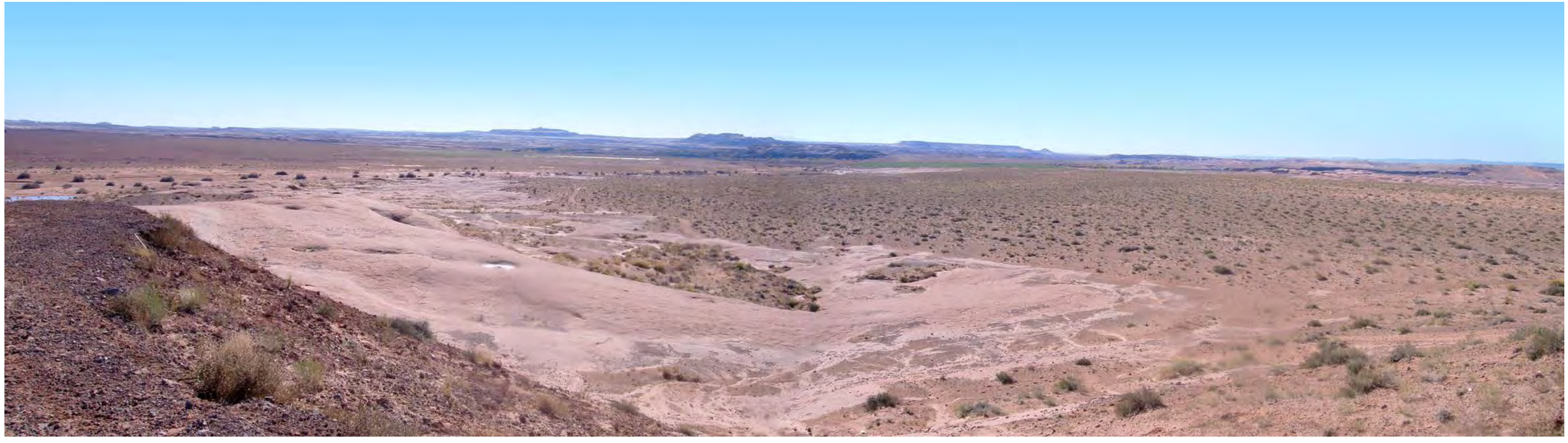

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #46
Mineral Canyon

Date: 11/3/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten, TMurdock, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rugged, rectangular, blocky, angular	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Vertical cliff faces, angular talus slope, horizontal	Mostly indistinct, some association with water creates undulating line	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Dark red, gray/black, greenish slope	Light green/gray, yellow cottonwood along the creek	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Rough to very rough	Fine, speckled	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Mineral Canyon landform. Contains deep canyons with vertical sides. There is no adjacent scenery because of the sheer sides, with the exception of the confluence with the Green River.

The canyon is a tributary of the Green River. The shallow upper end of the unit is an area of large rock outcrops and is deeply incised.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4.5	Dramatic canyon walls
VEGETATION	2	Minimal except along the riparian corridor
WATER	2.5	Stream visible in some locations
COLOR	4	Red, gray, black canyon walls, yellow cottonwood
ADJACENT SCENERY	2	Green River Canyon at the end of Mineral Canyon; highly enclosed
SCARCITY	3.5	Washes/streams common but not steep canyon
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	18.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

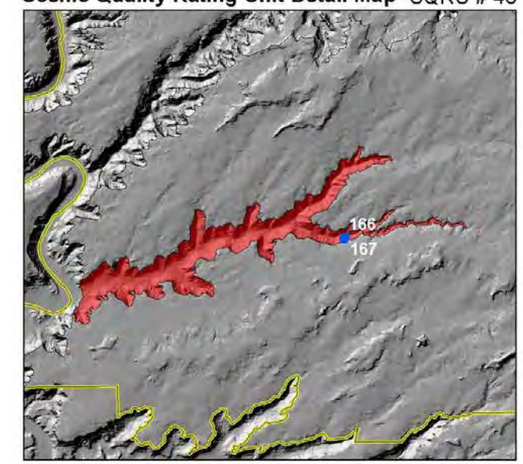
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 46



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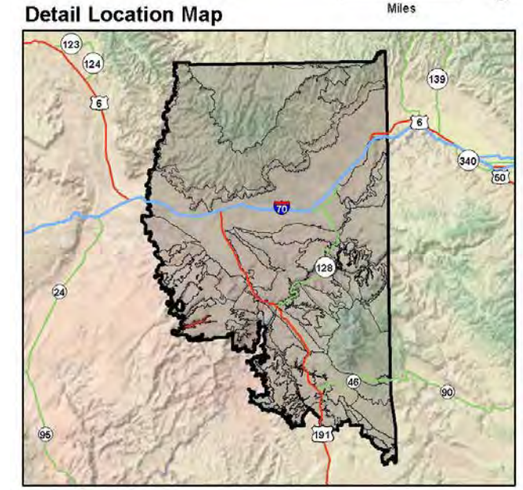

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #47
Hell Roaring

Date: 11/3/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten, TMurdock, KKennedy

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Bold, columnar, flat topped forms, rounded, angular	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, vertical, complex, irregular, strong, undulating	Mostly indistinct, some linear forms associated with landforms	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Reddish tan, buff, dark gray/black	Dark green, light green juniper/cottonwood, bluish gray sage, some yellow cottonwood	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Rough, jumbled sides and tops, smooth valley floor	Fine in valley bottom, strongly stippled on slopes and land form tops	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Hell Roaring Canyon landform. This unit has steep walled canyons, and multiple formations, such as fins, with the canyon. The stream and riparian vegetation is visible.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	5	Steep walled canyon, multiple rock formations
VEGETATION	4	Grasses, juniper, sage, cottonwood
WATER	2	Stream is minor visual element
COLOR	4.5	Red, tan/buff, gray black, contrasts with vegetation
ADJACENT SCENERY	2.5	Views from canyon are limited but some views are available, especially at the Green River
SCARCITY	3.5	Canyon is not common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	21.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

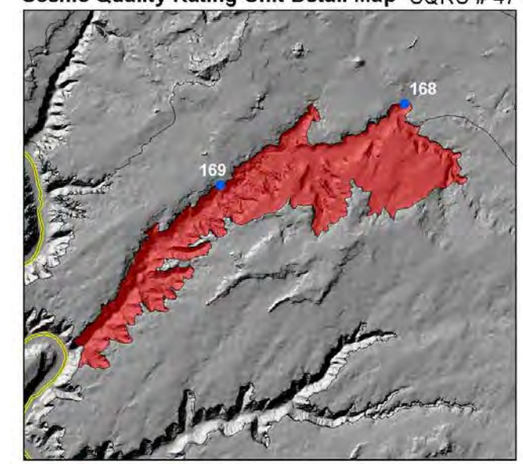
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 47



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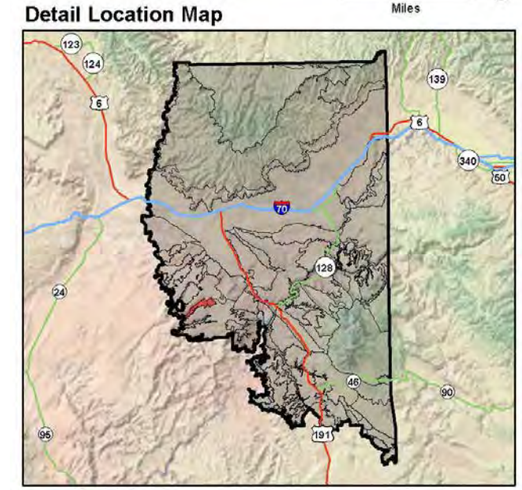

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #48
Spring Canyon

Date: 11/2/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten, TMurdock, KKennedy, CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rolling, undulating, rounded on upper terrace, conical, some with spires, vertical, angular, bold, soft	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, rolling, undulating, vertical sides on canyon, angular, serpentine canyon line, rounded	Indistinct, some irregular lines on clumped edges	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Buff, white, gray, light tan, dark to light red, black/ gray, tan/buff	Dark green juniper, light greens scrub species, gray sage, yellow cottonwood	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Smooth, lumpy, rough, complex, medium texture on slopes	Scattered, stippled, irregular, clumping	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Spring Canyon landform, including areas draining to the canyon from the southeast. This unit contains a canyon and a wash, with shallow sloping/rolling slickrock areas that lead toward the canyon.

Tan/buff rock is exposed throughout the unit, including some interesting rounded "bubbling" or "lumpy" forms. The views vary from enclosed to expansive.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	5	Steep canyon, rolling/bubbling Navajo Rock
VEGETATION	4	Grasses, sage, juniper accent rock formations, riparian in canyon
WATER	3.5	Perennial stream is the primary canyon feature
COLOR	4.5	Full mix of reds/tans with white Navajo, also green uranium layer in the canyon wall
ADJACENT SCENERY	2.5	La Sal Mountains, Needle Rock is visible from above the canyon, but canyon views are limited
SCARCITY	3.5	Perennial stream/canyon somewhat rare
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	23	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

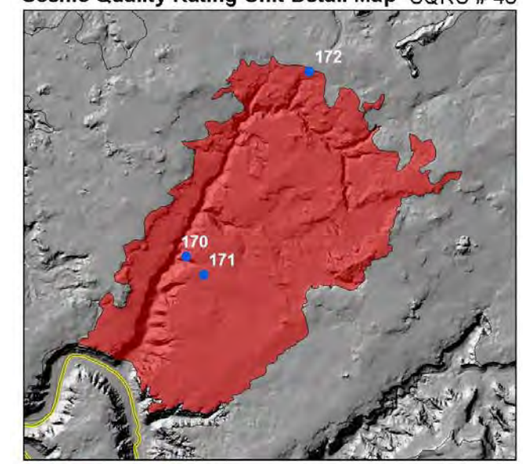
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 48



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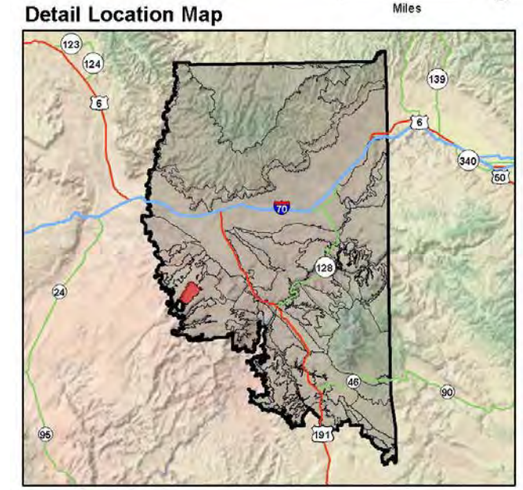

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #49
Bartlett/Monitor Merrimac

Date: 11/3/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten, TMurdock, KKennedy, CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Horizontal mesas, vertical cliffs, trapezoidal; distinct forms, flat topped mesa forms, soft, undulating slickrock	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal banding in cliffs, vertical sides of forms, undulating, angled slopes	Indistinct, some horizontal along slickrock	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Red, gray, tan/buff, bluish green on some slopes, dark gray/black	Straw/yellow grasses, gray sage, dark green pinyon/juniper, gray black brush	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Coarse, rough, complex	Fine, stippled, medium to coarse	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses extensive raised landforms from Sevenmile Canyon north to areas surrounding Bartlett Wash. The views are enclosed within the forms, but expansive from some open raised locations. There are enclosed canyons from the individual buttes.

There are numerous distinct landforms, creating an iconic landscape.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	5	Monitor/Merrimac formation, other mesas and slickrock; highly distinctive features
VEGETATION	3.5	Grasses, sage, scattered juniper, cottonwood; good variety
WATER	2	Riparian corridors; some perennial streams
COLOR	5	Wide range of landform colors; light to deep reds, buff/tan, vegetation adds contrast
ADJACENT SCENERY	4.5	La Sal Mountains, Arches National Park, Klondike Bluffs, Needles
SCARCITY	4	Slickrock, vertical forms, riparian; landforms somewhat rare
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	24	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

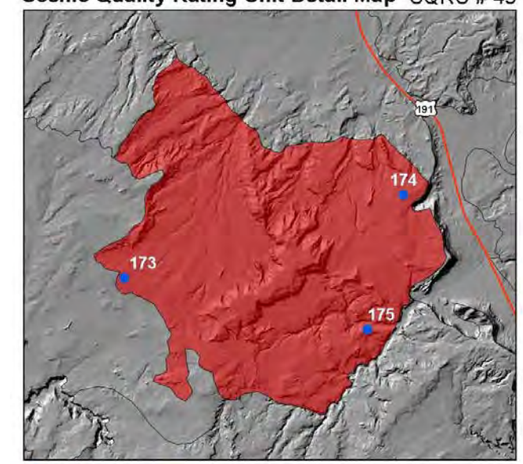
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 49



IOP Rating Unit Field Office 0 1.5 3 Miles

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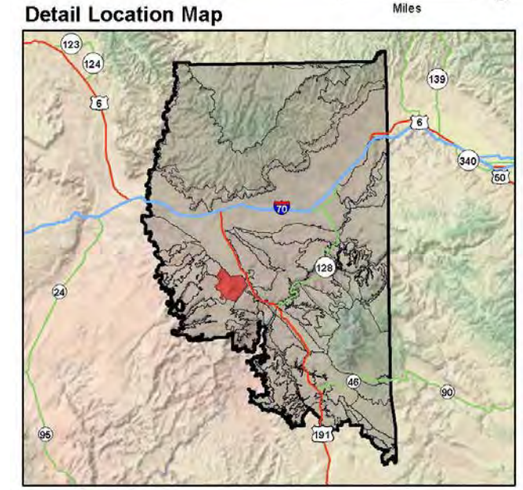

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Form 8400-1

Scenic Quality Rating Unit #50 Grassland

Date: 11/2/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten, TMurdock, KKennedy, CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Rolling, rounded, angled edges on outcrops/mesas	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, undulating	Indistinct, some irregular at patches of pinyon/ juniper	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Red, buff	Dark green juniper, gray black brush, straw/yellow grasses	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Smooth, medium	Fine, patchy, stippled	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses generally rolling landforms, including Deadman Point and the western portion of Bartlett Flat. Unit includes slickrock and mesa formations interspersed in the grassland.

There are also some areas of pinyon/juniper. The views are expansive.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	1.5	Rolling Hills - few interesting features
VEGETATION	3.5	Grasses, shrubs, and juniper - some variety
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	3	Buff/reddish landforms contrast with juniper
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	Moderately enhances - Henry Mountains and La Sal Mountains
SCARCITY	1	Fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	12	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

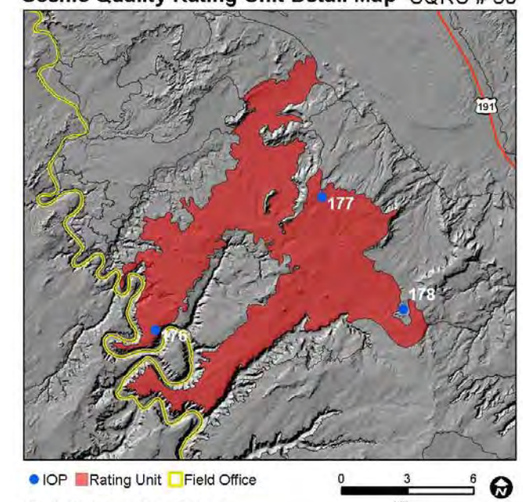
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 50



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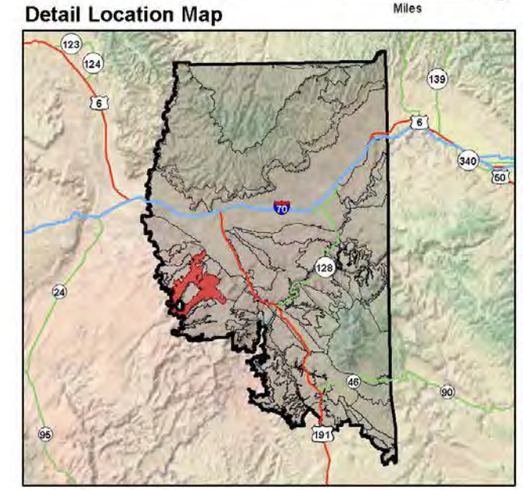

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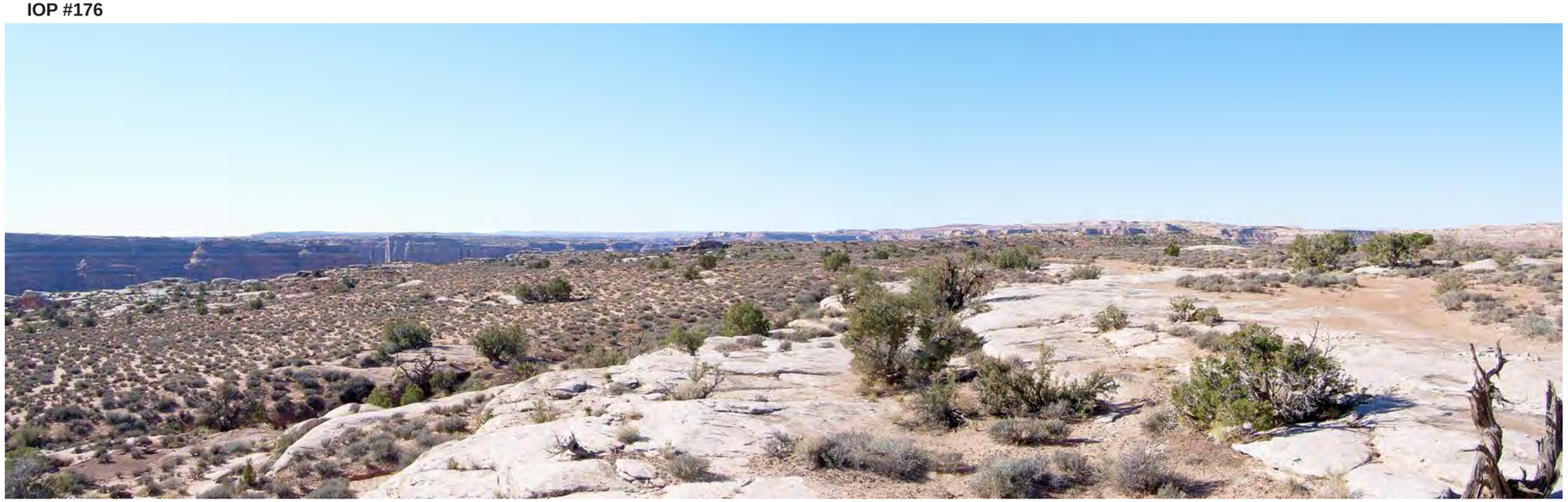

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Scenic Quality Rating Unit #50A
Upper Bartlett

Date: 11/2/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: MMeyer, RDonigan, RSweeten, TMurdock, KKennedy, CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat to rolling, rounded	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, undulating, complex	Directional/horizontal on landform	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan, gray	Dark green pinyon/ juniper, gray sage, straw/ yellow grasses	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Complex, fine to coarse	Fine grasses to medium/ coarse pinyon/juniper	No structures visible; not applicable

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	2.5	Mostly gentle rolling but with some distinct rock features
VEGETATION	3	Mix of grasses, sage, pinyon/juniper
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	3	Good contrast of landforms and rock outcrops with pinyon/juniper
ADJACENT SCENERY	4.5	La Sal Mountains, Needles, Book Cliffs
SCARCITY	2	Fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	15	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Narrative

Unit encompasses flat to rolling lands surrounding Tenmile Wash, from the base of the Blue Hills south to the north extent of the Dubinky Wash basin. This unit has a flat to rolling landscape with pinyon/juniper vegetation.

It is elevated and sloped, with open, expansive views. Some internal rock formations add interest to the foreground. Vegetation includes black brush, ash, Ephedra, and fourwing saltbush.

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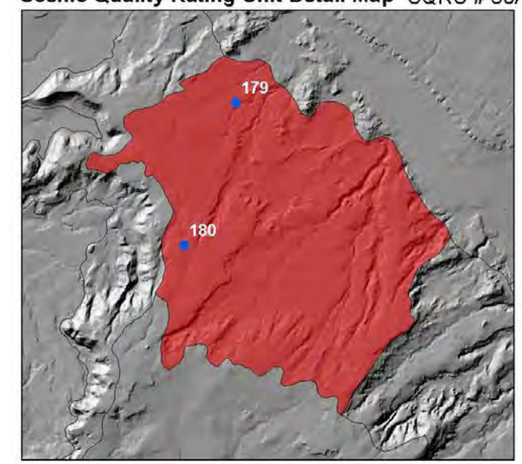
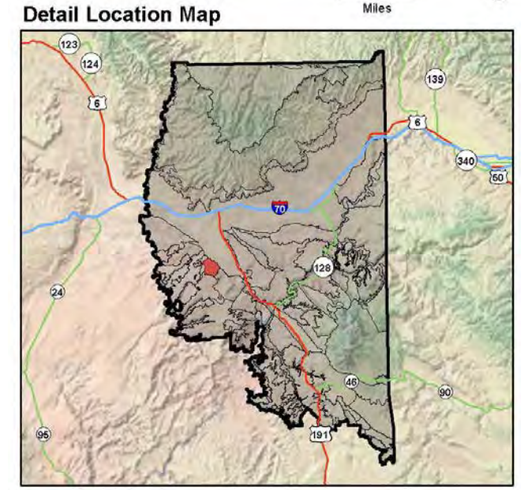
Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 50A



IOP Rating Unit Field Office 0 0.5 1 Miles

Detail Location Map



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IOP #180

Form 8400-1

Scenic Quality Rating Unit #51
Needle Rock, Rainbow (Lost World Butte/ The Needles)

Date: 11/2/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock, MGurtler, RSweeten

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Sheer wall, shallow slopes at base, flat top with some dome	Indistinct, minimal	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal banding, vertical rock columns, subtle angles	Indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Red, white/buff, black, desert varnish	Gray green	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium to coarse, smooth surfaces	Fine, sparse, scattered	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses The Needles landform, as well as similar sheer wall formations near Tenmile Wash. Geologic formations consist of Morrison, Kayenta, Entrada (three layers: Moab Tongue, Slick Rock, Dewey Bridge), Carmel (thin), and Navajo (white).

The unit has distinctive, isolated forms and distinct vertical rock formations and buttes. The unit is undeveloped, and surrounded by mostly flat to rolling land. The Book Cliffs, Henry Mountains, and La Sal Mountains are visible from the unit.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	4	Buttes with high vertical relief
VEGETATION	1	Little vegetation and variety
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	3	Intense rock color, but no contrast with vegetation
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	Moderately enhances; Book Cliffs, Henry Mountains, La Sal Mountains
SCARCITY	3	Distinctive but similar to others in region
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	14	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

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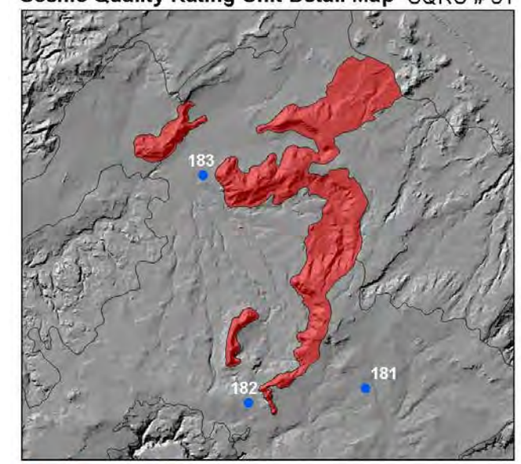
IOP #181

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 51



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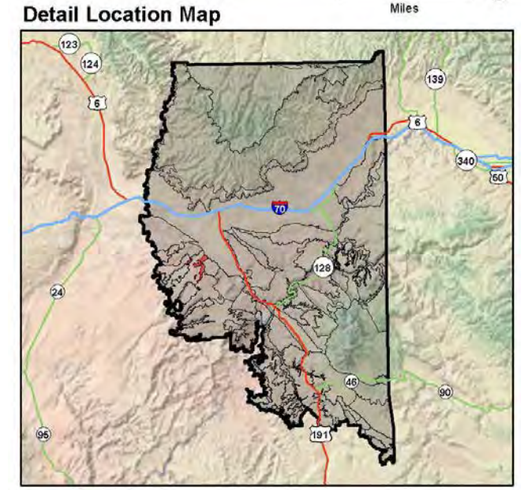

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IOP #182

IOP #183

Form 8400-1

Scenic Quality Rating Unit #53
Ten Mile Canyon

Date: 11/3/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Definite, rounded blocks, soft, irregular, undulating, diverse, complex, serpentine water	Indistinct, low shrubs, tall poplar	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Indistinct, broken, complex, irregular, horizontal and vertical, curving water line	Weak, broken, horizontal	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Pale red to gray	Yellow, reddish, gray-green, light green	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium, smooth surface, dense, fine texture in valley bottom	Fine, patch, scattered, random, directional, riparian vegetation, more dense in valley bottom, clumped	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Spring Canyon landform, including areas draining to the canyon from the southeast. This unit is deeply incised to the SW, and more undulating to the NE. Canyon had rounded, blocky form and the valley floor is serpentine.

Mostly undeveloped; unpaved roads. The vegetation is sparse, except for on the valley floor, which has desert scrub, juniper, cottonwood, and other waterside plants. Other vegetation includes scrub oak, ash, blackbrush, and poplar.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3.5	Varies from undulating to steep canyon formation
VEGETATION	3.5	Good variety on the valley floor, seasonal poplar
WATER	3	Present but mostly hidden, more water seasonally
COLOR	3.5	Some intensity with vegetation and rock forms, expansive white Navajo
ADJACENT SCENERY	2.5	Mostly provides its own scenery due to canyon formations. Green River at the very end, Book Cliffs La Sals from some areas.
SCARCITY	3.5	Distinctive, though somewhat similar to others in the region. Extensive exposed white Navajo formation
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	19.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A

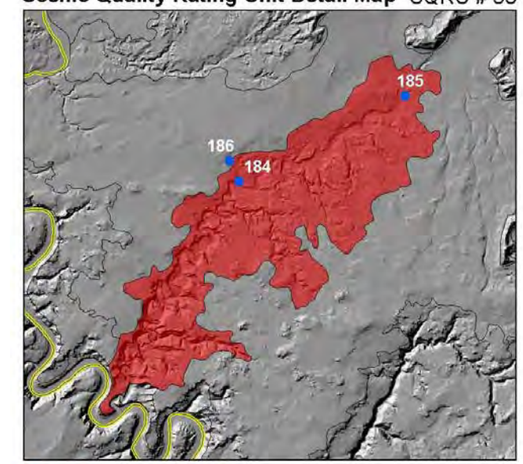
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 53



IOP Rating Unit Field Office 0 1 2 Miles

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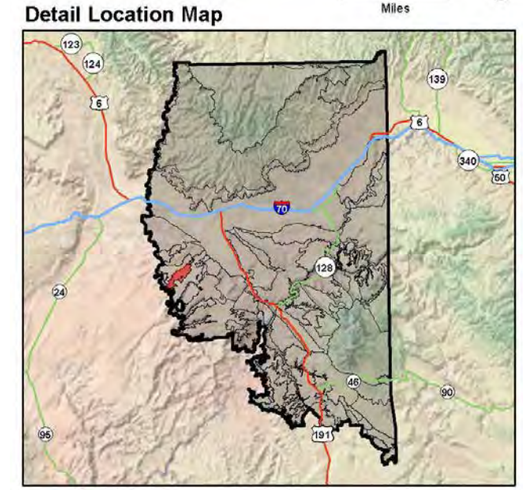

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SCENIC QUALITY FIELD INVENTORY

IOP #185

IOP #186

Form 8400-1

Scenic Quality Rating Unit #54
Ten Mile Point

Date: 11/3/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat to slightly rolling, indistinct	Indistinct, low, smooth, simple	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Weak, horizontal, continuous, simple	Weak, indistinct, horizontal, slightly undulating, soft	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Light red	Light green to gray-green	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Fine, smooth	Fine, smooth, uniform, subtle, fairly dense	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit includes the Tenmile Point landform and adjacent flat to slightly rolling lands. This landforms are flat to slightly rolling with fairly even desert scrub vegetative cover. The unit is mostly undeveloped, other than unpaved roads.

The unit has some drainage areas and rock-surfaced areas.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	1	Flat to slightly rolling
VEGETATION	1	Little variety; desert scrub
WATER	0	No water visible
COLOR	1	Subtle
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	Moderately enhances; Book Cliffs, Henry Mountains, La Sal Mountains
SCARCITY	1	Fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	7	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C

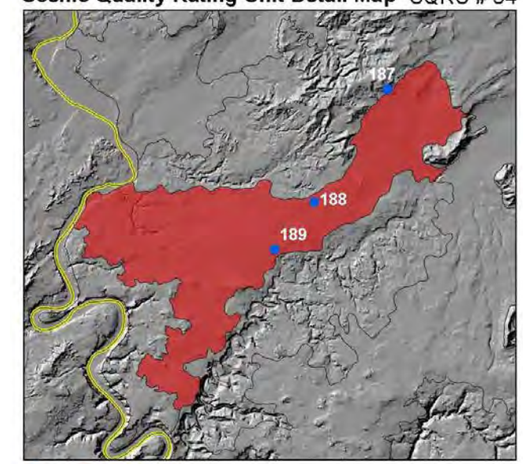
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 54



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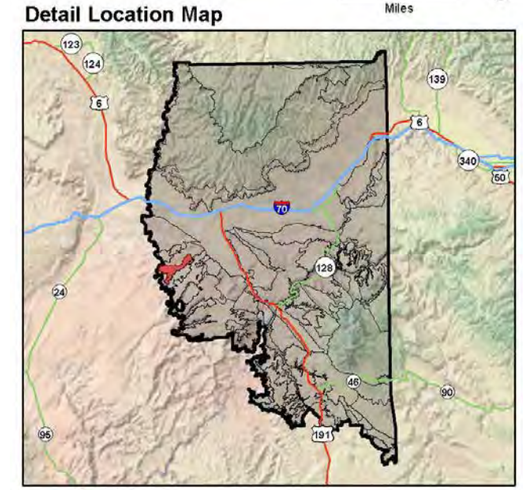

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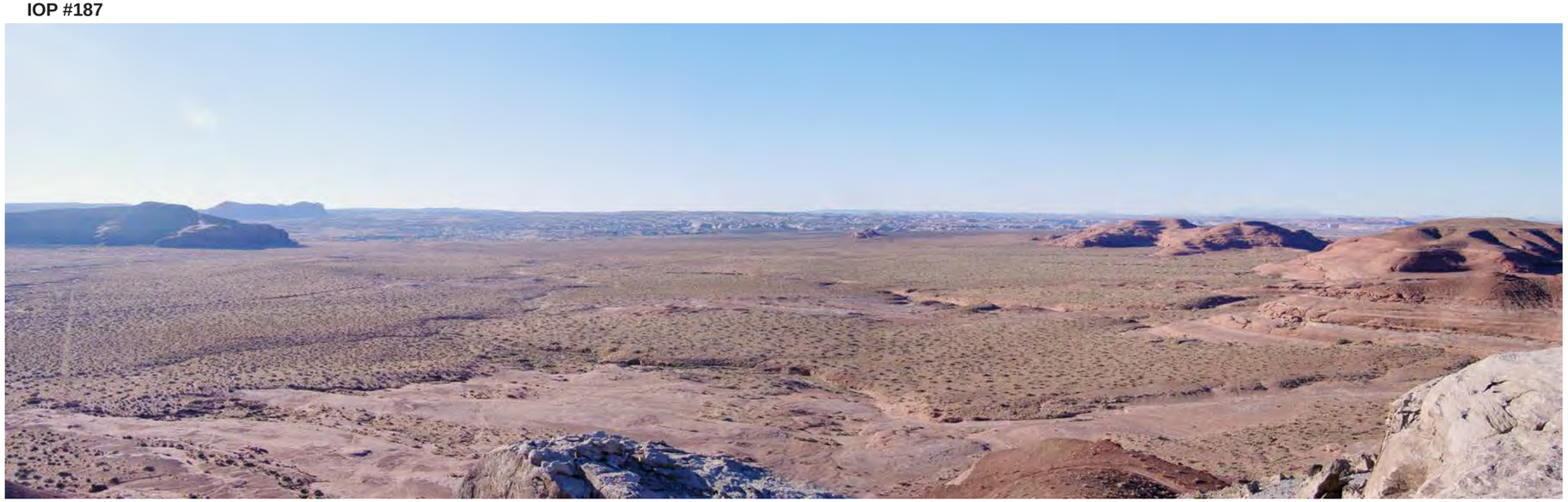

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IOP #188

IOP #189

Form 8400-1

Scenic Quality Rating Unit #54A
Tenmile Point Rock Formations

Date: 11/3/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Smooth, undulating dunes, horizontal, patchy rock forms, deep canyons near river	Indistinct, low, horizontal	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Irregular, horizontal, undulating, simple, soft	Weak, indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Tan, some light red, gray	Gray/green, light green, gray	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Medium, smooth, patchy, scattered	Fine, patchy, random, scattered, fairly dense, stippled	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

This unit consists of raised rock formations on the west end of Tenmile Point, between the flats of Tenmile Point and the Green River. The vegetation is sparse on the rock formations, with desert scrub in flatter areas.

The unit is mostly undeveloped. Unpaved roads are present, but difficult to see due to the rock outcrops. The unit includes several deep canyons along the Green River.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Undulating rock forms with some steep canyons
VEGETATION	2	Mostly desert scrub, some sparse - with some juniper and more variety on valley bottoms
WATER	1	Present in canyons, but not noticeable from most areas
COLOR	2	Some variation in rock and vegetation
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	Moderately enhances from higher areas
SCARCITY	2	Somewhat common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	13	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

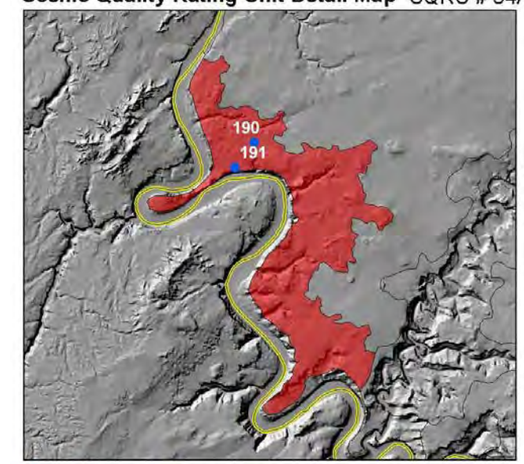
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 54A



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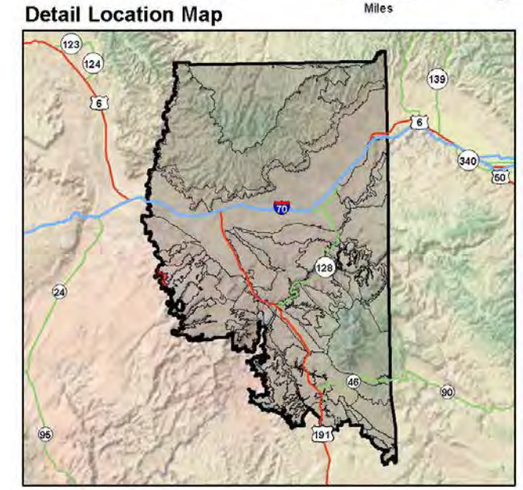

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IOP #191

Form 8400-1

Scenic Quality Rating Unit #55
Red Wash/Upper White Wash

Date: 11/3/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Definite, rounded, smooth, diagonal, amorphous red rock, red rock is simple	Indefinite, indistinct, irregular, low	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Red is smooth, undulating, simple, soft, irregular, horizontal	Weak, indistinct	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Red and tan banding, monotone	Gray/green, yellow/green	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Red is fine to smooth, uniform	Fine, patchy, scattered, random	No structures visible; not applicable

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Interesting erosional patterns and rock forms
VEGETATION	1	Mostly desert scrub; fairly sparse in some areas
WATER	1	Present but not highly visible; seasonal
COLOR	3	Interesting rock colors
ADJACENT SCENERY	3	Moderately enhanced; Green River and surrounding landforms
SCARCITY	3	Distinctive, though somewhat common in region
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	14	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Narrative

Unit encompasses the Red Wash landform, and includes the upper portion of White Wash, east of White Wash Sand dunes. Geologic formations includes part of the red Entrada layer.

Red Wash adds a deeply incised canyon in the unit with soft gray rock forms and water. The unit consists of undulating landforms and washes that drain generally to the south and west to the Green River. The unit is mostly undeveloped.

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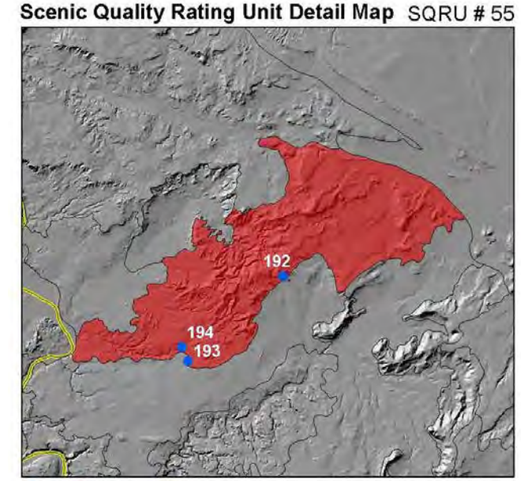
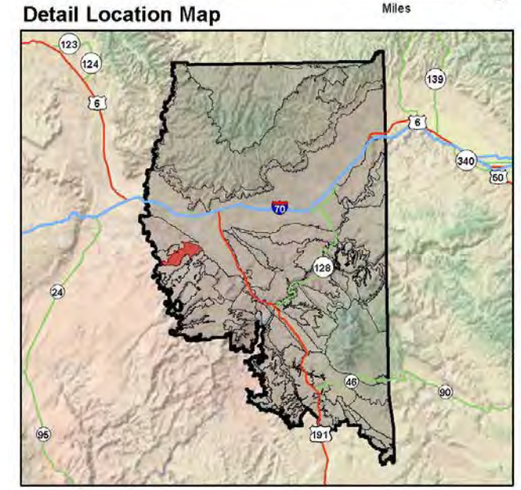
Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 55



IOP Rating Unit Field Office 0 1.5 3 Miles

Detail Location Map



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IOP #193

IOP #194

Form 8400-1

Scenic Quality Rating Unit #56
White Wash Dunes

Date: 11/3/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, MGurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat to rolling bottom, soft, sloping rock forms, tall, flat-top domes, horizontal, angular	Indistinct, low, horizontal	Cylindrical, vertical
LINE	Definite, horizontal, angular, undulating, simple to complex, soft, broken	Weak, irregular, indistinct, simple, broken	Definite, straight, vertical and horizontal
COLOR	Red, sand-orange, tan	Blue/green, gray/green, yellow cottonwoods	White, light tan
TEXTURE	Fine to medium, smooth, directional, subtle	Fine, patchy, smooth, random, sparse	Medium, smooth

Narrative

Unit includes the White Wash Sand Dunes landform. This unit is a wide valley with large areas of sand dunes. The unit is mostly undeveloped with a few cylindrical structures; the structures are very minimal in number.

Generally includes numerous temporary OHV roads/tracks in the sand. The drainages flow to the southwest.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Steep rock forms along edges of valley
VEGETATION	1.5	Fairly sparse, some desert scrub and a few cottonwoods
WATER	0.5	Only seasonally
COLOR	3	Some intensity, primarily is color of sand dunes
ADJACENT SCENERY	2	Somewhat enhanced, though views are often held in valley
SCARCITY	4	Fairly rare sand dune formations
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	14	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B

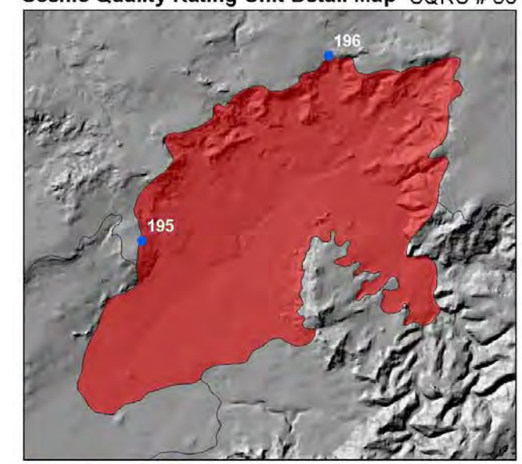
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 56



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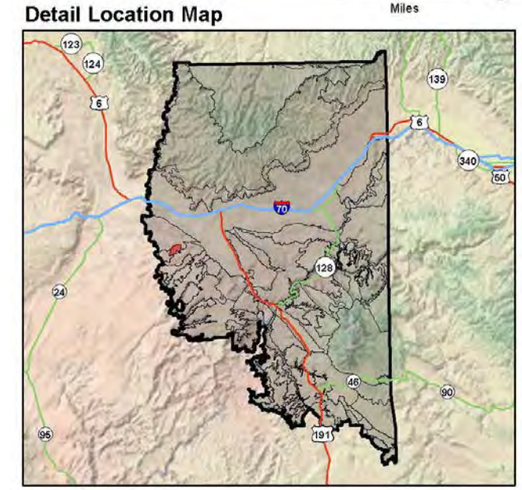

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IOP #196

Form 8400-1

Scenic Quality Rating Unit #57
White Sands

Date: 11/3/2010

Field Office: Moab

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, Gurtler

Landscape Character *(Feature)*

	LANDFORM/WATER	VEGETATION	STRUCTURE
FORM	Flat and rolling with high escarpments, pyramidal foothills, blocky	Indistinct, low, horizontal	No structures visible; not applicable
LINE	Horizontal, diagonal, banding in escarpments	Weak, indistinct, simple, broken	No structures visible; not applicable
COLOR	Red, tan, white (salt), gray	Gray/green, yellow/green, tan	No structures visible; not applicable
TEXTURE	Fine to medium, patchy	Find, smooth, patchy, scattered	No structures visible; not applicable

Narrative

Unit encompasses highly varied rock formations, from the edge of the White Wash basin north to Little Grand Wash. Includes fairly sparce sage-steppe vegetation. The landforms are flat to rolling, with high escarpments and pyramidal foothills.

The unit is mostly undeveloped with some oil and gas development. A number of areas have small diameter above ground pipelines. The drainages flow toward the Green River.

Scenic Quality Rating Score

	RATING	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE
LANDFORM	3	Some steep escarpments; not dominating
VEGETATION	1	Little variety
WATER	0.5	Only seasonally
COLOR	2	Some color variation, though mostly in rock color
ADJACENT SCENERY	2	Somewhat enhanced, though escarpments sometimes block views
SCARCITY	1	Fairly common
CULTURAL MODIFICATION	0	Structures do not add any discordant elements
TOTAL	9.5	SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C

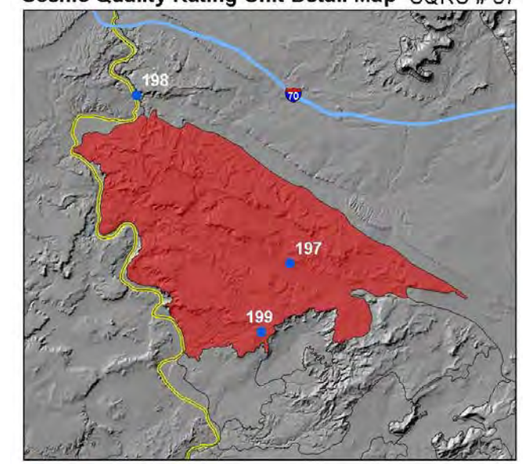
Scenic Quality Classification

A = 19 or more

B = 12-18

C = 11 or less

Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 57



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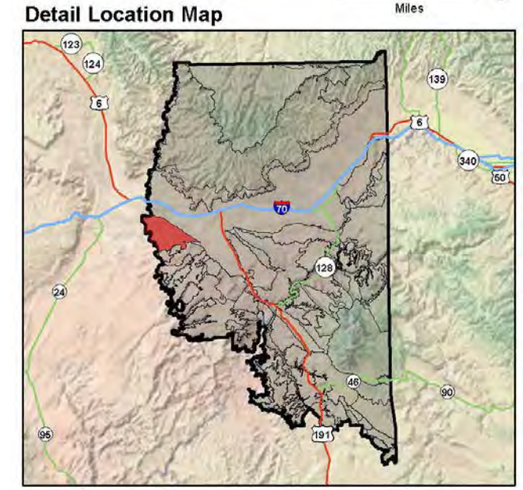

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IOP #198

IOP #199

Field Office: Moab

Name: Eastern Arches

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **1**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Park users +1,000,000 from Arches; BLM Hikers-not nearly as high, but still significant.
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Still concern that type of use can be moderate since the land beyond isn't what the users are there to see. But we'll keep it high because no concern
Public Interest Rating:	H	Even though users on actual BLM land_ unit isn't extremely high, still listed as high due to parks very high usage. Within actual BLM, it is moderate.
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Western section of Park and Colorado River to south.
Special Areas Rating:	H	Special area also has WSA and park land, so it is high; can see arches from lost springs.
Other Factors Rating:	H	Considered high because of park.
Overall Unit Rating:	H	High usage in adjacent Arches NP, jeepers and mine hunters in unit, WSA and park land.

Unit Narrative: SLRU contains large portion of Arches National Park and BLM lands in viewshed to north and east.

Field Office: Moab

Name: Western Arches

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **2**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Question type of uses high or moderate because used for activity, not necessarily views. Issue of whether many present modifications means more
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Primarily for activity rather than views.
Public Interest Rating:	H	High BLM users for recreation, trails (bikers, OHVs)
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	East adjacency high, west adjacency low.
Special Areas Rating:	H	Klondite Bluff leads to park trail/entry
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	Issue as to whether or not 191 needs to have its own separate corridor unit.
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Recreational use, trails, bikers, OHVs, existing modifications

Unit Narrative: SLRU contains western portion of Park and viewshed toward Hwy 191. View of park not as high as Eastern Arches, which is visible but not seen as often due to less park usage in the area.

Field Office: Moab

Name: Moab Canyon

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **3**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	M	Need to take users into account a bit differently here because level of tolerate for modification is high as is expected in areas like this. Leaning
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Amount of use impacted by type of user which is so specific, does it really effect how people are impacted by importance of visuality.
Public Interest Rating:	H	Public interest because it's a gateway to the park; it remains high even though talerate for change is also high.
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	Moderate by public (tolerance for change) because construction/change is necessary. Only corridor for utilities; moderate adjacent use as it's the
Special Areas Rating:	M	N/A
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	Needs to be highlighted that this is the utility corridor.
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Major entryway into Moab and park lands, both public interest and tolerance for change are high, utility corridor

Unit Narrative: SLRU is the northern access into Moab and contains scenic views as well as substantial landscape modifications

Field Office: Moab

Name: US-191

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **4**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	M	Route used by many visitors to Moab
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Year round use but higher seasonally
Public Interest Rating:	L	Interest wouldn't be quite as high here since the far views coming in aren't necessarily extravagant. Still debate over moderate versus low though.
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	Modern because shill visible from park (same for special interest).
Special Areas Rating:	M	Portions of highway within viewshed from park
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	Discussion led us to change boundary line.
Overall Unit Rating:	M	Gateway to the parks, similar to Moab Canyon but lower public interest, airport

Unit Narrative: Not too much difference between this and Moab Canyon, Gateway to parks.

Field Office: Moab

Name: SR 313

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **5**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Dead Horse Point visitors and scenic drive recreation
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Gateway to Canyon Lands; scenic byway.
Public Interest Rating:	H	Popular state park and scenic drive
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Important as entry to Canyonlands
Special Areas Rating:	H	State Park, scenic highway, Canyonlands
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	Already ha development, but it is very low key.
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Dead Horse Point State Park, gateway to Canyonlands NP, scenic byway

Unit Narrative: SLRU contains Dead Horse Point State Park and SR 313 which are popular destinations for tourists and local/regional users

Field Office: Moab

Name: Gemini

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **6**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Scenic, biking, hiking activities; can still see Gemini from park; regional sub-destination.
Amount of Use Rating:	H	High use from proximity to Dead Horse Point and Canyonlands
Public Interest Rating:	H	Important to local area users
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	Still able to see from park, but distant enough to be moderate when looking at adjacent land use.
Special Areas Rating:	H	SRMA area for special areas (may be high) was proposed for an ACEC.
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Gemini Bridges visible, biking, hiking, regional sub-destination, SRMA in unit

Unit Narrative: SLRU encompasses popular recreation area for locals and visitors

Field Office: Moab

Name: Shafer

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **7**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	N/A
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Canyonlands and Dead Horse Point attract a lot of spillover use
Public Interest Rating:	H	Popular tourist backcountry and outfitter area
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Dead Horse Point, Canyonlands
Special Areas Rating:	H	Area contains ACEC
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	Potash is here
Overall Unit Rating:	H	ACEC in unit, Dead Horse Point State Park adjacent, Potash mining in unit

Unit Narrative: SLRU is popular scenic canyon adjacent to Canyonlands and includes a scenic ACEC

Field Office: Moab

Name: SR-279 Kane Creek

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **8**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	279 is Utah scenic byway; Cave Creek is state scenic backway
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Visitor and local use
Public Interest Rating:	H	Local use recreation area
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Adjacency is mainly private but you can see from Canyon Rim and behind the rocks
Special Areas Rating:	H	State scenic byway
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Scenic byway, Kane Creek scenic backway

Unit Narrative: SLRU contains popular scenic drives for visitors and locals

Field Office: Moab

Name: Sand Flats (including Negro Bill and Mill Canyon)

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **9**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Mix of recreational users-hiking, mountain biking, backpacking jeep tours
Amount of Use Rating:	H	High use area near town
Public Interest Rating:	H	Very visible from surrounding areas
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Colorado River corridor, Moab, La Sal Mountains
Special Areas Rating:	H	ACEC, SRMA
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Mixed recreational use, Negro Bill, Mill Canyon, ACEC and SRMA in unit

Unit Narrative: SLRU encompasses multiple use recreation area that sees high use during much of year

Field Office: Moab

Name: Lower SR-128

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **10**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Very high in recreation (especially for scenic); lots of development here, but for visual (viewing) enhancement.
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Popular scenic drive and primary transportation route
Public Interest Rating:	H	Important access route and recreation area
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Arches National Park and Negro Bill WSA
Special Areas Rating:	H	State and national scenic byway
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Scenic byway, high scenic recreational use, lots of existing development

Unit Narrative: SLRU includes the setion of jSR 128 within the tight canyon section of the Colorado River. Popular scenic recreation area

Field Office: Moab

Name: Behind the Rocks

SLRU Number **11**

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Mix of recreation including hiking, mountain biking, scenic viewing
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Proximity to Moab. High visitor and local use
Public Interest Rating:	H	Popular local destination next to Moab
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Moab Valley, Kane Creek, and highly visible from Dead Horse Point
Special Areas Rating:	H	Bulk of it is a WSA
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	WSA in unit, adjacent to Moab Valley

Unit Narrative: Next to Moab Valley, but you can't see necessarily; you can see it when approaching Moab from the south.

Field Office: Moab

Name: Moab Valley

SLRU Number **12**

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	M	Existing setting somewhat important to wide range of users
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Moab has tourism throughout year
Public Interest Rating:	H	Setting important to community but is highly modified
Adjacent Lands Rating:	L	Modified landscape visible from surrounding areas
Special Areas Rating:	N/A	N/A
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	M	Ridgeline, high usage

Unit Narrative: Ridge line to be included in other units. Area below the rim thought to be of low to moderate concern.

Field Office: Moab

Name: Upper SR-128

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **13**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Wide range of recreation use in scenic setting
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Popular scenic drive and primary transportation route
Public Interest Rating:	H	SRMA, scenic byway
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Nature Conservancy, Utah private lands for adjacent land use
Special Areas Rating:	H	National and state scenic byway
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Scenic byway, high recreational use, SRMA in unit

Unit Narrative: SLRU encompasses high use recreation area and Highway 128 and sees use year round

Field Office: Moab

Name: Cisco to Dewey

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **14**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Users are mainly river users, lots of West Water people camp here, float for the scenery.
Amount of Use Rating:	M	Not primary float, but still over 2,000
Public Interest Rating:	H	Segment of Wild Scenic River; anything on the River is of concern.
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	Not really any. Some ranches and things, but not significant enough.
Special Areas Rating:	H	Wild Scenic River
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Westwater River, river recreational use, Wild and Scenic River

Unit Narrative: SLRU encompasses popular river float day use area

Field Office: Moab

Name: Labyrinth Canyon/Lower Green River

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **15**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	High use from mineral bottom (est. +5,000)
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Access to park on the White Rim
Public Interest Rating:	H	WSA
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Suitable Wild Scenic River
Special Areas Rating:	H	Canoe focus area
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Mineral Bottom, White Rim, high river recreational use, WSA and Wild and Scenic River

Unit Narrative: Unit includes the wild and scenic segment of the lower Green River and mouths of multiple canyons that drain into River

Field Office: Moab

Name: Upper Green River

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **16**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	M	ATVers, motorcyclists, river floaters
Amount of Use Rating:	M	More motor sports than river sports
Public Interest Rating:	M	Very different user expectations here than lower portion of green at Labyrinth Valley
Adjacent Lands Rating:	L	Already very heavily modified --large private ranches
Special Areas Rating:	N/A	N/A
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	M	High motor sports use, river floaters, adjacent lands are heavily modified

Unit Narrative: This section of the Green River sees more multiple use activities including motorized uses

Field Office: Moab

Name: Labyrinth Rims

SLRU Number **17**

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Big mix of users. General recreation
Amount of Use Rating:	H	+45,000 visitors per year-higher in some seasons
Public Interest Rating:	H	Popular area for recreation and access to canyons
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	Against park - 10 mile is an ACEC (within the unit)
Special Areas Rating:	M	Is part of an SRMA; ACES within uit, but small and not visible
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Mixed recreational use, SRMA and Ten Mile ACEC in unit

Unit Narrative: SLRU encompasses uplandmesas and canyons that drain to Green River. Area sees wide range of use.

Field Office: Moab

Name: Bartlett

SLRU Number **18**

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	General recreation-hiking, mountain biking, motorized use.
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Popular and easy access from Hwy 191 and Hwy 313
Public Interest Rating:	H	Area contains important scenic setting for local and visitor use
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	313, - viewpoint from TEO designed just to view it. A tiny bit of it is visible from Arches, not substantial enough though in an SRMA
Special Areas Rating:	M	Setting important to SRMA
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	General recreational use, SRMA

Unit Narrative: SLRU is high use area with easy access from highway and wide range of recreation activities

Field Office: Moab

Name: White Wash

SLRU Number 19

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	M	Lots of OHVs; big film location
Amount of Use Rating:	H	High interest in area, but not necessarily regarding visual interests
Public Interest Rating:	M	Some local interst but not as important as other areas
Adjacent Lands Rating:	L	Area setting not important to I-70 or Crescent unit to east
Special Areas Rating:	2	In an SRMA
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	M	High OHV use, film location, unit is in an SRMA

Unit Narrative: Unit is generally a wide open multiple use area and visual setting is not critical to users

Field Office: Moab

Name: Crescent

SLRU Number 20

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	L	Some motorized recreation but minimal
Amount of Use Rating:	L	Really no use here; can't see it for adjacent highways
Public Interest Rating:	L	Not important to local area
Adjacent Lands Rating:	L	Minimal visibility from surrounding areas
Special Areas Rating:	N/A	N/A
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	L	Low use and visibility

Unit Narrative: Unit is an unintersting and low use landscape bounded on two sides by major highways

Field Office: Moab

Name: I-70

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **21**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	M	All types of users here. Thoroughfare.
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Keep moderate maybe because of the volume and space surrounding the road. Development would ruin that experience.
Public Interest Rating:	L	Certainly not a destination, but not simply a passage.
Adjacent Lands Rating:	L	Can see I-70 from Arches, but too far to really make a difference.
Special Areas Rating:	N/A	N/A
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	M	Thoroughfare, views of Book Cliffs, various users

Unit Narrative: Landscape and sensitivity to change, pretty similar thoughout this stretch of I-70; views onto face of Book Cliffs, not onto highway

Field Office: Moab

Name: Gray Canyon

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **22**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	River recreation, camping, floating
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Easy acces to recreational areas from south but most only accessible by floating the river
Public Interest Rating:	H	Important recreation area
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	WSAs on both sides of River
Special Areas Rating:	H	Unit within WSA
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	High river run attraction, adjacent WSAs

Unit Narrative: Unit sees very high river use within enclosed canyon corridor

Field Office: Moab

Name: Book Cliffs

SLRU Number **23**

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Hunters, horse riders
Amount of Use Rating:	M	Sego Canyon +2,000/year
Public Interest Rating:	H	Important local and visitor use area
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	Reservation
Special Areas Rating:	H	Unit encompasses extensive WSAs
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	WSA, hunters, horse riders, Sego Canyon

Unit Narrative: SLRU encompasses WSAs and sees a moderate level of backcountry use

Field Office: Moab

Name: San Arroyo

SLRU Number **24**

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	M	Some recreation up here-motorized, hunting
Amount of Use Rating:	M	Mainly for gas though
Public Interest Rating:	M	Areas that haven't been developed are a big debate for wilderness groups
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	WSA, but there's always cliffs right next to you, so really no views from WSA into the area.
Special Areas Rating:	N/A	N/A
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	M	Great terrain, great views, some recreation, mostly gas

Unit Narrative: SLRU contains similar landscape to Book Cliffs unit but has considerable oil and gas development

Field Office: Moab

Name: Cisco Desert

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **25**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	L	Numerous ma and pa oil rigs out here, not giant, Shell types
Amount of Use Rating:	M	Mostly oil and gas use. Some recreation but mostly access to Book Cliffs
Public Interest Rating:	L	Not much interest to public
Adjacent Lands Rating:	L	Can't really see into adjacent WSAs
Special Areas Rating:	N/A	N/A
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	L	Ma & Pa oil rigs, adjacent WSAs not visible

Unit Narrative: Unit includes open landscape between I-70 and Book Cliffs and has moderate level of oil and gas development

Field Office: Moab

Name: Utah Rims

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **26**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	General recreation-hiking, backpacking, some motorized
Amount of Use Rating:	H	High use with easy access from I-70
Public Interest Rating:	M	Some general interest but mostly from users
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	To NCA in Colorado, across from a designated wilderness
Special Areas Rating:	H	The NCA
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	General recreational use, NCA

Unit Narrative: SLRU is adjacent to I-70 and connected in landscape type and use to NCA in Colorado

Field Office: Moab

Name: West Water

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **27**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Backcountry and water users
Amount of Use Rating:	H	15,000 boaters and 25,000 Ruby Canyon
Public Interest Rating:	H	Important scenic area-mostly Colorado users
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Colorado Canyons NCA
Special Areas Rating:	H	Contains WSA
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	High recreational use, Boaters, Ruby Canyon

Unit Narrative: Unit contains extensive WSA around Colorado River and sees heavy recreation use-much of it from Colorado

Field Office: Moab

Name: Highlands

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **28**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	M	Some recreation use but mostly access to other areas
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Hwy 128 is main route to I-70
Public Interest Rating:	L	Scenic byway going through historic trail
Adjacent Lands Rating:	L	I-70, Dome Plateau
Special Areas Rating:	N/A	N/A
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	L	SR-128 scenic byway, historic trail

Unit Narrative: Unit is Cisco Desert with increased topography between I-70 and Colorado River

Field Office: Moab

Name: Dome Plateau

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **29**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Visual setting important to hikers and scenic ATV tourists
Amount of Use Rating:	M	Not many users-ATVers for scenic, hikers, etc.
Public Interest Rating:	M	Some interest because of proximity to Arches
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	Arches is adjacent. Nice viewpoints to river, although you can't see this area from the river.
Special Areas Rating:	L	None in area
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	M	ATVs, hikers, adjacent to Arches NP, nice views to the river

Unit Narrative: Unit is eastern portion of Dome Plateau and is somewhat visible from Arches but generally more distant

Field Office: Moab

Name: Dolores Triangle

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **30**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Lots of ATVers; wilderness area
Amount of Use Rating:	H	High use, mostly from Co.
Public Interest Rating:	M	Some public interest but not highly sensitive because of difficult access.
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Next to WSA, which you can see it from. Dolores, Colorado Rivers, suitable wild and scenic
Special Areas Rating:	N/A	N/A
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	ATVs, Wilderness Area, adjacent to WSA

Unit Narrative: SLRU covers rugged area that includes WSAs and Suitable WSR segments and has typically more use from Colorado than Utah.

Field Office: Moab

Name: Dolores River

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **31**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	River runners, backcountry users
Amount of Use Rating:	M	Lower use than Colorado River
Public Interest Rating:	H	Important for maintaining scenic setting for tourism
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	Views into river, not from it.
Special Areas Rating:	H	Suitable wild scenic river
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Suitable Wild and Scenic River, views into the river

Unit Narrative: SLRU includes the canyon of the Delores River and sees a moderate level of scenic-based tourism and is also visible from surrounding areas

Field Office: Moab

Name: Top of the World

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **32**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	General recreation, great views
Amount of Use Rating:	M	Higher uses in adjacent river areas
Public Interest Rating:	H	Highly visible from many areas
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	Somewhat important to surrounding areas
Special Areas Rating:	M	In an SRMA
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	M	General recreational use, great views, SRMA

Unit Narrative: Unit is the upper mesa surrounding by the Colorado and Delores Rivers and Richardson Amphitheater

Field Office: Moab

Name: Beaver Creek

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **33**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Hiking, backcountry and motorized users. No corridor really within unit and access to Creek is from Dolores River
Amount of Use Rating:	H	High use area at base of La Sal Mountains and adjacent ro Richardson Amphitheater
Public Interest Rating:	H	BLM Natural Area
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Prominent view from forest. View from Castle Road and gate way.
Special Areas Rating:	H	BLM Natural Area
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	BLM Natural Area, no corridor in the unit

Unit Narrative: SLRU is the canyon and upper mesa areas of Beaver Creek

Field Office: Moab

Name: Richardson Amphitheater

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **34**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Setting highly important to hikers, backcountry users, and motorized users
Amount of Use Rating:	H	One of most visited areas
Public Interest Rating:	H	Landscape highly important to community and tourism industry
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Colorado River corridor, La Sal Mountains
Special Areas Rating:	H	Fisher Tower, SRMA, natural areas
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Fisher Tower, SRMA, and Natural Areas

Unit Narrative: "Sky high, no discussion". SLRU is one of the iconic landscapes of Moab and canyon country in general

Field Office: Moab

Name: Castle Valley

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **35**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Residential, some recreation but mostly pass through to La Sals
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Scenic backway within and out of unit
Public Interest Rating:	H	Setting highly important to community
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Visible from Porcupine Rim and La Sals
Special Areas Rating:	H	BLM Natural Area, scenic backway
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Scenic backway, BLM Natural Area, residential development

Unit Narrative: Unit is the valley between Richardson Amphitheater and Porcupine Rim. Most development is at low elevations at north end

Field Office: Moab

Name: Black Ridge

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **36**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	M	Wood cutters and rock haulers
Amount of Use Rating:	M	Some level of use throughout year
Public Interest Rating:	L	Putting in bike trails there
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	Moab, National Forest.
Special Areas Rating:	L	None in area
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	High elevation, so difficult to view
Overall Unit Rating:	M	Wood cutters, rock haulers, bike trails, adjacent to Moab and National Forest

Unit Narrative: SLRU is transition area between Hwy 191 and La Sals. Minimal recreation use and not much visibility of area except from La Sals.

Field Office: Moab

Name: South US-191

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **37**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	M	Everybody for users
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Not a scenic byway
Public Interest Rating:	M	N/A
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	Moderate to high because private land is going to high end housing
Special Areas Rating:	L	N/A
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	M	Varied users, not a scenic byway, adjacent private land

Unit Narrative: Unit is the southern corridor of Hwy 191. Most of corridor has some level of modification but they are good

Field Office: Moab

Name: Hatch Wash

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

SLRU Number **38**

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Mainly back packers, some motorized used and oil and gas development
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Popular hiking area
Public Interest Rating:	H	Somewhat an extension of Kane Creek unit and attracts local use
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	Kane Creek, hiking focus area
Special Areas Rating:	M	SRMA
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Back packers, Kane Creek, hiking focus area, SRMA

Unit Narrative: Unit includes the drainage and upper terrace of Hatch Wash/Kane Creek and is a popular hiking destination

Field Office: Moab

Name: Canyon Rims

SLRU Number **39**

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	H	Scenic tourism, hiking
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Right on edge of park, good views
Public Interest Rating:	H	Scenic byway and backway
Adjacent Lands Rating:	H	Hatch Wash and Canyonlands
Special Areas Rating:	H	SRMA
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	H	Scenic byway and backway, SRMA, good views

Unit Narrative: SLRU is the western portion of Hatch Mesa. Extensive views of Canyonlands along west rim and open vistas of La Sals to east, make the area very popular for visitors

Field Office: Moab

Name: SR-46

SLRU Number **40**

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	M	Recreation users accessing Forest, mostly local residents
Amount of Use Rating:	H	Road does go through National Forest
Public Interest Rating:	L	Very developed corridor, though mainly private land use.
Adjacent Lands Rating:	L	Modified landscape at base of La Sals
Special Areas Rating:	L	None in area
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	L	National Forest, developed corridor, private land use

Unit Narrative: Unit is the somewhat developed slope at base of La Sal Mountains, contains commuity of La Sal and provides access to Forest

Field Office: Moab

Name: East Coyote Wash

SLRU Number **41**

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	M	Ranchers, hunters, wood cutters, residential
Amount of Use Rating:	L	Not a lot of users here
Public Interest Rating:	M	Identified as possible Wilderness area
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	WSA in Colorado next to it
Special Areas Rating:	M	None in area
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	M	Ranchers, hunters, wood cutters, residential users, Wilderness Area

Unit Narrative: SLRU is upper mesa area above Lisbon Valley and is generally low use

Field Office: Moab

Name: Lisbon Valley

SLRU Number **42**

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	L	Industrial traffic, some local access
Amount of Use Rating:	M	Industry creates moderate level of use
Public Interest Rating:	L	Lots of industrial development
Adjacent Lands Rating:	M	Area visible from Wray Mesa
Special Areas Rating:	L	None in area
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	L	Industrial development

Unit Narrative: Unit encompasses highly modified landscape within Lisbon Valley

Field Office: Moab

Name: Cameo Cliffs

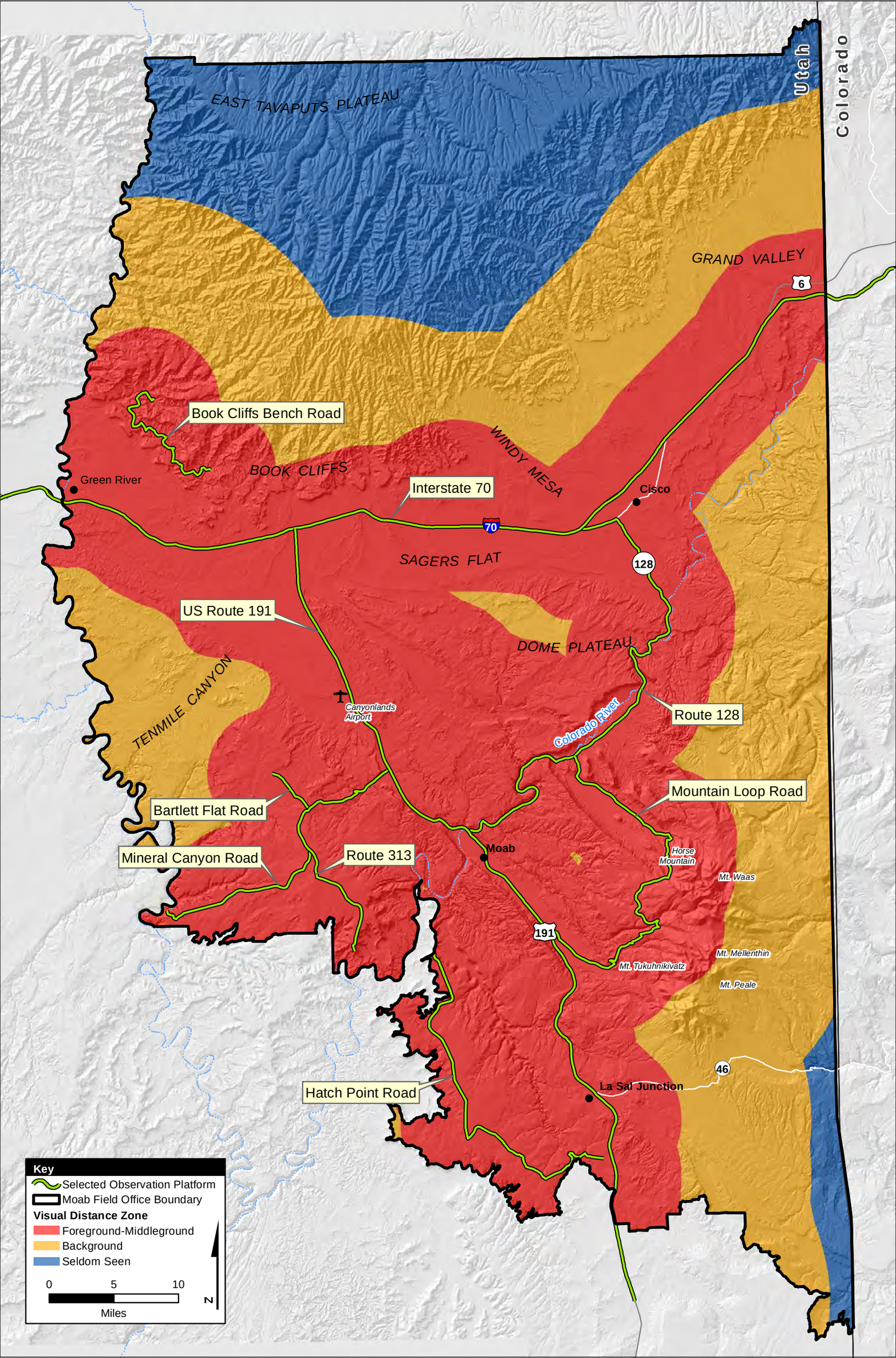
SLRU Number **43**

Evaluation Date: 12/3/2010

Evaluators: KStevens, RVonKoch, GWakefield, WStevens, DWight, JSmith, MGurtler, TMurdock, RSweeten, MMeyer, RDonigan

		Explanation Text
Use Type Rating:	M	ATV area, recreation site for scenery
Amount of Use Rating:	M	Not as high use as Hatch Mesa west of Hwy 191
Public Interest Rating:	M	Landforms create entry statement o Moab and surrounding area
Adjacent Lands Rating:	L	Not important to Lisbon Valley but slightly important to Hwy 191
Special Areas Rating:	M	SRMA
Other Factors Rating:	N/A	N/A
Overall Unit Rating:	M	ATV use, SRMA

Unit Narrative: Unit encompasses the landforms and use areas between Hwy 191 and Lisbon Valley, and primarily ATV use is not focused on the visual setting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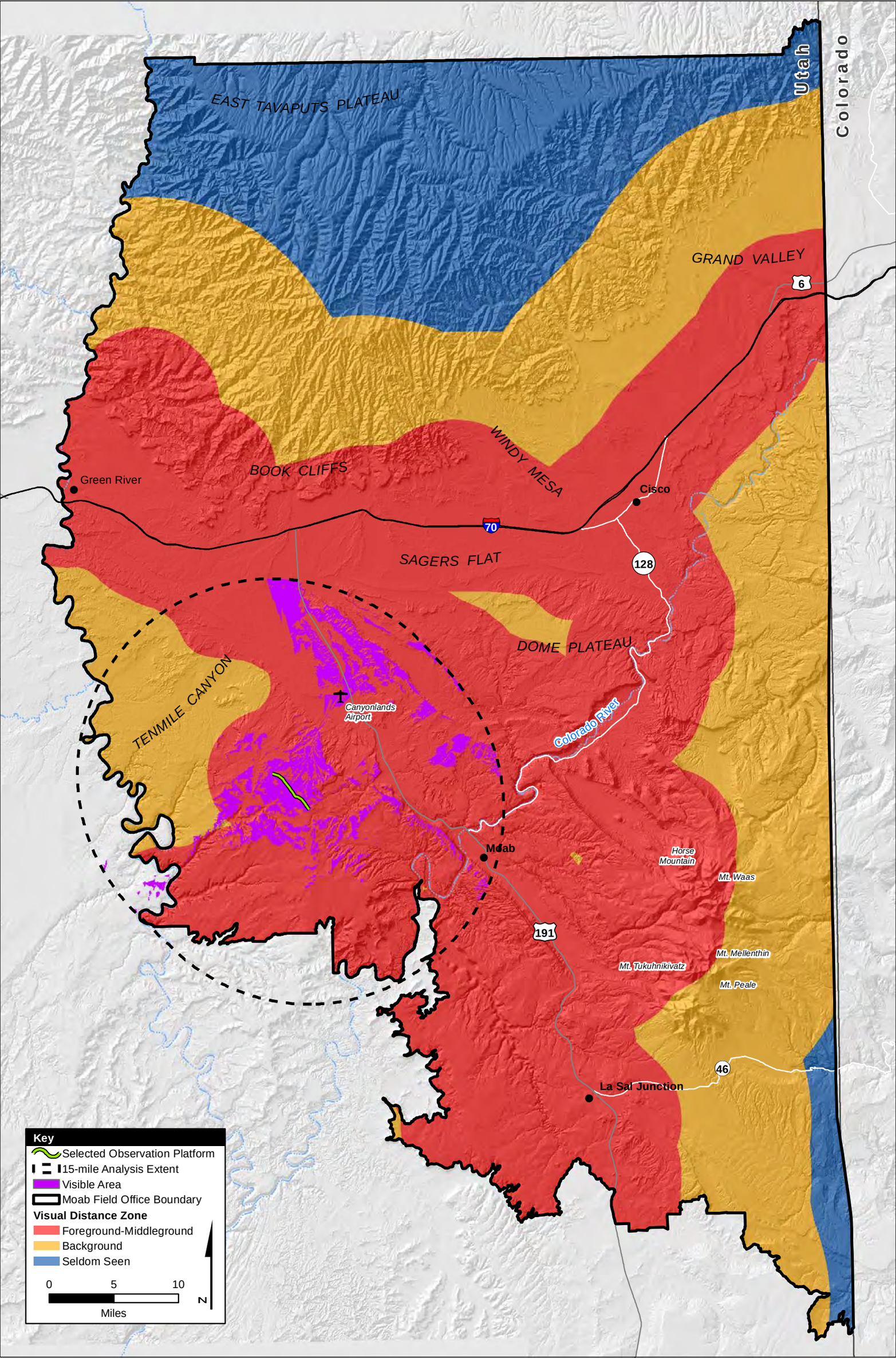
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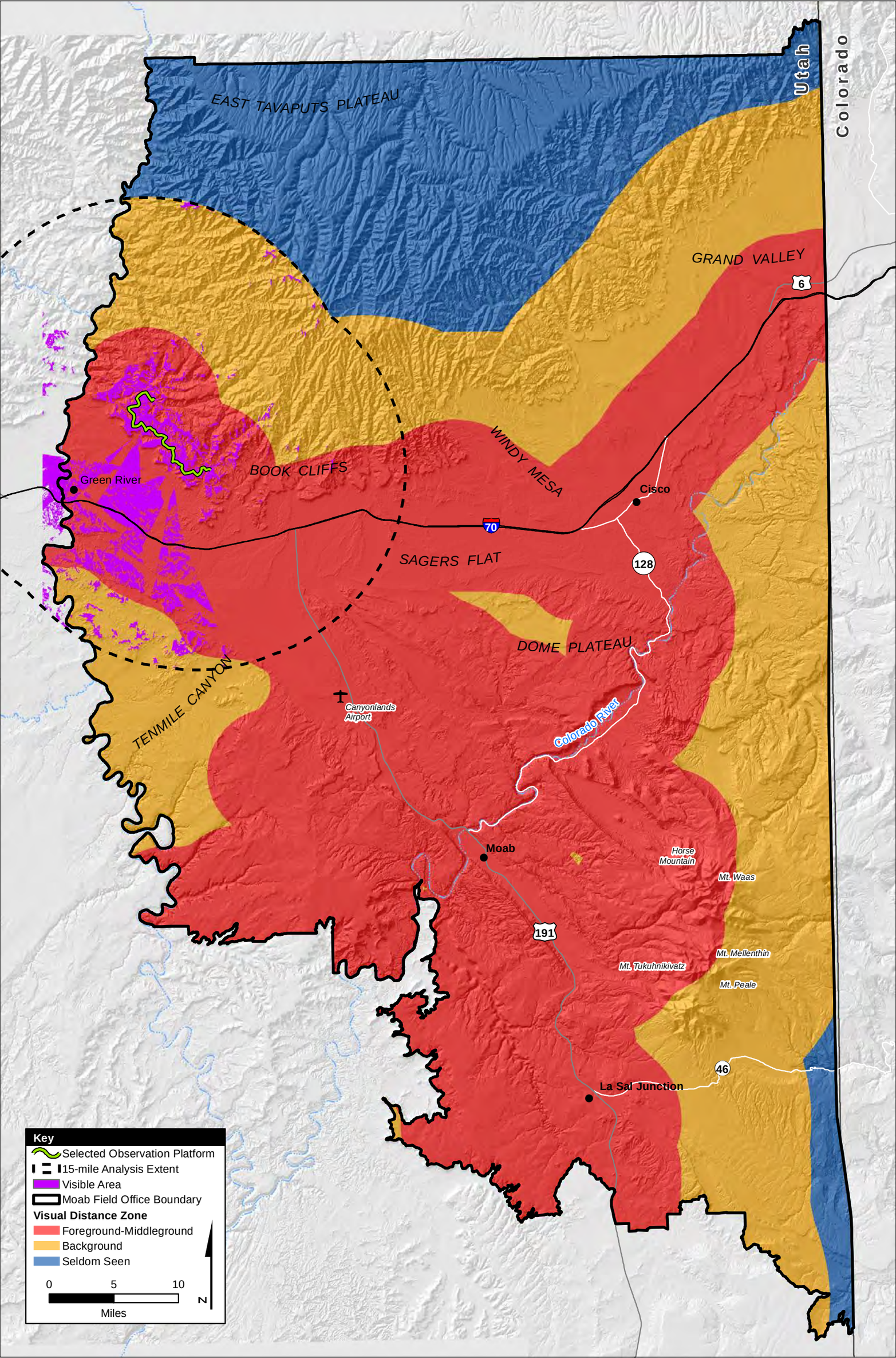
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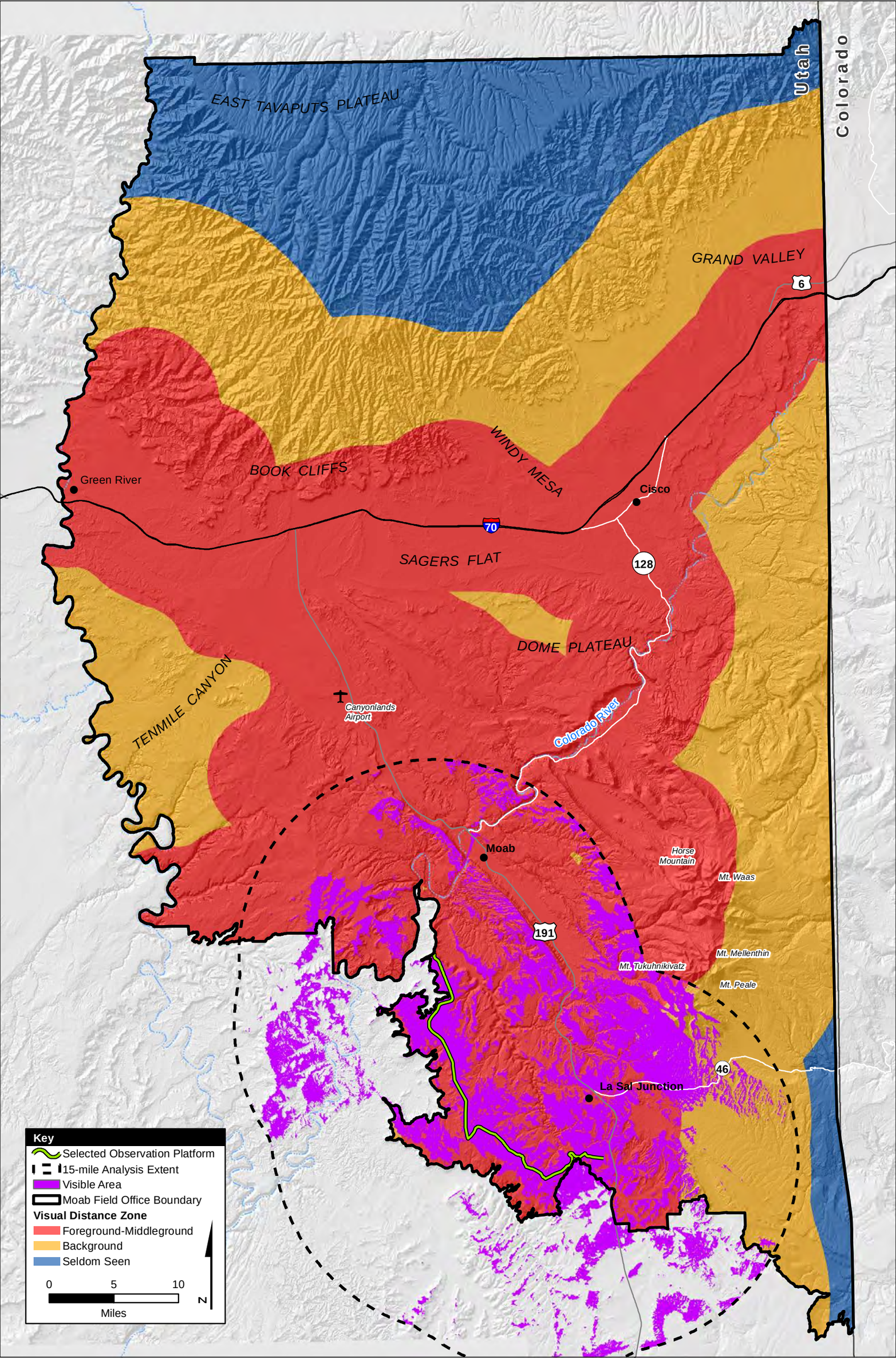
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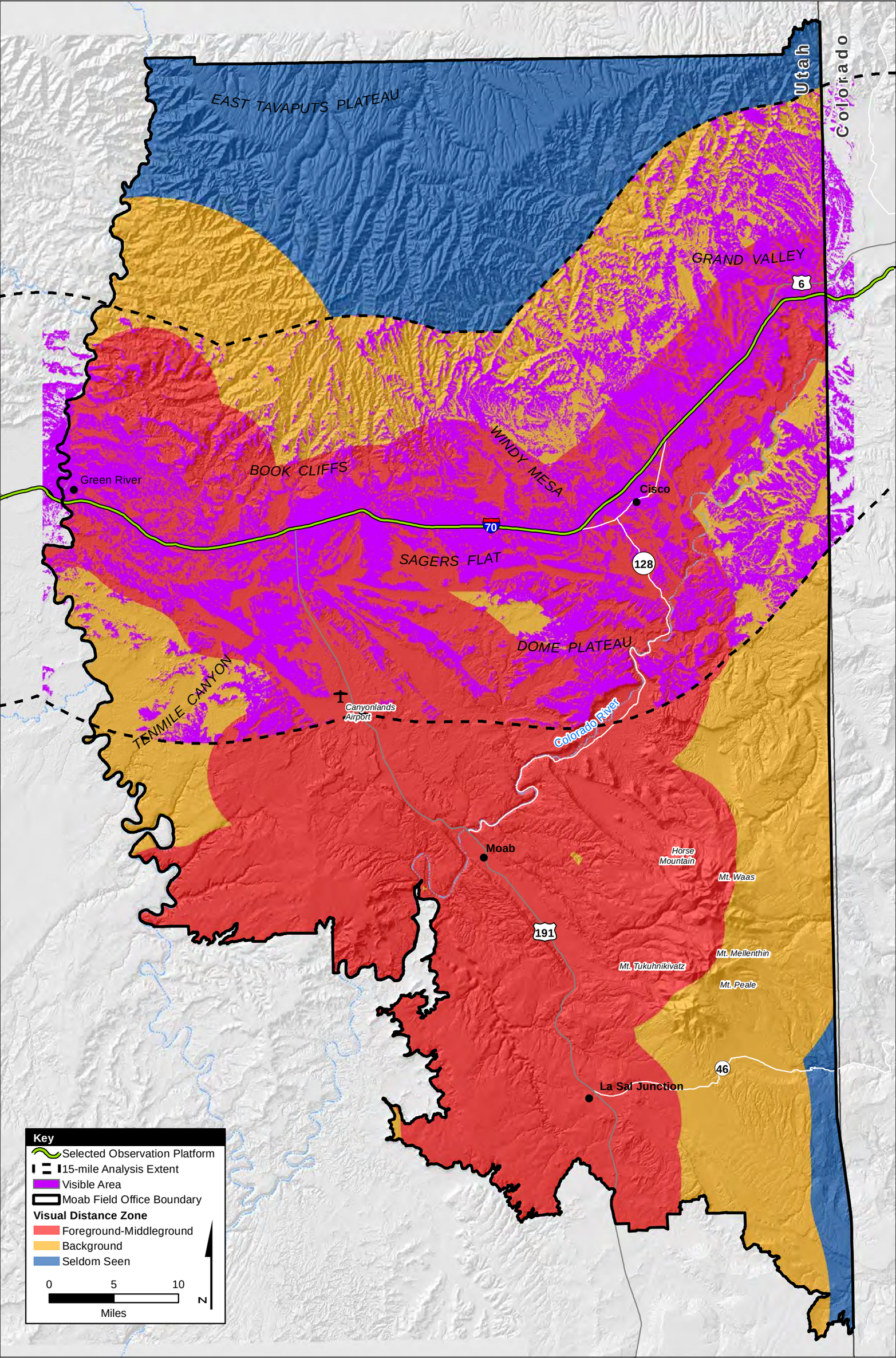
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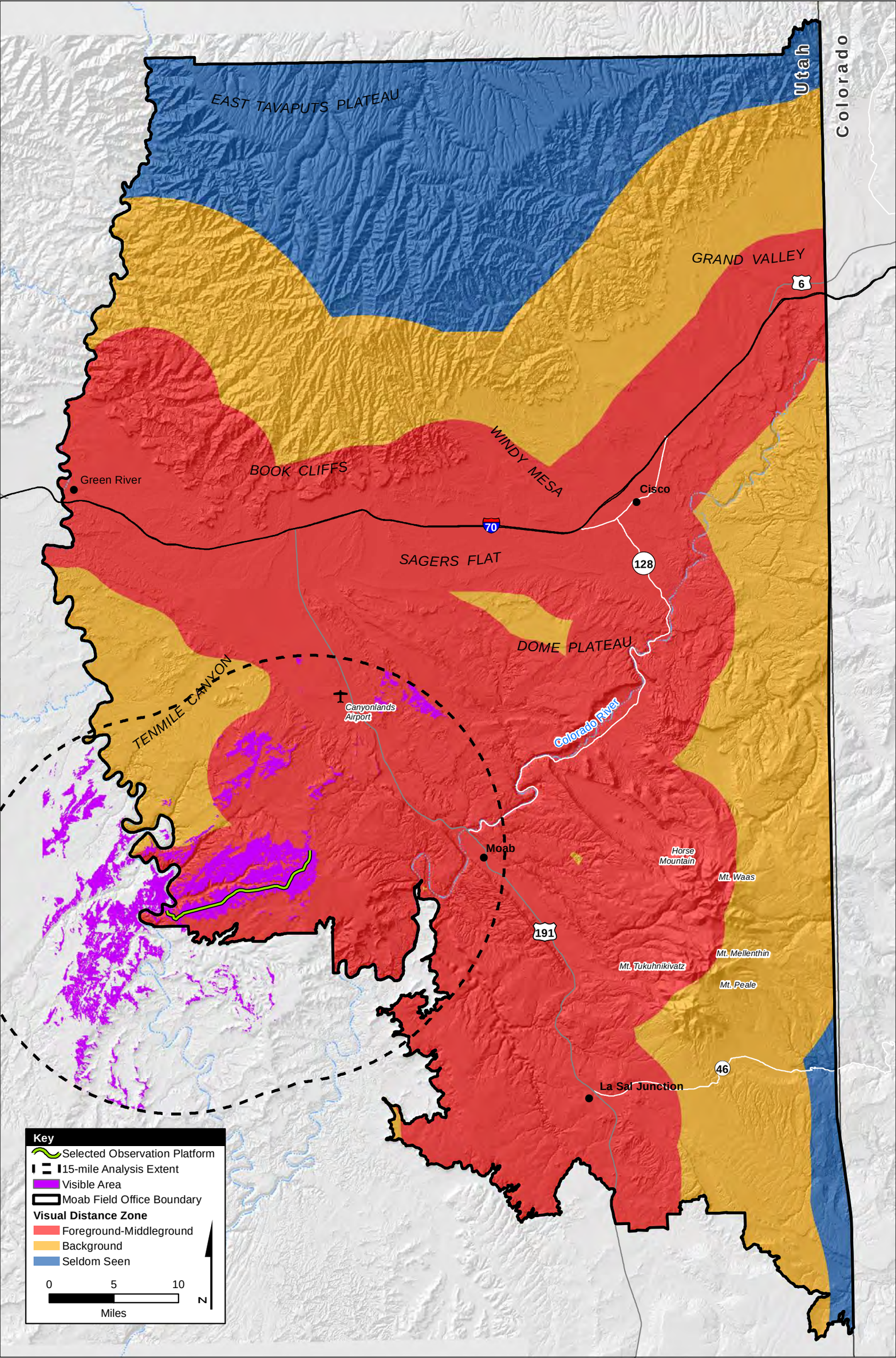
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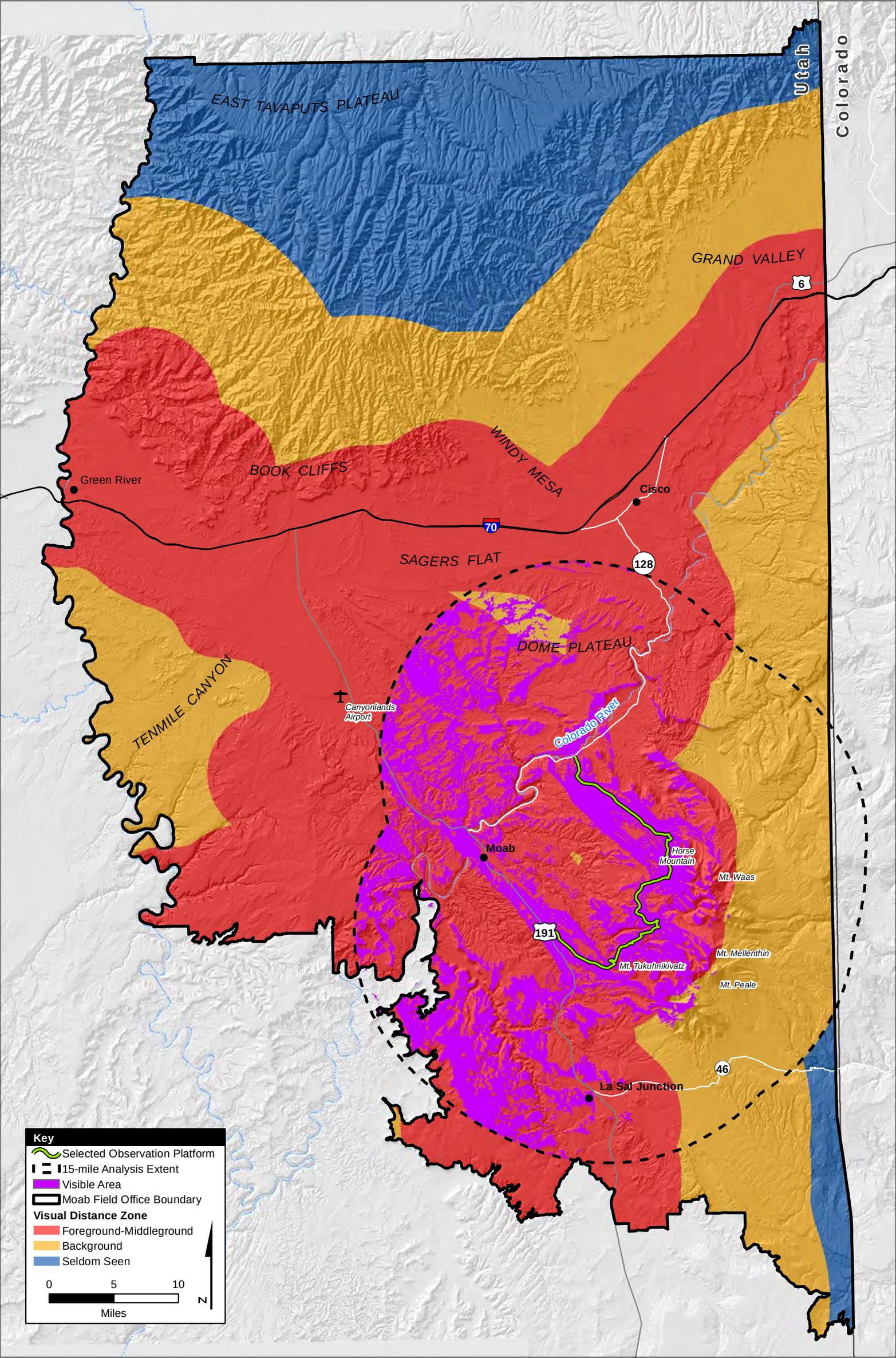
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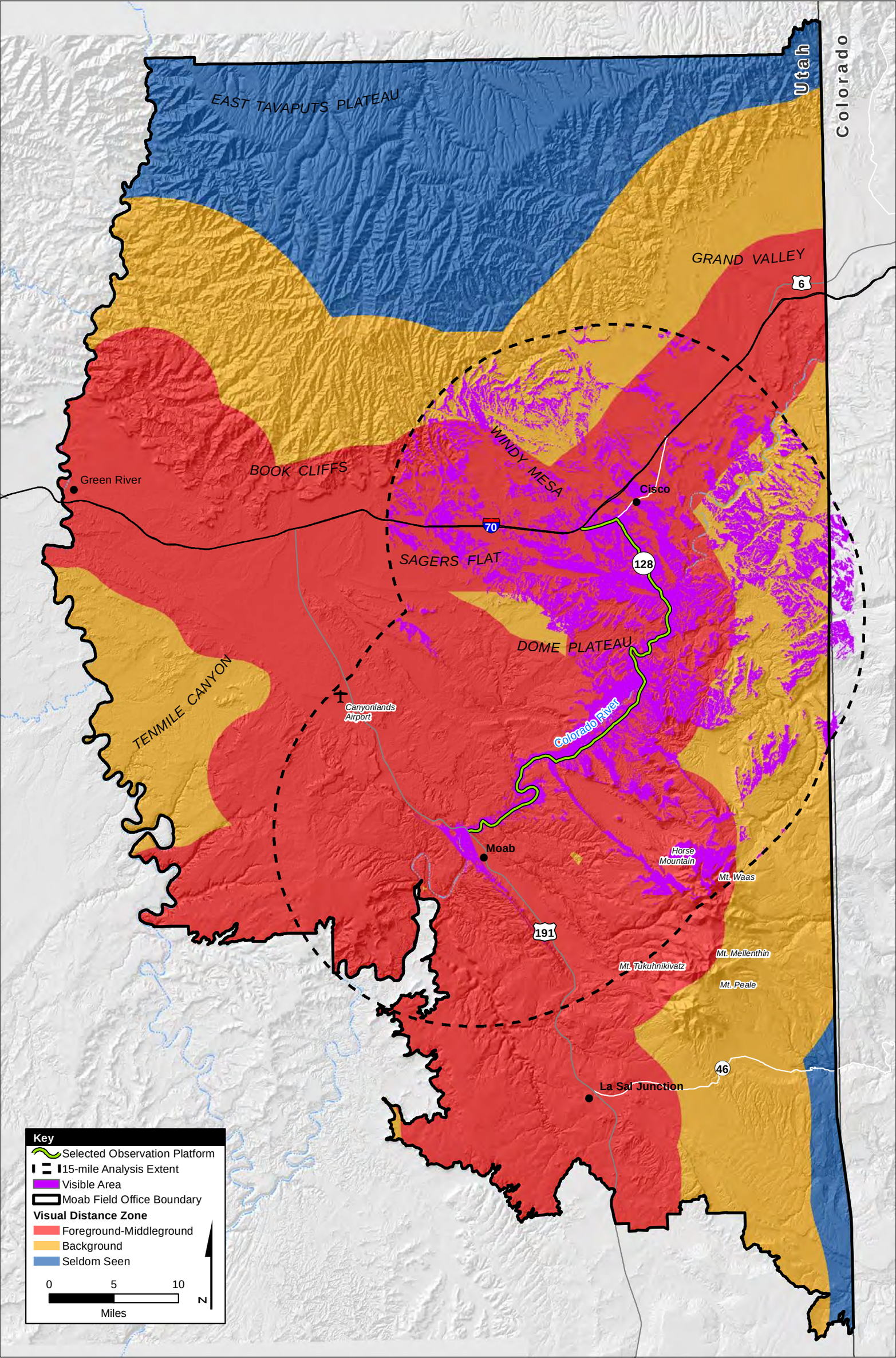
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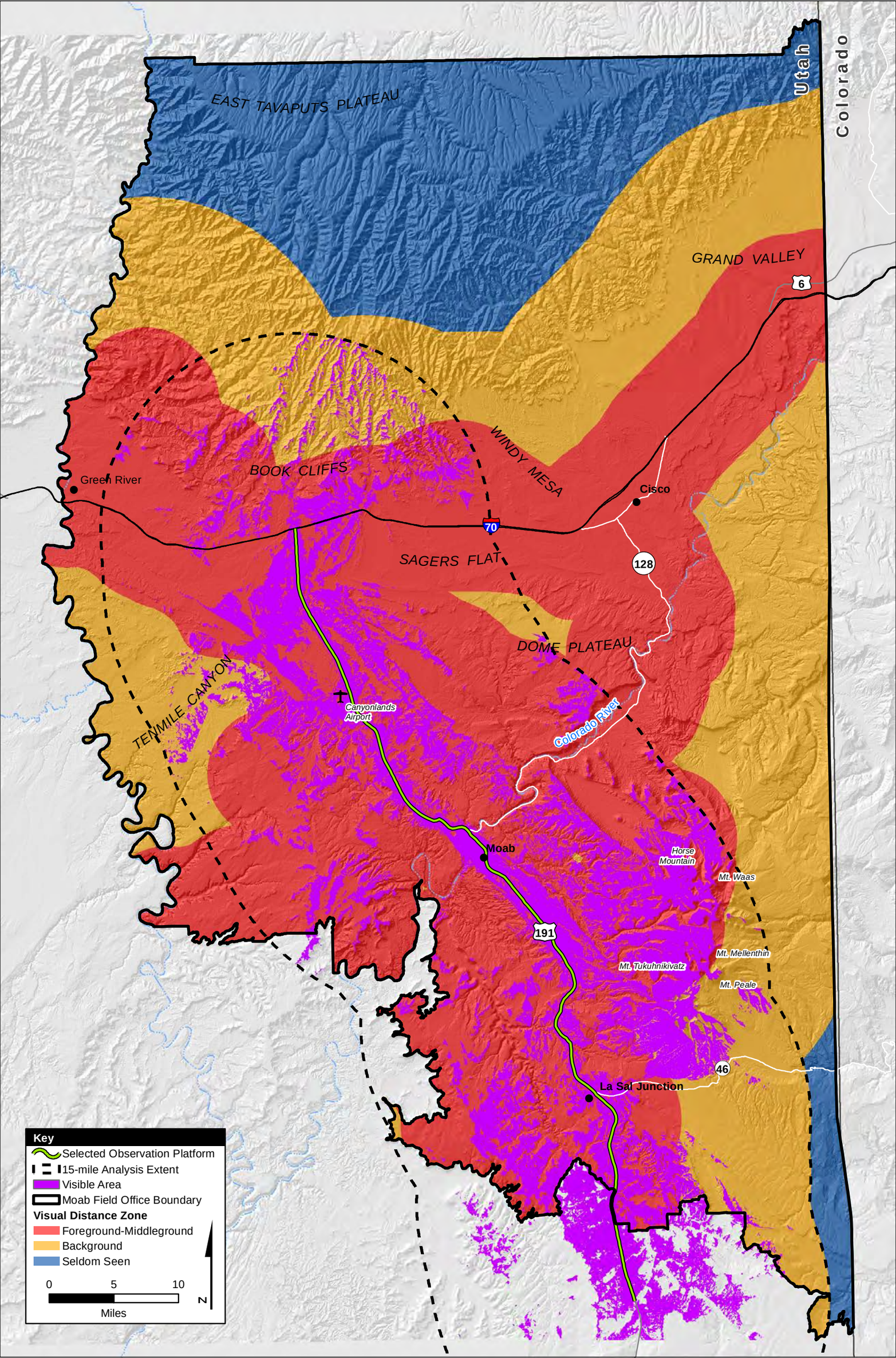
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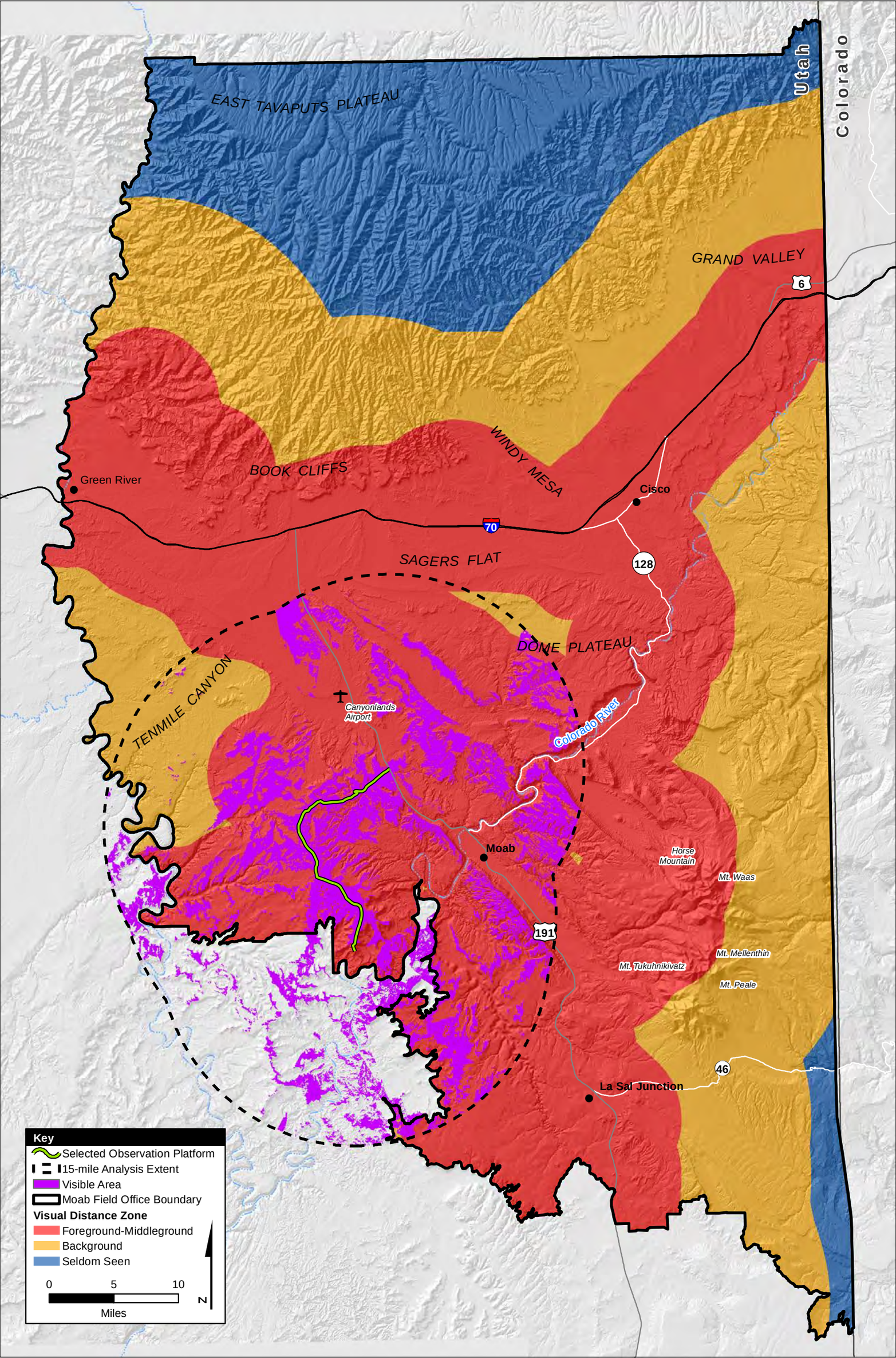
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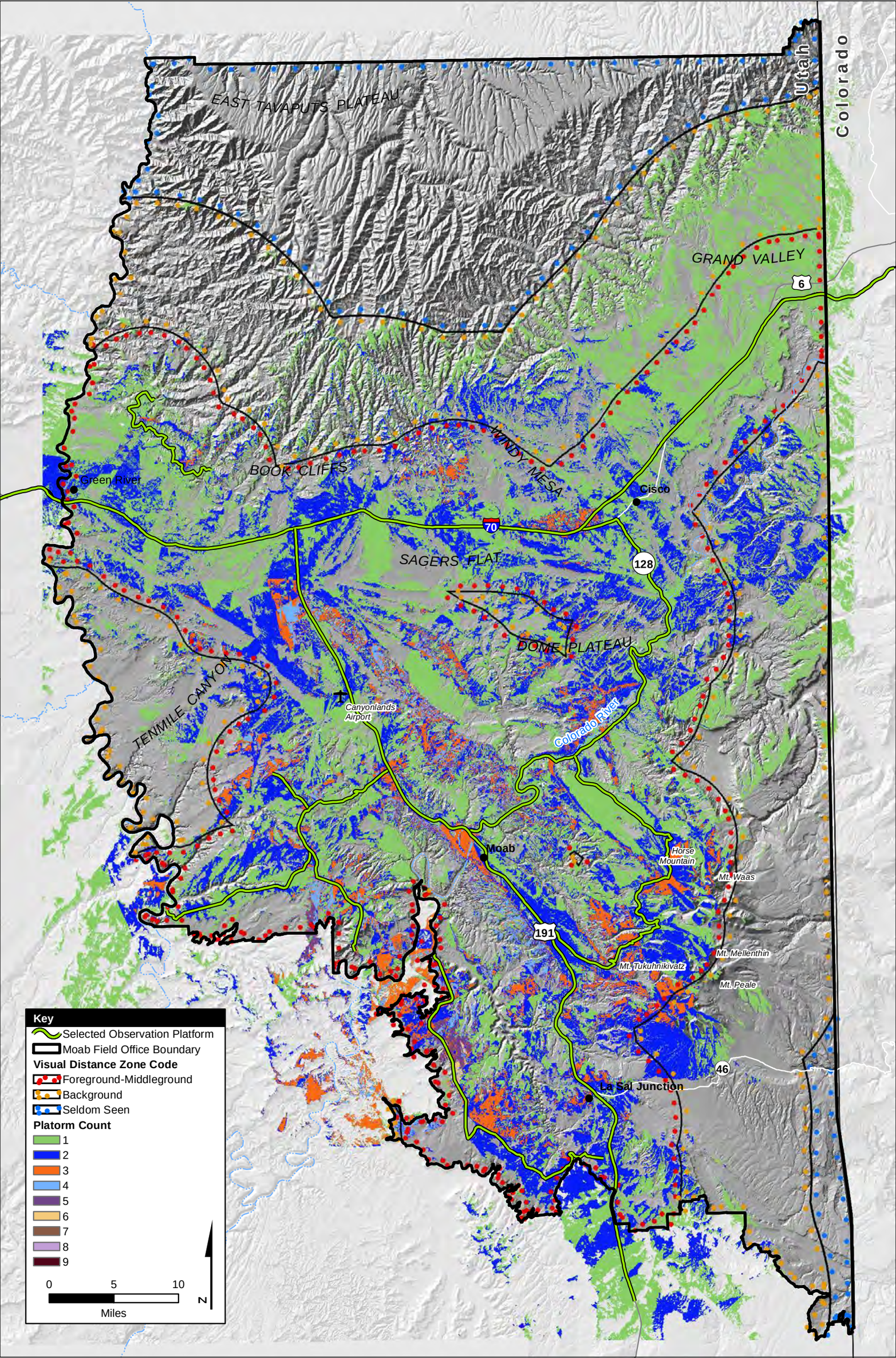
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