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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            |
| NEPA   | National Environmental Policy Act       |
| RMP    | resource management plan                |
| SLRU   | sensitivity level rating units          |
| SQFI   | Scenic Quality Field Inventory          |
| SQRU   | Scenic Quality Rating Units             |
| VFO    | Vernal Field Office                     |
| 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 inventories serve as the baseline information for assessing potential effects to visual resources of by proposed projects. The BLM's VRM system was used to inventory and classify the scenic (visual) resources for the analysis 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 for describing impacts to the visual landscape.

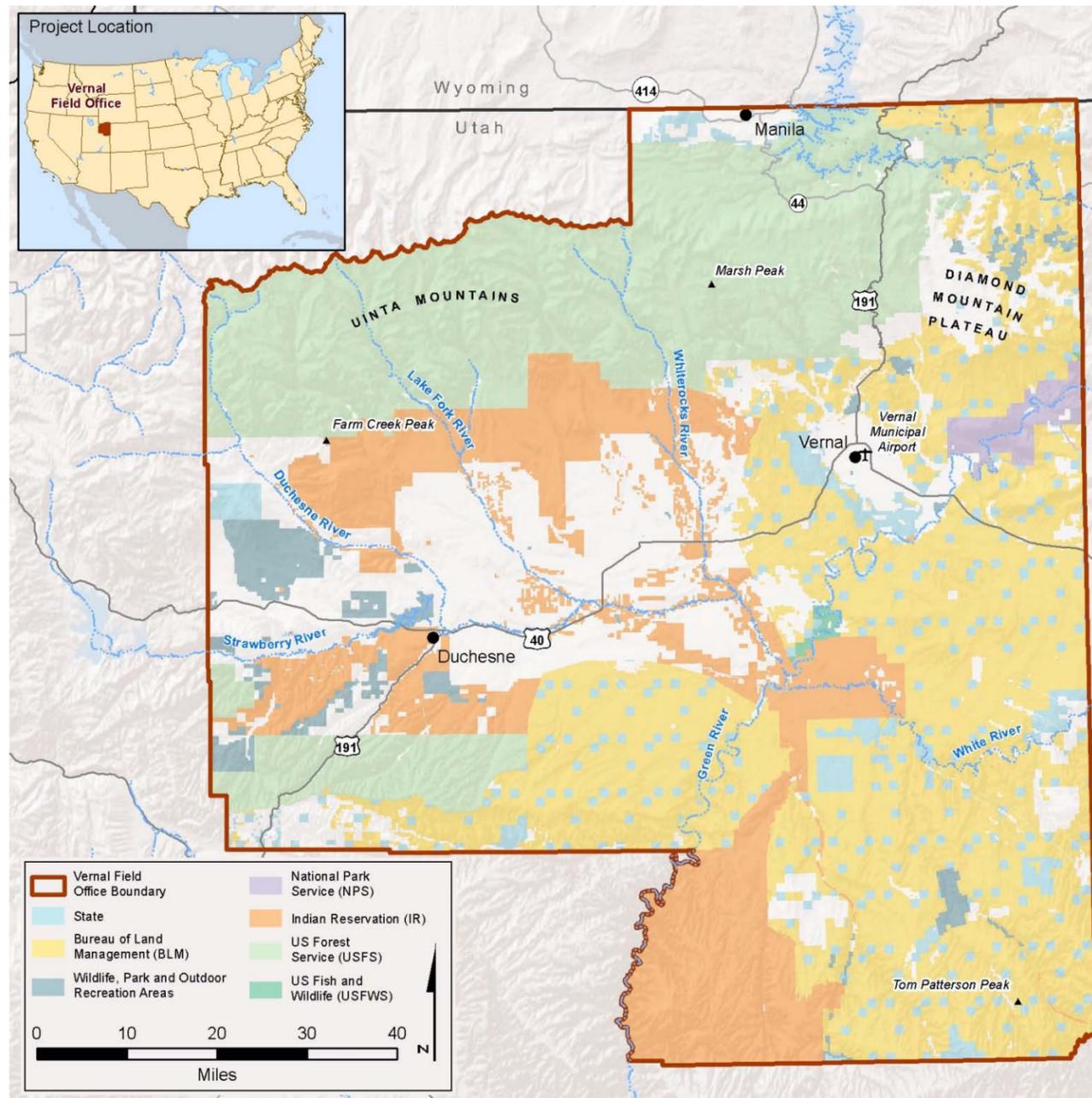
## 1.2 Analysis Area

The analysis area for this inventory took place entirely within the Vernal Field Office in northeastern Utah. The field office is made up of 5,518,859 acres of public land within Daggett, Duchesne, Uintah, and Grand counties (Figure 1). BLM surface-managed lands are located primarily in the southern and eastern areas of the field office with extensive private forest and tribal lands comprising most of the central, west and northern parts of the office.

Land-use and economic resources in the field office include building stone, Gilsonite, livestock grazing, oil and gas, phosphate, rights-of-way, tar sands, and woodland products. The Vernal field office administers energy related mineral activities on 3.9 million acres of federal mineral lands (including 1.3 million acres of USFS lands) and post-lease mineral operations on Indian trust mineral lands. The 1.9 million acres of BLM-managed mineral estate includes the split estate mineral lands within the Hill Creek Extension (comprises 188,500 acres of mineral estate underlying Indian trust surface). Recreation opportunities include camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, and sightseeing.



Tepee Mountains from Three Corners Unit (#5)



**Figure 1 Location 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 Vernal 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.

2.1.1 Physiographic Provinces

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 majority of the analysis area is located within the Uintah Basin, which is a sub-province of the Colorado Plateau physiographic province. The northeastern most portion of the field office is located within the Middle Rocky Mountains physiographic province (Figure 2).

As a whole, the Colorado Plateau is 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-renowned 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.



Argyle Creek Unit (#49)

The Colorado Plateau province consists of thick, generally horizontal-lying layers of sedimentary rocks that have been eroded by water into sculptural buttes, spires, mesas, and deep, narrow canyons. The Colorado Plateau province 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 two sub-provinces, or sections, that lie within the analysis area are the Uinta Basin and the High Plateaus of Utah sections. The analysis area falls within the Uinta

Basin, which is a deeply incised plateau that abuts the Uinta Mountains in northeastern Utah and northwestern Colorado and is the most dissected section in the Colorado Plateau province.

The Middle Rocky Mountains province is best characterized by high-elevation mountains with sharp ridge lines, U-shaped valleys, glacial lakes, and piles of glacial drift that have been shaped or created by streams and glaciers. The portion of this province that is within the analysis area includes the east-west-trending Uintas mountain range, which is in the northwestern portion of the field office. The Uintas and Rocky Mountain ranges have numerous 13,000+ foot peaks.

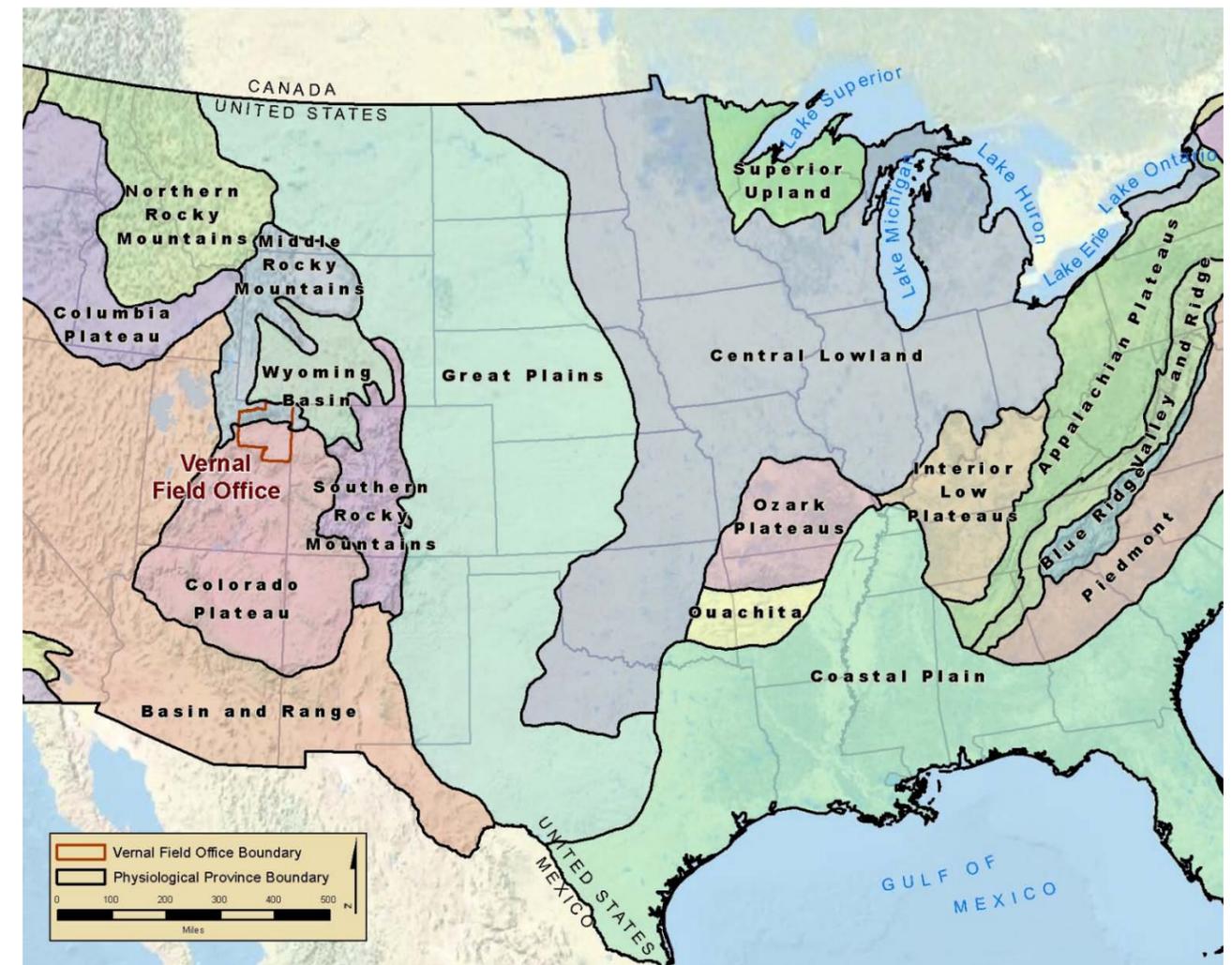


Figure 2 Physiographic Province Map

Interesting geographic features within the management area include the Uinta Basin, the east and west Tavaputs Plateaus, the Eastern Uinta Mountains (northern boundary), the Book Cliffs (southern boundary), Diamond Mountain, Nine Mile Canyon, and Browns Park. Additional unique features of the field office include the Pariette Wetlands, which provide wildlife habitat for over 100 species; Red Mountain, and the White and Green Rivers.



*Hell's Hole (#37)*

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. The majority of the analysis area is sparsely vegetated with the exception being the plant communities associated with perennial waterways, and pinyon-juniper in the foothills and benches. The Green and White River corridors are dominated by deciduous trees such as cottonwood and willows.

### 2.1.2 Scenic Quality Factors

The initial step of the 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. These factors were identified by BLM as elements that would generally be expected to be a part of the visual landscape in most settings and a brief description of each is below.



*Dry Fork Canyon (#15)*

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 Split Mountain, or they may be exceedingly artistic and subtle such as certain badlands, pinnacles, arches, and other extraordinary formations. 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 to 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.

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.



*Split Mountain from Diamond Mountain Unit (#11)*

### 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 (SQRU). 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, although a 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. Representatives from the Vernal Field Office then contributed input regarding the preliminary SQRU delineations, which were then revised and digitized into a GIS. The digitized SQRU units were later overlaid on topographic maps for use in the scenic quality field inventory field work. The initial evaluation resulted in 62 SQRUs.

### 2.1.5 Field Inventory

The scenic quality field inventory was conducted in June 2011. The process began with an inventory team meeting, which included a group of approximately 6-8 interdisciplinary staff members from the Vernal 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 preliminary locations of IOPs using both BLM Surface Management Status topographic maps and the SQRU field maps. 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.

An in-field calibration exercises performed in which the teams collectively evaluated a selected SQRU to ensure that the inventory teams would be using similar criteria and terminology to evaluate the landscape in their respective inventory areas. Together, they filled out an example rating form 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 then split into their planned areas and traveled their planned routes throughout the Vernal Field Office. Each team was joined by at least one representative from the Vernal Field Office. IOPs for the units were primarily determined as the team traveled through the units and depended on where the best viewing area could be photographed, although some viewpoints had been predetermined by the field office staff. Each team recorded the views from the IOPs with a GPS-enabled digital camera, which recorded geographical locations (latitude and longitude) for each photo.

During 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 field revisions resulted in a total of 83 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).

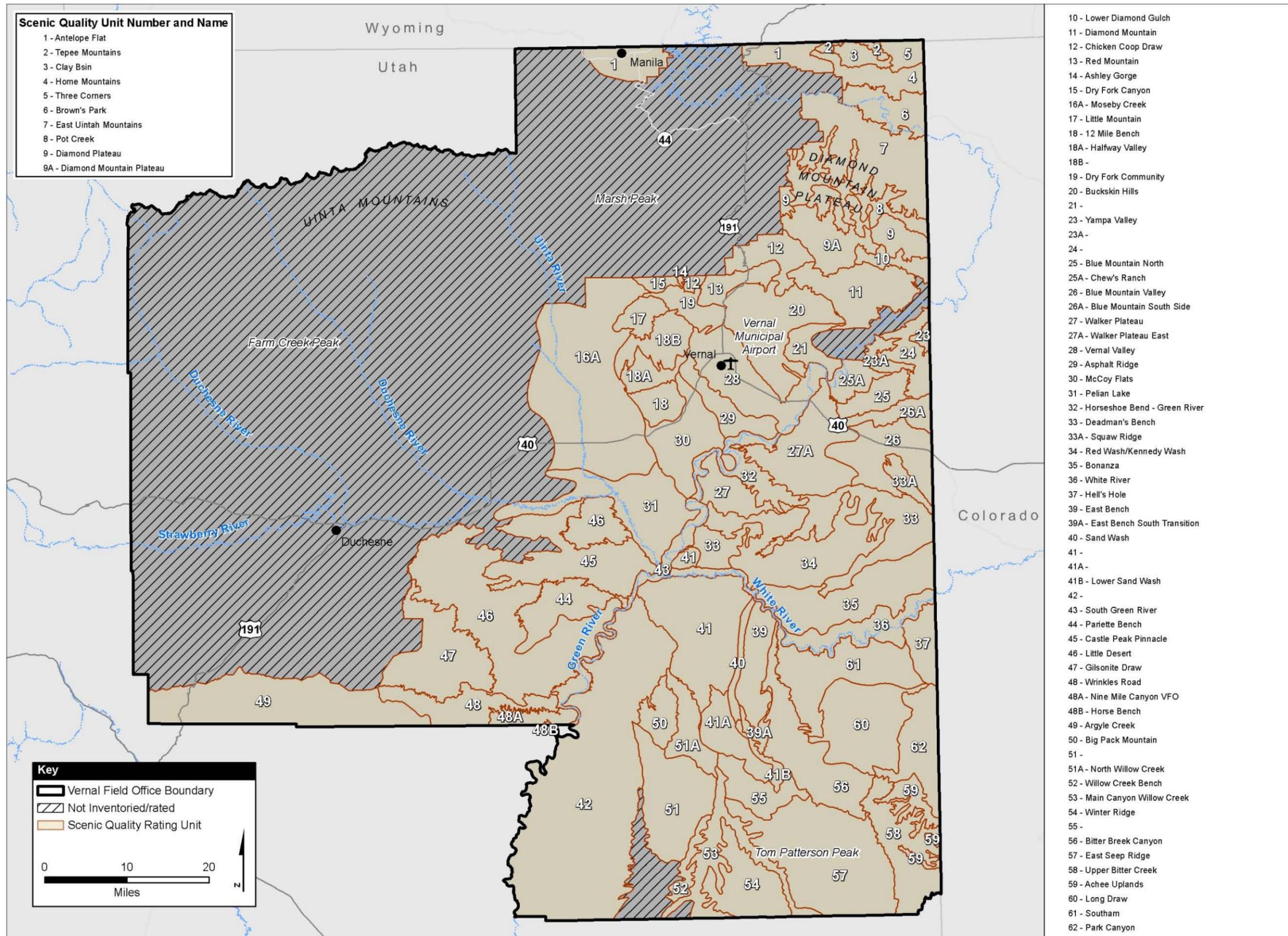
In the first step of evaluating each SQRU, landscape character was defined in terms of form, line, color, and texture, as described below and as exemplified in Illustrations 4, 5, 6, and 7 in BLM Manual H-8410-1:

- **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.

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**Figure 3 Scenic Quality Rating Units**

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 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   |                   |               |                        |
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**3. NARRATIVE**

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Figure 4 SQRU Rating Form (Page 1)

| 4. SCORE (Circle Appropriate Level)* |        |                          | SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                      | Rating | Explanation or Rationale |                               |
| a. Landform                          |        |                          | ___ A= 19 or more             |
| b. Vegetation                        |        |                          | ___ B= 12-18                  |
| c. Water                             |        |                          | ___ C= 11 or less             |
| d. Color                             |        |                          |                               |
| e. Adjacent Scenery                  |        |                          |                               |
| f. Scarcity                          |        |                          |                               |
| g. Cultural Modification             |        |                          |                               |
| TOTALS                               |        |                          |                               |

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Figure 5 SQRU Rating Form (Page 2)

| Key Factors                          | Rating Criteria and Score  |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>Landform</b>                      | 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.<br>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.<br>3 | Low rolling hills, foothills, or flat valley bottoms' or few or no interesting landscape features.<br>1 |
| <b>Vegetation</b>                    | A variety of vegetative types as expressed in interesting forms, textures, and patterns.<br>5  | Some variety of vegetation, but only one or two major types.<br>3   | Little or no variety or contrast in vegetation.<br>1  |
| <b>Water</b>                         | Clear and clean appearing, still, or cascading white water, any of which are a dominant factor in the landscape.<br>5  | Flowing, or still, but not dominant in the landscape.<br>3  | Absent, or present, but not noticeable.<br>0  |
| <b>Color</b>                         | Rich color combinations, variety or vivid color' or pleasing contrasts in the soil, rock, vegetation, water or snow fields.<br>5   | Some intensity or variety in colors and contrast of the soil, rock and vegetation, but not a dominant scenic element.<br>3  | Subtle color variations, contrast, or interest' generally mute tones.<br>1                              |
| <b>Influence of Adjacent Scenery</b> | Adjacent scenery greatly enhances visual quality.<br>5   | Adjacent scenery moderately enhances overall visual quality.<br>3   | Adjacent scenery has little or no influence on overall visual quality.<br>0                             |
| <b>Scarcity</b>                      | One of a kind or unusually memorable, or very rare within region. Consistent chance for exceptional wildlife or wildflower viewing, etc.<br>*5+  | Distinctive, though somewhat similar to others within the region.<br>3  | Interesting within its setting, but fairly common within the region.<br>1                               |
| <b>Cultural Modifications</b>        | Modifications add favorably to visual variety while promoting visual harmony.<br>2   | Modifications add little or no variety to the area, and introduce no discordant elements.<br>0  | Modifications add variety but are very discordant and promote strong disharmony.<br>-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 83 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 at the end of this section (Figures 7-13).

#### Landform

Vertical relief in the Vernal Field Office is greatest in the northern portion where the Uinta and Diamond Mountains are located. Dinosaur National Monument is also located in the northeast area and is known for its unique landforms including Split Mountain. There is also an increased level of topographic relief in the southwestern areas of the field office along the Green River. There is minor vertical relief in the western and southern areas of the field office while the central portion of the field office has fairly flat to gently rolling terrain.



Ashley Gorge Unit (#14)

The majority of the analysis area had landform ratings of 3.5 or lower (Figure 7). Higher landform ratings were scattered throughout the unit along the eastern and northeastern boundary and in the southwestern portion of the field office. The average rating for the analysis area was approximately 2.8.

In general, units that included river valley and the areas with vertical mountains, mesas, 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 occasionally become dominating elements. A score of 5 was the highest rating, which was recorded for the Ashley Gorge Unit (#14).

Ratings were generally lower in the central and south-central portion of the analysis area. These areas are characterized by flat to rolling terrain with few interesting geographical features. A score of 1.0 was the lowest rating, which was recorded for three units that were dominated by very flat to gently rolling topography, the Pot Creek Unit (#8), Clay Basin Unit (#3), and the Pariette Bench Unit (#44).



Upper Bitter Creek (#58)

### Vegetation

The vegetation types within the physiographic provinces of the analysis area are not highly diverse. Sage grasslands are common as is pinyon juniper. Areas with deciduous trees, such as drainage ways or river corridors, increase the visual diversity of vegetation.

Ratings for vegetation were fairly dispersed throughout the unit (Figure 8). There is an area of lower ratings in the central-south portion of the analysis area and areas of higher ratings exist in the southeastern and northeastern portions. The average rating in the analysis area was approximately 2.8.

Vegetation variety is greatest in the river corridors and therefore the units along the White and Green Rivers scored higher. Other areas receiving high scores for vegetation included areas where there were dense patches of sage, pinyon juniper, and grasses and where the landform contrasted with vegetation patterns and colors. A score of 4.5 was the highest rating, which was recorded for the Upper Bitter Creek Unit (#58) in the southeastern corner of the field office.

Terrain that is flat or rolling generally received lower vegetation scores due to a lack of vegetation diversity and contrast. Areas with low vegetation scores were found across the central portion of the field office and through the southwest portion of the field office. A score of 1.0 was the lowest rating, which was recorded for the Pariette Bench Unit (#44).

### Water

The majority of the analysis area did not contain noticeable water and most units received a score of 0 and the average rating for water was approximately 0.9 (Figure 9). Water was rated highest in the river valleys, where the water is generally slowly flowing and sometimes a dominant factor in the landscape. A score of 4.0 was the highest rating, which was recorded for the Brown's Park Unit (#6), Ashley Gorge Unit (#4), White River Unit (#36), South Green River Unit (#43), Horseshoe Bend – Green River Unit (#32), and Pelican Lake Unit (#31).

Lower scores were recorded in areas where water was not noticeable. 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. Forty-three units received a score of 0 because they lacked water in any noticeable form.

### Color

Landform colors varied throughout the analysis area due to the diverse geologic landforms contained within the province. The colors ranged from saturated reds to dark brown/black to grays/whites. 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 with the dark green of the pinyon-juniper and other evergreens remaining. 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 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 summer. The color evaluation factor assigned during the field work 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 the color of the grasses covering most of the analysis area would be much less vibrant, though still generally monochromatic in winter months. Color intensity would also decrease in riparian area during winter months, although during the fall months there would be seasonal color from the trees. These anticipations were weighed carefully in assigning color ratings for each unit.



Red Fleet Reservoir in Red Mountain Unit (#13)



Chew's Ranch Unit (#25A)

Ratings for color were generally highest in units scattered along the eastern field office boundary (Figure 10). Lower ratings occurred in the southeastern portion of the field office. The average rating for the analysis area was approximately 2.6.



*Blue Mountain Unit (#25)*

Higher color ratings often occurred in Green and White River valleys and areas where vertical landforms introduce additional colors, such as red or dark gray, into the landscape. Vegetative patterns and colors create interesting contrasts with the surrounding landscape in these areas, and the rich color combinations become a dominant element in the landscape. A score of 4.0 was the highest rating, which was recorded for the Chew's Ranch Unit (#25A), Red Mountain Unit (#13), Lower Diamond Gulch Unit (#10), Blue Mountain North Unit (#25), Chicken Coop Draw Unit (#4), Upper Bitter Creek Unit (#58), Red Wash/Devil's Playground Unit (#34A), and Park Canyon Unit (#62).

Lower ratings for color generally occurred where lands are flat. Rock and soil colors are generally not visible in these areas, and many areas are uniformly covered with similarly colored grasses or monoculture crop fields. Variations in these areas are subtle, with generally muted tones. A score of 1.0 was the lowest rating, which was recorded for one unnamed unit (#24) that is dominated by sage flats with little landform exposed.



*Devil's Playground (#34)*

### **Influence of Adjacent Scenery**

Adjacent scenery provides a strong influence in some portions of the analysis area due to surrounding geographical features and topographic relief. However, the topographical relief also creates areas that are sometimes severely enclosed restricting views to adjacent scenery. The majority of the analysis area rated a 2.0 or 1.5 for adjacent scenery (Figure 11) and the average rating for adjacent scenery in the overall analysis area is approximately 2.2.

Overall, ratings for adjacent scenery were generally higher for units that abut either high vertical

landforms or rivers. In these units, the forms, lines, and colors of the surrounding landscapes greatly enhance the scenic quality of the units. A score of 4.5 was the highest rating, which was recorded for the Blue Mountain Unit (#25) and the Diamond Mountain Unit (#11).

Lower ratings for adjacent scenery were generally recorded for one of two situations: units surrounded by vast, open, flat landscapes or units in river valleys in which the surrounding landscapes are 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 was the lowest rating, which was recorded for eight units.

### **Scarcity**

Ratings for scarcity were generally higher along the river corridors in the analysis area (Figure 12). The central and southern areas contain landscapes more common to the physiographic provinces and therefore generally received lower ratings. The average rating for the analysis area was approximately 2.4.

Scarcity was generally higher for units with vertical landforms, which are less common than the typical flat to rolling plains within the region. Large river valleys were also rated higher due to their relative scarcity within the province. A score of 4.0 was the highest rating, which was recorded for eight units where the landforms were generally considered relatively rare within the physiographic province. These units are the Chew's Ranch Unit (#25A), Brown's Park Unit (#6), Lower Diamond Gulch (#10), Ashley Gorge (#14), Dry Fork Canyon (#15), White River (#36), Nine Mile Canyon (#48A), Red Wash/Devil's Playground (#34A).

Scarcity was typically lower for units with flat to rolling plains since these are indicative features of both physiographic provinces and therefore are more common in this region. A score of 1.0 was the lowest rating, which was recorded for twelve units which comprise a large portion of the analysis area.

### **Cultural Modifications**

The average rating for the overall analysis area was approximately -0.3, indicating that in the majority of the analysis area cultural modifications did not detract from or add to the scenic quality (Figure 13). Areas with negative cultural modification scores were found in the central and southern areas of the field office where oil and gas development is more prominent.

Units with higher ratings generally include structures that add favorably to the pastoral setting and historic context of the region. A score of 1.0 was the highest rating, which was recorded for two units, the Main Canyon Willow Creek Unit (#53) and the Nine Mile Canyon Unit (#48A), where the man-made structures enhanced the overall visual setting.

Fifty 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 essentially offset one another.



*Main Canyon Willow Creek Unit (#53)*

Negative scores were recorded for areas with discordant cultural modifications, such as highly visible oil and gas fields, power plants, and strip mines. A score of -2.0 was the lowest rating, which was recorded for five units where the landscape is diminished due to discordant built features.

### 2.2.2 Scenic Quality Ratings—Overall Analysis Area

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 83 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.

Thirteen SQRUs in the analysis area received a Class A rating, representing approximately 11 percent of the analysis area. The units receiving an A classification and the total points assigned are as follows:

- Chew's Ranch (#25A), 22 points
- Brown's Park (#6), 20 points
- Red Mountain (#13), 19.5 points
- Lower Diamond Gulch (#10), 19 points
- Ashley Gorge (#14), 19 points
- Dry Fork Canyon (#15), 19 points
- Blue Mountain North (#25), 19 points
- White River (#36), 19 point
- Argyle Creek (#49), 19 points
- Main Canyon Willow Creek (#53), 19 points
- Chicken Coop Draw (#12), 18.5 points
- South Green River (#42), 18.5 points
- Willow Creek (#53A), 18.5 points

The scenic quality in these units scored high due to the variety and color of vegetation, along with enhancement from adjacent scenery and the 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 (Figure 14).

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 topographic relief. These units and are found primarily in the north, central, and southeastern portions. In total, 45 units have a Class B rating, which account for approximately 50 percent of the analysis area.

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 landforms and cover large areas throughout the overall analysis area. They are mostly concentrated in a central to south central corridor but C rated units also occur in the north and southeastern portions of the analysis area. In total, 25 units have a Class C rating. These units account for 39 percent of the overall analysis area.

The following sections summarize the factor analysis for each field office. For ease of reference the figures depicting the factor ratings are provided at the end of the section for each field office.

**Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—by Unit**

| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary      |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011  |  |
|---|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|---|--|
| Unit Number and Name                    | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score | Rating | Explanation   |  |
| 1<br>Antelope Flat                      | 2.5      | 3          | 0     | 2     | 4                | 1        | 0                     | 12.5  | B      | This unit is east of Flaming Gorge and includes portions of Goslin Mountain, Antelope Flats, and the Glades.  |  |
| 2<br>Tepee Mountains                    | 3        | 2          | 0     | 2     | 3                | 2.5      | 0                     | 12.5  | B      | This unit includes portions of the Tepee Mountains.   |  |
| 3<br>Clay Basin                         | 1        | 2          | 1     | 1.5   | 3.5              | 1.5      | -0.5                  | 10    | C      | This unit includes the valley floor between the Tepee Mountains and Howie/Goslin Mountains with some natural gas and residential development.   |  |
| 4<br>Home Mountains                     | 3.5      | 3.5        | 0.5   | 3     | 4                | 3        | 0                     | 17.5  | B      | The unit includes the Home Mountain range between Clay Basin and Brown's Peak and is well vegetated with pinyon juniper.  |  |
| 4A<br>Cold Spring Mountain South Slopes | 3.5      | 3          | 1     | 2.5   | 3                | 2        | 0                     | 15    | B      | This unit includes the south slopes of the Spring Mountain mesa formation. The vegetation is mostly pinyon juniper with patches of grass and sage, especially in the burned areas.                                      |  |
| 5<br>Three Corners                      | 3        | 3.5        | 0.5   | 2.5   | 4                | 3        | 0                     | 16.5  | B      | The unit includes rounded rolling mountain tops and sparse vegetation and red soils.  |  |
| 5A<br>Diamond Peak/Middle Mountain      | 3        | 4          | 1.5   | 4     | 4                | 2        | 0                     | 18.5  | A      | This unit is distinctive because of the repeating vertical lines of white aspen trunks, sage, grass, pine, oak, and pinyon juniper. The unit includes the BLM Elk camp, Klines Hill, Middle Mountain, and Diamond Peak. |  |
| 6<br>Brown's Park                       | 2        | 3.5        | 4     | 3     | 3.5              | 4        | 0                     | 20    | A      | This unit includes Brown Park valley and includes some residential development and John Jarvie historic ranch and the Green River.  |  |
| 7<br>East Uinta Mountains               | 4        | 4          | 0.5   | 3     | 2                | 3        | 0                     | 16.5  | B      | This unit includes portions of the Uinta Mountains, landform variation and diverse vegetation.  |  |
| 8<br>Pot Creek                          | 1        | 2          | 3     | 2     | 3.5              | 2        | 0                     | 13.5  | B      | The unit includes the valley between the east Uinta Mountains and Diamond Mountain.   |  |
| 9<br>Wild Mountain                      | 2        | 2          | 0     | 2     | 2.5              | 1.5      | 0                     | 10    | C      | This unit includes rolling hills and sage flats.  |  |

**Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—by Unit (continued)**

| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011   |  |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--|--|
| Unit Number and Name               | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score | Rating | Explanation  |  |
| 9A<br>Diamond Mountain Plateau     | 1.5      | 1.5        | 0.5   | 1.5   | 2                | 1.5      | 0                     | 8.5   | C      | This unit includes a high, broad plateau dominated by sage and grass, and includes the upper reach of Diamond Gulch.                           |  |
| 10<br>Lower Diamond Gulch          | 4.5      | 4          | 1.5   | 4     | 1                | 4        | 0                     | 19    | A      | Deeply incised canyon face at the east end of Diamond Mountain with prominent horizontal layering and rugged and blocky cliff faces.           |  |
| 11<br>Diamond Mountain             | 3.5      | 3          | 0     | 3     | 4.5              | 2.5      | 0                     | 16.5  | B      | This unit includes rolling slopes and exposed walls and washes with pinyon juniper and is adjacent to Dinosaur National Monument.              |  |
| 12<br>Chicken Coop Draw            | 3.5      | 3          | 3     | 4     | 2                | 3        | 0                     | 18.5  | A      | This unit includes a valley as well as the Red Fleet formation, vegetation treatments, and water features.                                     |  |
| 13<br>Red Mountain                 | 4        | 3          | 3     | 4     | 3                | 3.5      | -1                    | 19.5  | A      | This unit includes slopes and Red Fleet formation with domination red color and phosphate operations.  |  |
| 14<br>Ashley Gorge                 | 5        | 3          | 4     | 3     | 0                | 4        | 0                     | 19    | A      | This unit includes rugged cliffs and year-round water.   |  |
| 15<br>Dry Fork Canyon              | 4.5      | 4          | 3     | 3     | 0.5              | 4        | 0                     | 19    | A      | This unit includes Dry Creek canyon, riparian, sage, and alpine vegetation, and seasonal water.  |  |
| 16<br>Ouray Valley                 | 1.5      | 2          | 0     | 2     | 2                | 1.5      | 0                     | 9     | C      | The land is flat to gently rolling with widely scattered, low rock and mesa landforms. There are extensive grassy areas and rural development. |  |
| 16A<br>Moseby Creek                | 2        | 2.5        | 0     | 2.5   | 3                | 2        | 0                     | 12    | B      | This unit includes foothills of Little mountain and some agriculture development   |  |
| 17<br>Little Mountain              | 2.5      | 3          | 0     | 2.5   | 3.5              | 1.5      | 0                     | 13    | B      | This unit includes a mountain landform, pinyon juniper and sage.   |  |
| 18<br>12 Mile Bench                | 1.5      | 2.5        | 0     | 2     | 2.5              | 1        | 0                     | 9.5   | C      | This unit includes rolling hills to flat landscape with grasses, sage, and greasewood.   |  |

**Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—by Unit (continued)**

| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011   |  |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--|--|
| Unit Number and Name               | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score | Rating | Explanation  |  |
| 18A<br>Halfway Valley              | 2.5      | 2.5        | 0     | 2.5   | 3.5              | 2        | -1                    | 12    | B      | This unit includes hills and mesas as well as some oil and gas development   |  |
| 18B<br>Coal Mine Basin             | 2        | 3          | 0     | 1.5   | 2                | 1.5      | 0                     | 10    | C      | This unit includes the south foothills of Little Mountain and the transition between Little Mountain and the low desert.                             |  |
| 19<br>Dry Fork Community           | 3.5      | 3.5        | 3     | 3.5   | 2                | 3        | -1                    | 17.5  | B      | The unit is north of Little Mountain and includes Dry Fork Valley and bluffs above.  |  |
| 20<br>Buckskin Hills               | 2.5      | 3          | 2.5   | 3.5   | 2                | 2.5      | 0                     | 16    | B      | This unit includes Brush Creek which supports riparian vegetation.   |  |
| 21<br>Stewart Lake                 | 3.5      | 3          | 1.5   | 3     | 2.5              | 2.5      | 0                     | 16    | B      | This unit includes badlands and valleys with pinyon juniper, sage, and some riparian vegetation.   |  |
| 23<br>Yampa Valley                 | 3.5      | 3.5        | 0.5   | 3     | 3.5              | 2.5      | 0                     | 16.5  | B      | This unit includes pinyon juniper slopes, rock outcrops and small creeks.  |  |
| 23A<br>Daniels Canyon              | 3        | 3.5        | 0     | 2.5   | 4                | 2.5      | 0                     | 15.5  | B      | The unit includes rolling hills and rock outcrops with sparse pinyon juniper.  |  |
| 24<br>Ruple Ridge                  | 1.5      | 1.5        | 0     | 1     | 1.5              | 1        | 0                     | 6.5   | C      | This unit includes rolling sage flats on elevated plateaus.  |  |
| 25<br>Blue Mountain North          | 4        | 3.5        | 0     | 4     | 4.5              | 3        | 0                     | 19    | A      | The unit consists of the north side of Blue Mountain, Burdette Draw and red steep faces north of the draw.   |  |
| 25A<br>Chew's Ranch                | 4.5      | 4          | 1.5   | 4     | 4                | 4        | 0                     | 22    | A      | This unit includes a complex mix of canyons, hoodoos, and cliffs as well as diverse vegetation.  |  |
| 26<br>Blue Mountain Valley         | 2        | 2          | 0     | 2     | 4                | 1.5      | 0                     | 11.5  | B      | The unit is a rolling valley with isolated forms at the base of blue mountain, Sage/grassland with pinyon juniper is present on the landform slopes. |  |

**Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—by Unit (continued)**

| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011   |  |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--|--|
| Unit Number and Name               | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score | Rating | Explanation  |  |
| 26A<br>Blue Mountain South Side    | 4.5      | 3          | 0     | 3.5   | 0                | 3.5      | 0                     | 14.5  | B      | The unit includes a distinctive rocky mountain face and sloped pinyon juniper foothills. The complex geologic forms and colors that create interesting landscape features. |  |
| 26B<br>Sand Spring Wash            | 2.5      | 2          | 0     | 1.5   | 1                | 1        | 0                     | 8     | C      | This unit includes slightly uplifted mesas and flat valleys and some interesting erosional patterns.   |  |
| 27<br>Walker Plateau West          | 1.5      | 2          | 0     | 1.5   | 3                | 1        | 0                     | 9     | C      | The unit includes flat to subtly rolling uplands with numerous transmission poles and lines.   |  |
| 27A<br>Walker Plateau East         | 3.5      | 2          | 0     | 3     | 4                | 3        | 0                     | 15.5  | B      | The unit is badland and rolling buttes with little vegetation.   |  |
| 28<br>Vernal Valley                | 1.5      | 1.5        | 2     | 2.5   | 3                | 1        | 0                     | 11.5  | B      | This unit includes the Vernal Valley, with urban, suburban, and agricultural areas.  |  |
| 29<br>Asphalt Ridge                | 3.5      | 3          | 0     | 3     | 3.5              | 2        | 0                     | 15    | B      | This is a well-known landform on the west edge of Vernal. The vegetation includes sage cover with scattered to clumped pinyon juniper.                                     |  |
| 30<br>McCoy Flats                  | 2.5      | 2.5        | 0     | 2     | 2.5              | 1.5      | 0                     | 11    | C      | This unit includes rolling sage scrub, mesas, low hills, grassland and junipers.   |  |
| 31<br>Pelican Lake                 | 1.5      | 3          | 4     | 3     | 2                | 3        | -1                    | 15.5  | B      | This unit includes Pelican Lake and the Green River. There is oil and gas development in the area.   |  |
| 32<br>Horseshoe Bend - Green River | 3        | 3.5        | 4     | 3     | 1                | 3        | 0                     | 17.5  | B      | This unit includes a flat valley bottom along the Green River with steeply sloped valley walls.  |  |
| 33<br>Deadman's Bench              | 1.5      | 2.5        | 0     | 2     | 2                | 1        | -1.5                  | 7.5   | C      | The unit includes flat to rolling hills with dense sage and grass cover, and dense oil and gas development.  |  |
| 33A<br>Squaw Ridge                 | 3        | 3.5        | 0     | 2.5   | 3.5              | 1.5      | 0                     | 14    | B      | The unit includes a somewhat rolling hogback formation and adjacent drainages.   |  |

**Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—by Unit (continued)**

| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary             |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011   |  |
|--|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--|--|
| Unit Number and Name                           | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score | Rating | Explanation  |  |
| 34<br>Red Wash/Kennedy Wash/Devil's Playground | 4        | 2          | 1     | 4     | 2                | 3.5      | -1.5                  | 15    | B      | Flat to rolling drainage basins with high, multi-colored badland formations, and rock outcrops with little vegetation.   |  |
| 35<br>Bonanza                                  | 2        | 1.5        | 0     | 1.5   | 2                | 1.5      | -2                    | 6.5   | C      | Flat to rolling with soft trapezoidal forms and rocky escarpments  |  |
| 36<br>White River                              | 4        | 4          | 4     | 3     | 1                | 4        | -1                    | 19    | A      | The unit is a flat valley and river unit with steep to vertical walls and buttes.  |  |
| 37<br>Hell's Hole                              | 3.5      | 2          | 0     | 2.5   | 1                | 3        | 0                     | 12    | B      | The unit is a fairly narrow valley with steep to vertical walls.   |  |
| 37A<br>Weaver Canyon                           | 3.5      | 2.5        | 0     | 3.5   | 2                | 3        | 0                     | 14.5  | B      | This unit includes distinctive landform along the western edge of the field office and continues into Utah. The landform has exposed slopes and faces and is multi-colored with striations of grey, red, white, etc. |  |
| 39<br>East Bench                               | 1.5      | 2          | 0     | 1.5   | 2.5              | 1        | -1                    | 7.5   | C      | The unit includes flat to rolling landforms.   |  |
| 39A<br>East Bench South Transition             | 2.5      | 2          | 0     | 3     | 2                | 2.5      | 0                     | 12    | B      | The landscape is transitional from East Bench down to the surrounding land and includes rock outcrops.   |  |
| 40<br>Sand Wash                                | 2        | 2          | 0     | 2     | 0                | 1.5      | -0.5                  | 7     | C      | This unit is a broad valley with low rolling hills with even vegetation cover.   |  |
| 41<br>Cottonwood Wash                          | 1.5      | 1.5        | 0     | 1.5   | 2                | 1        | -2                    | 5.5   | C      | This unit includes open, flat to gently rolling sage grassland with oil and gas development in some areas.   |  |
| 41A<br>Buck Canyon                             | 2.5      | 3          | 0     | 2.5   | 1                | 1.5      | 0                     | 10.5  | C      | This unit includes pinyon juniper hills and sage covered valleys with some rock outcrops.  |  |
| 41B<br>Lower Sand Wash                         | 3        | 3          | 0     | 2.5   | 0                | 1        | 0                     | 9.5   | C      | This unit includes flat to gently rolling valley with sage, grasses, and pinyon juniper.   |  |

**Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—by Unit (continued)**

| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011   |  |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--|--|
| Unit Number and Name               | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score | Rating | Explanation  |  |
| 42<br>Tabaygo Canyon               | 1.5      | 2          | 0     | 1.5   | 3                | 1        | -1                    | 8     | C      | This unit includes low rolling hills, buttes and mesa forms with even sage and grass cover.  |  |
| 43<br>South Green River            | 4        | 3          | 4     | 2.5   | 1.5              | 3.5      | 0                     | 18.5  | A      | This unit includes steep canyon walls with little vegetation. There is dense vegetation in the valley bottom along the river.            |  |
| 44<br>Pariette Bench               | 1        | 1          | 0     | 1.5   | 3.5              | 1        | -2                    | 6     | C      | The unit has flat to gently rolling landforms with multiple oil and gas facilities.  |  |
| 45<br>Castle Peak Pinnacle         | 2        | 1.5        | 1     | 2     | 2                | 2        | -2                    | 8.5   | C      | The unit includes lower, rocky drainage areas with some water and outcroppings and oil and gas development.                              |  |
| 46<br>Little Desert                | 1.5      | 1.5        | 0     | 1.5   | 3.5              | 1        | -2                    | 7     | C      | This unit is within Myton Bench and is scattered with oil and gas facilities.  |  |
| 47<br>Gilonite Draw                | 3        | 3          | 0     | 3     | 3                | 2.5      | 0                     | 14.5  | B      | The unit has high, rolling slopes and drainages, badland cliffs and some oil facilities.   |  |
| 48<br>Wrinkles Road                | 3        | 2          | 0     | 2.5   | 2.5              | 1.5      | 0                     | 11.5  | B      | The unit includes a flat plateau above Nine Mile Canyon with faces of badland cliffs. Note that this unit is the same as Price SQRU 51.  |  |
| 48A<br>Nine Mile Canyon VFO        | 4.5      | 2.5        | 2     | 3     | 0.5              | 4        | 1                     | 17.5  | B      | The unit includes Nine Mile Canyon within the Vernal Field Office. Cultural modifications include farmsteads, trailers, and petroglyphs. |  |
| 48B<br>Horse Bench                 | 1.5      | 3          | 0     | 2     | 3                | 1.5      | -0.5                  | 10.5  | C      | The unit is an upper plateau area with extensive sage cover in some areas and pinyon juniper cover in others.                            |  |
| 49<br>Argyle Creek                 | 4        | 4          | 3     | 3     | 2                | 3        | 0                     | 19    | A      | This unit includes the canyons of Argyle Creek, cliffs and outcroppings with diverse vegetation.   |  |
| 49A<br>Emma Park                   | 2        | 2          | 0     | 2.5   | 3.5              | 1.5      | 0.5                   | 12    | B      | This unit includes rolling sage and agriculture in a bench area that transitions between formations in the Book Cliffs.                  |  |

**Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—by Unit (continued)**

| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011  |  |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|---|--|
| Unit Number and Name               | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score | Rating | Explanation   |  |
| 50<br>Big Pack Mountain            | 3        | 2.5        | 0     | 2.5   | 3                | 2        | -0.5                  | 12.5  | B      | This unit includes a large mesa broken by drainage into multiple mesas and buttes.  |  |
| 51<br>Johnson Draw                 | 2        | 2.5        | 0     | 2.5   | 3                | 2        | -0.5                  | 11.5  | B      | This unit consists of rolling hills and drainage ways draining north and northwest toward Bitter Creek and Hill Creek.  |  |
| 51A<br>North Willow Creek          | 3.5      | 2.5        | 2     | 3     | 2                | 2        | -1                    | 14    | B      | This unit is a valley bottom with vertical walls and escarpments.   |  |
| 52<br>Willow Creek Bench           | 2.5      | 3          | 0     | 2.5   | 2.5              | 2        | 0                     | 12.5  | B      | This unit is a terraced bench on the west side of willow creek above the valley.  |  |
| 53<br>Main Canyon Willow 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.  |  |
| 53A<br>Horse Ridge                 | 3        | 4          | 1     | 2     | 3                | 3        | 0                     | 16    | B      | Mesas, plateaus, and canyons; high variety of vegetation, subtle colors   |  |
| 54<br>Winter Ridge                 | 1.5      | 3          | 0     | 2     | 1                | 2        | 0                     | 9.5   | C      | This unit includes rolling to steep hills with pinyon juniper, vegetation treatments and areas previously burned by fire.   |  |
| 55<br>Sunday School Canyon         | 3.5      | 3          | 0     | 3     | 1.5              | 3        | 0                     | 14    | B      | This unit includes canyons with pinyon juniper.   |  |
| 56<br>Bitter Creek Canyon          | 3.5      | 3.5        | 0.5   | 3     | 0                | 3        | 0                     | 13.5  | B      | The unit is a deep valley which is narrow at the north end and widens considerable towards the south. There are steeply sloped valley walls with sparse to scattered pinyon juniper and sage. |  |
| 57<br>East Seep Ridge              | 2        | 3          | 0     | 2     | 2                | 1.5      | 0                     | 10.5  | C      | This unit includes abundant pinyon juniper and vegetation treatments with rolling hills.  |  |
| 58<br>Upper Bitter Creek           | 4        | 4.5        | 1     | 4     | 0                | 3.5      | 0                     | 17    | B      | The unit is a deep valley with steep to vertical valley walls. There is dense sage and greasewood in valley bottoms.  |  |

**Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—by Unit (continued)**

| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary   |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011   |  |
|--|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--|--|
| Unit Number and Name   | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score | Rating | Explanation  |  |
| 59<br>Achee Uplands  | 1.5      | 3.5        | 0     | 2.5   | 3                | 2        | 0                     | 12.5  | B      | The unit consists of rolling uplands with a few large burn areas and some oil and gas development.   |  |
| 60<br>Long Draw  | 2.5      | 4          | 0     | 3.5   | 1.5              | 3        | -0.5                  | 14    | B      | Rolling to moderately rugged landforms with some oil and gas development.  |  |
| 61<br>Southam  | 4        | 3.5        | 0     | 3     | 2                | 2.5      | 0                     | 15    | B      | This unit includes large buttes and canyons in a rugged landscape.   |  |
| 62<br>Park Canyon  | 3.5      | 3.5        | 1.5   | 4     | 0                | 3.5      | -0.5                  | 15.5  | B      | The unit includes flat to rolling valleys with steeply sloped walls.   |  |
| 62A<br>Education Creek   | 2.5      | 3          | 0.5   | 2.5   | 3                | 2        | -0.5                  | 13    | B      | The landform of this unit is the irregular, broken, and expansive landscape south of Rangely. The topography is rolling with some rock outcroppings. |  |
| 64<br>Green River  | 1        | 1          | 1     | 1     | 0                | 1        | 1                     | 6     | C      | River canyon with steep, angled walls; Data under revision   |  |
| Evaluators: CJohnson,JJames,KWharton,Dave,RSweeten,MMeyer,EGreen,VPfieber,RDonnigan,SOLmstead,E Glen,APerry,Jwest,,BMcDonald |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        |  |  |

**Table 1 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—by Rating**

| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011 |        |   |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|---|
| Unit Number and Name               | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score                                | Rating | Explanation   |
| 25A<br>Chew's Ranch                | 4.5      | 4          | 1.5   | 4     | 4                | 4        | 0                     | 22                                   | A      | This unit includes a complex mix of canyons, hoodoos, and cliffs as well as diverse vegetation.   |
| 6<br>Brown's Park                  | 2        | 3.5        | 4     | 3     | 3.5              | 4        | 0                     | 20                                   | A      | This unit includes Brown Park valley and includes some residential development and John Jarvie historic ranch and the Green River.  |
| 13<br>Red Mountain                 | 4        | 3          | 3     | 4     | 3                | 3.5      | -1                    | 19.5                                 | A      | This unit includes slopes and Red Fleet formation with domination red color and phosphate operations.   |
| 10<br>Lower Diamond Gulch          | 4.5      | 4          | 1.5   | 4     | 1                | 4        | 0                     | 19                                   | A      | Deeply incised canyon face at the east end of Diamond Mountain with prominent horizontal layering and rugged and blocky cliff faces.  |
| 14<br>Ashley Gorge                 | 5        | 3          | 4     | 3     | 0                | 4        | 0                     | 19                                   | A      | This unit includes rugged cliffs and year-round water.  |
| 15<br>Dry Fork Canyon              | 4.5      | 4          | 3     | 3     | 0.5              | 4        | 0                     | 19                                   | A      | This unit includes Dry Creek canyon, riparian, sage, and alpine vegetation, and seasonal water.   |
| 25<br>Blue Mountain North          | 4        | 3.5        | 0     | 4     | 4.5              | 3        | 0                     | 19                                   | A      | The unit consists of the north side of Blue Mountain, Burdette Draw and red steep faces north of the draw.  |
| 36<br>White River                  | 4        | 4          | 4     | 3     | 1                | 4        | -1                    | 19                                   | A      | The unit is a flat valley and river unit with steep to vertical walls and buttes.   |
| 49<br>Argyle Creek                 | 4        | 4          | 3     | 3     | 2                | 3        | 0                     | 19                                   | A      | This unit includes the canyons of Argyle Creek, cliffs and outcroppings with diverse vegetation.  |
| 53<br>Main Canyon Willow 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.  |
| 5A<br>Diamond Peak/Middle Mountain | 3        | 4          | 1.5   | 4     | 4                | 2        | 0                     | 18.5                                 | A      | This unit is distinctive because of the repeating vertical lines of white aspen trunks, sage, grass, pine, oak, and pinyon juniper. The unit includes the BLM Elk camp, Klines Hill, Middle Mountain, and Diamond Peak. |

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| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011 |        |  |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Unit Number and Name               | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score                                | Rating | Explanation  |
| 12<br>Chicken Coop Draw            | 3.5      | 3          | 3     | 4     | 2                | 3        | 0                     | 18.5                                 | A      | This unit includes a valley as well as the Red Fleet formation, vegetation treatments, and water features.                               |
| 43<br>South Green River            | 4        | 3          | 4     | 2.5   | 1.5              | 3.5      | 0                     | 18.5                                 | A      | This unit includes steep canyon walls with little vegetation. There is dense vegetation in the valley bottom along the river.            |
| 4<br>Home Mountains                | 3.5      | 3.5        | 0.5   | 3     | 4                | 3        | 0                     | 17.5                                 | B      | The unit includes the Home Mountain range between Clay Basin and Brown's Peak and is well vegetated with pinyon juniper.                 |
| 19<br>Dry Fork Community           | 3.5      | 3.5        | 3     | 3.5   | 2                | 3        | -1                    | 17.5                                 | B      | The unit is north of Little Mountain and includes Dry Fork Valley and bluffs above.  |
| 32<br>Horseshoe Bend - Green River | 3        | 3.5        | 4     | 3     | 1                | 3        | 0                     | 17.5                                 | B      | This unit includes a flat valley bottom along the Green River with steeply sloped valley walls.  |
| 48A<br>Nine Mile Canyon VFO        | 4.5      | 2.5        | 2     | 3     | 0.5              | 4        | 1                     | 17.5                                 | B      | The unit includes Nine Mile Canyon within the Vernal Field Office, Cultural modifications include farmsteads, trailers, and petroglyphs. |
| 58<br>Upper Bitter Creek           | 4        | 4.5        | 1     | 4     | 0                | 3.5      | 0                     | 17                                   | B      | The unit is a deep valley with steep to vertical valley walls. There is dense sage and greasewood in valley bottoms.                     |
| 5<br>Three Corners                 | 3        | 3.5        | 0.5   | 2.5   | 4                | 3        | 0                     | 16.5                                 | B      | The unit includes rounded rolling mountain tops and sparse vegetation and red soils.   |
| 7<br>East Uinta Mountains          | 4        | 4          | 0.5   | 3     | 2                | 3        | 0                     | 16.5                                 | B      | This unit includes portions of the Uinta Mountains, landform variation and diverse vegetation.   |
| 11<br>Diamond Mountain             | 3.5      | 3          | 0     | 3     | 4.5              | 2.5      | 0                     | 16.5                                 | B      | This unit includes rolling slopes and exposed walls and washes with pinyon juniper and is adjacent to Dinosaur National Monument.        |
| 23<br>Yampa Valley                 | 3.5      | 3.5        | 0.5   | 3     | 3.5              | 2.5      | 0                     | 16.5                                 | B      | This unit includes pinyon juniper slopes, rock outcrops and small creeks.  |

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| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary             |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011   |  |
|--|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--|--|
| Unit Number and Name                           | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score | Rating | Explanation  |  |
| 20<br>Buckskin Hills                           | 2.5      | 3          | 2.5   | 3.5   | 2                | 2.5      | 0                     | 16    | B      | This unit includes Brush Creek which supports riparian vegetation.   |  |
| 21<br>Stewart Lake                             | 3.5      | 3          | 1.5   | 3     | 2.5              | 2.5      | 0                     | 16    | B      | This unit includes badlands and valleys with pinyon juniper, sage, and some riparian vegetation.   |  |
| 53A<br>Horse Ridge                             | 3        | 4          | 1     | 2     | 3                | 3        | 0                     | 16    | B      | Mesas, plateaus, and canyons; high variety of vegetation, subtle colors  |  |
| 23A<br>Daniels Canyon                          | 3        | 3.5        | 0     | 2.5   | 4                | 2.5      | 0                     | 15.5  | B      | The unit includes rolling hills and rock outcrops with sparse pinyon juniper.  |  |
| 27A<br>Walker Plateau East                     | 3.5      | 2          | 0     | 3     | 4                | 3        | 0                     | 15.5  | B      | The unit is badland and rolling buttes with little vegetation.   |  |
| 31<br>Pelican Lake                             | 1.5      | 3          | 4     | 3     | 2                | 3        | -1                    | 15.5  | B      | This unit includes Pelican Lake and the Green River. There is oil and gas development in the area.   |  |
| 62<br>Park Canyon                              | 3.5      | 3.5        | 1.5   | 4     | 0                | 3.5      | -0.5                  | 15.5  | B      | The unit includes flat to rolling valleys with steeply sloped walls.   |  |
| 4A<br>Cold Spring Mountain South Slopes        | 3.5      | 3          | 1     | 2.5   | 3                | 2        | 0                     | 15    | B      | This unit includes the south slopes of the Spring Mountain mesa formation. The vegetation is mostly pinyon juniper with patches of grass and sage, especially in the burned areas. |  |
| 29<br>Asphalt Ridge                            | 3.5      | 3          | 0     | 3     | 3.5              | 2        | 0                     | 15    | B      | This is a well-known landform on the west edge of Vernal. The vegetation includes sage cover with scattered to clumped pinyon juniper.   |  |
| 34<br>Red Wash/Kennedy Wash/Devil's Playground | 4        | 2          | 1     | 4     | 2                | 3.5      | -1.5                  | 15    | B      | Flat to rolling drainage basins with high, multi-colored badland formations, and rock outcrops with little vegetation.   |  |
| 61<br>Southam                                  | 4        | 3.5        | 0     | 3     | 2                | 2.5      | 0                     | 15    | B      | This unit includes large buttes and canyons in a rugged landscape.   |  |

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| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011   |  |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--|--|
| Unit Number and Name               | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score | Rating | Explanation  |  |
| 26A<br>Blue Mountain South Side    | 4.5      | 3          | 0     | 3.5   | 0                | 3.5      | 0                     | 14.5  | B      | The unit includes a distinctive rocky mountain face and sloped pinyon juniper foothills. The complex geologic forms and colors that create interesting landscape features.   |  |
| 37A<br>Weaver Canyon               | 3.5      | 2.5        | 0     | 3.5   | 2                | 3        | 0                     | 14.5  | B      | This unit includes distinctive landform along the western edge of the field office and continues into Utah. The landform has exposed slopes and faces and is multi-colored with striations of grey, red, white, etc. |  |
| 47<br>Gilsomite Draw               | 3        | 3          | 0     | 3     | 3                | 2.5      | 0                     | 14.5  | B      | The unit has high, rolling slopes and drainages, badland cliffs and some oil facilities.   |  |
| 33A<br>Squaw Ridge                 | 3        | 3.5        | 0     | 2.5   | 3.5              | 1.5      | 0                     | 14    | B      | The unit includes a somewhat rolling hogback formation and adjacent drainages.   |  |
| 51A<br>North Willow Creek          | 3.5      | 2.5        | 2     | 3     | 2                | 2        | -1                    | 14    | B      | This unit is a valley bottom with vertical walls and escarpments.  |  |
| 55<br>Sunday School Canyon         | 3.5      | 3          | 0     | 3     | 1.5              | 3        | 0                     | 14    | B      | This unit includes canyons with pinyon juniper.  |  |
| 60<br>Long Draw                    | 2.5      | 4          | 0     | 3.5   | 1.5              | 3        | -0.5                  | 14    | B      | Rolling to moderately rugged landforms with some oil and gas development.  |  |
| 8<br>Pot Creek                     | 1        | 2          | 3     | 2     | 3.5              | 2        | 0                     | 13.5  | B      | The unit includes the valley between the east Uinta Mountains and Diamond Mountain.  |  |
| 56<br>Bitter Creek Canyon          | 3.5      | 3.5        | 0.5   | 3     | 0                | 3        | 0                     | 13.5  | B      | The unit is a deep valley which is narrow at the north end and widens considerable towards the south. There are steeply sloped valley walls with sparse to scattered pinyon juniper and sage.                        |  |
| 17<br>Little Mountain              | 2.5      | 3          | 0     | 2.5   | 3.5              | 1.5      | 0                     | 13    | B      | This unit includes a mountain landform, pinyon juniper and sage.   |  |
| 62A<br>Education Creek             | 2.5      | 3          | 0.5   | 2.5   | 3                | 2        | -0.5                  | 13    | B      | The landform of this unit is the irregular, broken, and expansive landscape south of Rangely. The topography is rolling with some rock outcroppings.   |  |

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| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011   |  |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--|--|
| Unit Number and Name               | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score | Rating | Explanation  |  |
| 1<br>Antelope Flat                 | 2.5      | 3          | 0     | 2     | 4                | 1        | 0                     | 12.5  | B      | This unit is east of Flaming Gorge and includes portions of Goslin Mountain, Antelope Flats, and the Glades.   |  |
| 2<br>Tepee Mountains               | 3        | 2          | 0     | 2     | 3                | 2.5      | 0                     | 12.5  | B      | This unit includes portions of the Tepee Mountains.  |  |
| 50<br>Big Pack Mountain            | 3        | 2.5        | 0     | 2.5   | 3                | 2        | -0.5                  | 12.5  | B      | This unit includes a large mesa broken by drainage into multiple mesas and buttes.   |  |
| 52<br>Willow Creek Bench           | 2.5      | 3          | 0     | 2.5   | 2.5              | 2        | 0                     | 12.5  | B      | This unit is a terraced bench on the west side of willow creek above the valley.   |  |
| 59<br>Achee Uplands                | 1.5      | 3.5        | 0     | 2.5   | 3                | 2        | 0                     | 12.5  | B      | The unit consists of rolling uplands with a few large burn areas and some oil and gas development.   |  |
| 16A<br>Moseby Creek                | 2        | 2.5        | 0     | 2.5   | 3                | 2        | 0                     | 12    | B      | This unit includes foothills of Little mountain and some agriculture development   |  |
| 18A<br>Halfway Valley              | 2.5      | 2.5        | 0     | 2.5   | 3.5              | 2        | -1                    | 12    | B      | This unit includes hills and mesas as well as some oil and gas development   |  |
| 37<br>Hell's Hole                  | 3.5      | 2          | 0     | 2.5   | 1                | 3        | 0                     | 12    | B      | The unit is a fairly narrow valley with steep to vertical walls.   |  |
| 39A<br>East Bench South Transition | 2.5      | 2          | 0     | 3     | 2                | 2.5      | 0                     | 12    | B      | The landscape is transitional from East Bench down to the surrounding land and includes rock outcrops.   |  |
| 49A<br>Emma Park                   | 2        | 2          | 0     | 2.5   | 3.5              | 1.5      | 0.5                   | 12    | B      | This unit includes rolling sage and agriculture in a bench area that transitions between formations in the Book Cliffs.                              |  |
| 26<br>Blue Mountain Valley         | 2        | 2          | 0     | 2     | 4                | 1.5      | 0                     | 11.5  | B      | The unit is a rolling valley with isolated forms at the base of blue mountain, Sage/grassland with pinyon juniper is present on the landform slopes. |  |

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| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011  |  |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|---|--|
| Unit Number and Name               | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score | Rating | Explanation   |  |
| 28<br>Vernal Valley                | 1.5      | 1.5        | 2     | 2.5   | 3                | 1        | 0                     | 11.5  | B      | This unit includes the Vernal Valley, with urban, suburban, and agricultural areas.   |  |
| 48<br>Wrinkles Road                | 3        | 2          | 0     | 2.5   | 2.5              | 1.5      | 0                     | 11.5  | B      | The unit includes a flat plateau above Nine Mile Canyon with faces of badland cliffs. Note that this unit is the same as Price SQRU 51.       |  |
| 51<br>Johnson Draw                 | 2        | 2.5        | 0     | 2.5   | 3                | 2        | -0.5                  | 11.5  | B      | This unit consists of rolling hills and drainage ways draining north and northwest toward Bitter Creek and Hill Creek.                        |  |
| 30<br>McCoy Flats                  | 2.5      | 2.5        | 0     | 2     | 2.5              | 1.5      | 0                     | 11    | C      | This unit includes rolling sage scrub, mesas, low hills, grassland and junipers.  |  |
| 41A<br>Buck Canyon                 | 2.5      | 3          | 0     | 2.5   | 1                | 1.5      | 0                     | 10.5  | C      | This unit includes pinyon juniper hills and sage covered valleys with some rock outcrops.   |  |
| 48B<br>Horse Bench                 | 1.5      | 3          | 0     | 2     | 3                | 1.5      | -0.5                  | 10.5  | C      | The unit is an upper plateau area with extensive sage cover in some areas and pinyon juniper cover in others.                                 |  |
| 57<br>East Seep Ridge              | 2        | 3          | 0     | 2     | 2                | 1.5      | 0                     | 10.5  | C      | This unit includes abundant pinyon juniper and vegetation treatments with rolling hills.  |  |
| 3<br>Clay Basin                    | 1        | 2          | 1     | 1.5   | 3.5              | 1.5      | -0.5                  | 10    | C      | This unit includes the valley floor between the Tepee Mountains and Howie/Goslin Mountains with some natural gas and residential development. |  |
| 9<br>Wild Mountain                 | 2        | 2          | 0     | 2     | 2.5              | 1.5      | 0                     | 10    | C      | This unit includes rolling hills and sage flats.  |  |
| 18B<br>Coal Mine Basin             | 2        | 3          | 0     | 1.5   | 2                | 1.5      | 0                     | 10    | C      | This unit includes the south foothills of Little Mountain and the transition between Little Mountain and the low desert.                      |  |
| 18<br>12 Mile Bench                | 1.5      | 2.5        | 0     | 2     | 2.5              | 1        | 0                     | 9.5   | C      | This unit includes rolling hills to flat landscape with grasses, sage, and greasewood.  |  |

**Table 2 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—by Rating (continued)**

| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011   |  |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--|--|
| Unit Number and Name               | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score | Rating | Explanation  |  |
| 41B<br>Lower Sand Wash             | 3        | 3          | 0     | 2.5   | 0                | 1        | 0                     | 9.5   | C      | This unit includes flat to gently rolling valley with sage, grasses, and pinyon juniper.   |  |
| 54<br>Winter Ridge                 | 1.5      | 3          | 0     | 2     | 1                | 2        | 0                     | 9.5   | C      | This unit includes rolling to steep hills with pinyon juniper, vegetation treatments and areas previously burned by fire.                      |  |
| 16<br>Ouray Valley                 | 1.5      | 2          | 0     | 2     | 2                | 1.5      | 0                     | 9     | C      | The land is flat to gently rolling with widely scattered, low rock and mesa landforms. There are extensive grassy areas and rural development. |  |
| 27<br>Walker Plateau West          | 1.5      | 2          | 0     | 1.5   | 3                | 1        | 0                     | 9     | C      | The unit includes flat to subtly rolling uplands with numerous transmission poles and lines.   |  |
| 9A<br>Diamond Mountain Plateau     | 1.5      | 1.5        | 0.5   | 1.5   | 2                | 1.5      | 0                     | 8.5   | C      | This unit includes a high, broad plateau dominated by sage and grass, and includes the upper reach of Diamond Gulch.                           |  |
| 45<br>Castle Peak Pinnacle         | 2        | 1.5        | 1     | 2     | 2                | 2        | -2                    | 8.5   | C      | The unit includes lower, rocky drainage areas with some water and outcroppings and oil and gas development.                                    |  |
| 26B<br>Sand Spring Wash            | 2.5      | 2          | 0     | 1.5   | 1                | 1        | 0                     | 8     | C      | This unit includes slightly uplifted mesas and flat valleys and some interesting erosional patterns.   |  |
| 42<br>Tabaygo Canyon               | 1.5      | 2          | 0     | 1.5   | 3                | 1        | -1                    | 8     | C      | This unit includes low rolling hills, buttes and mesa forms with even sage and grass cover.  |  |
| 33<br>Deadman's Bench              | 1.5      | 2.5        | 0     | 2     | 2                | 1        | -1.5                  | 7.5   | C      | The unit includes flat to rolling hills with dense sage and grass cover, and dense oil and gas development.                                    |  |
| 39<br>East Bench                   | 1.5      | 2          | 0     | 1.5   | 2.5              | 1        | -1                    | 7.5   | C      | The unit includes flat to rolling landforms.   |  |
| 40<br>Sand Wash                    | 2        | 2          | 0     | 2     | 0                | 1.5      | -0.5                  | 7     | C      | This unit is a broad valley with low rolling hills with even vegetation cover.   |  |

**Table 2 Scenic Quality Rating Summary—by Rating (continued)**

| Scenic Quality Rating Unit Summary  |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        | Vernal Field Office<br>November 2011   |  |
|---|----------|------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--|--|
| Unit Number and Name  | Landform | Vegetation | Water | Color | Adjacent Scenery | Scarcity | Cultural Modification | Score | Rating | Explanation  |  |
| 46<br>Little Desert   | 1.5      | 1.5        | 0     | 1.5   | 3.5              | 1        | -2                    | 7     | C      | This unit is within Myton Bench and is scattered with oil and gas facilities.                              |  |
| 24<br>Ruple Ridge   | 1.5      | 1.5        | 0     | 1     | 1.5              | 1        | 0                     | 6.5   | C      | This unit includes rolling sage flats on elevated plateaus.  |  |
| 35<br>Bonanza   | 2        | 1.5        | 0     | 1.5   | 2                | 1.5      | -2                    | 6.5   | C      | Flat to rolling with soft trapezoidal forms and rocky escarpments  |  |
| 44<br>Pariette Bench  | 1        | 1          | 0     | 1.5   | 3.5              | 1        | -2                    | 6     | C      | The unit has flat to gently rolling landforms with multiple oil and gas facilities.                        |  |
| 64<br>Green River   | 1        | 1          | 1     | 1     | 0                | 1        | 1                     | 6     | C      | River canyon with steep, angled walls; Data under revision   |  |
| 41<br>Cottonwood Wash   | 1.5      | 1.5        | 0     | 1.5   | 2                | 1        | -2                    | 5.5   | C      | This unit includes open, flat to gently rolling sage grassland with oil and gas development in some areas. |  |
| <b>Evaluators:</b> CJohnson, JJames, KWharton, Dave, RSweeten, MMeyer, EGreen, VPfeiffer, RDonnigan, SOlmstead, EGlen, APerry, Jwest, BMcDonald |          |            |       |       |                  |          |                       |       |        |  |  |

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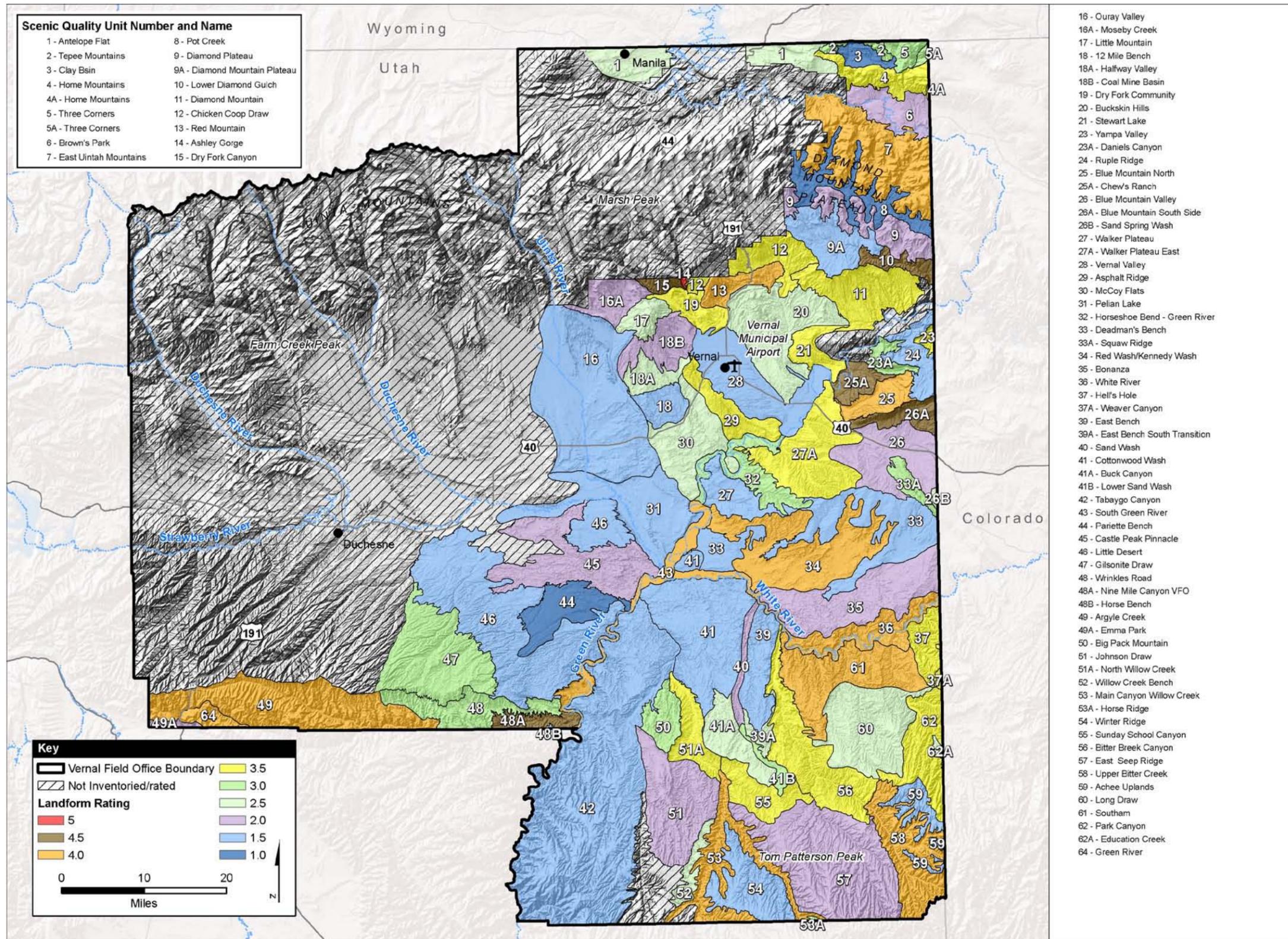


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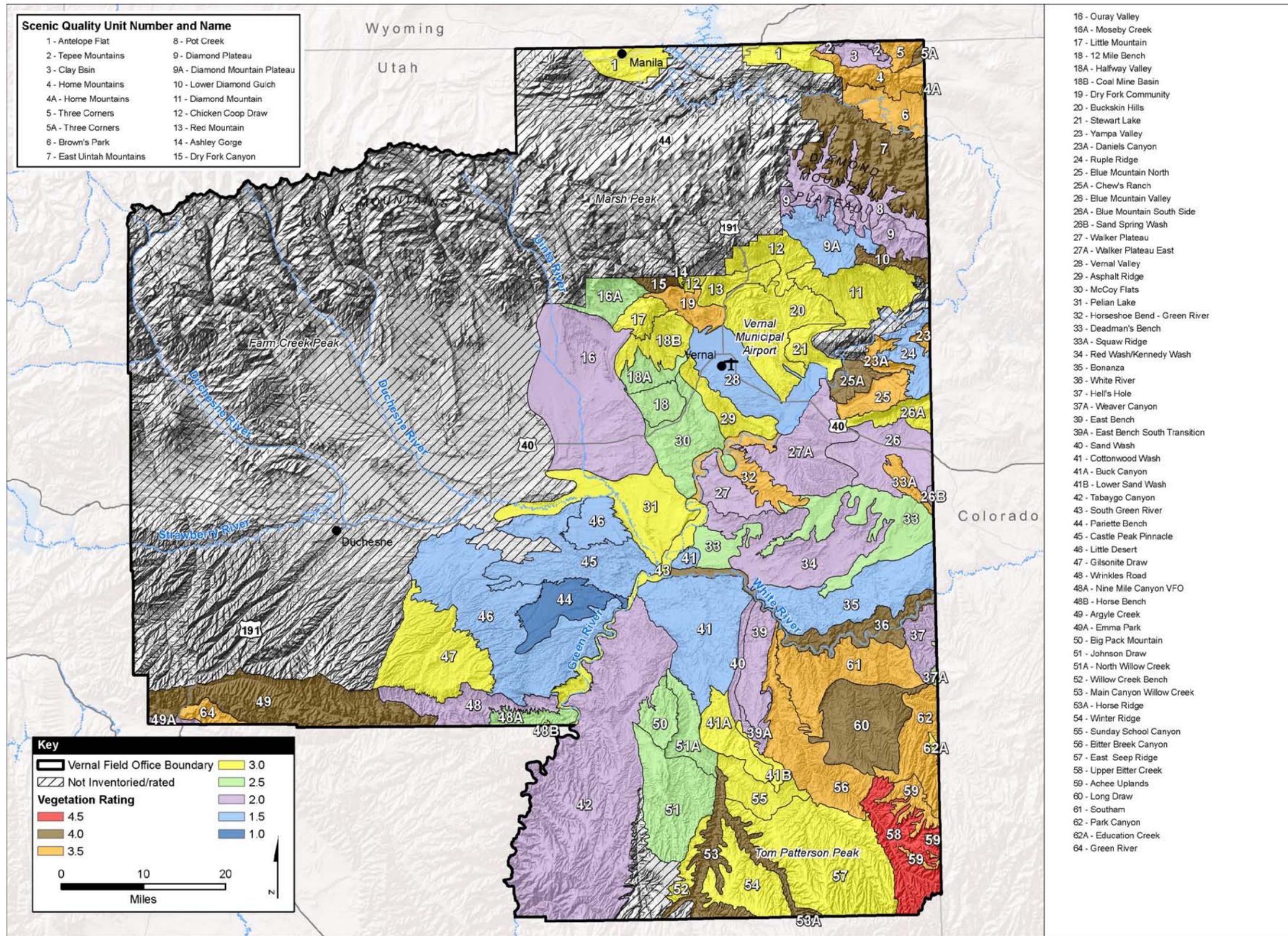


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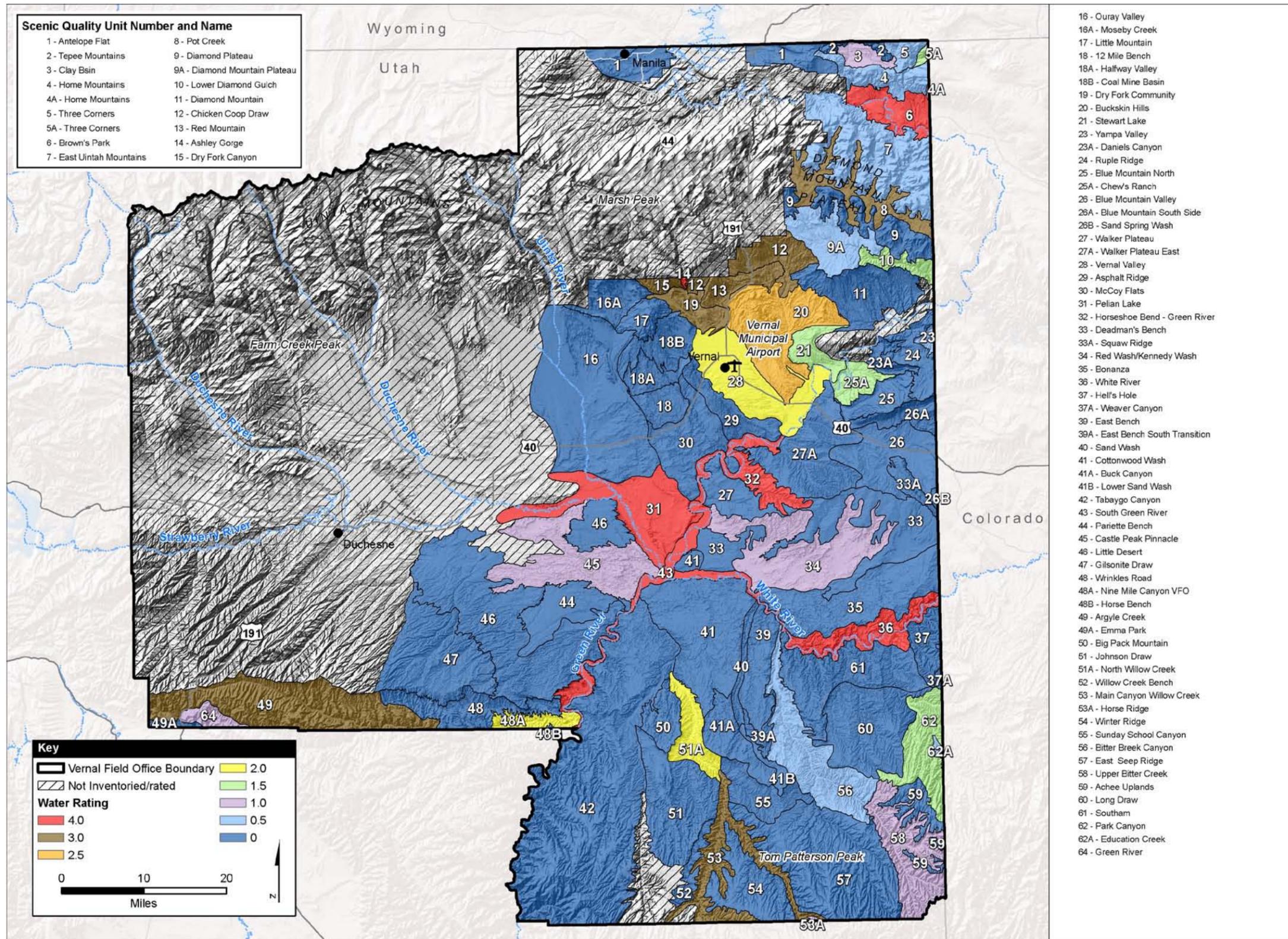


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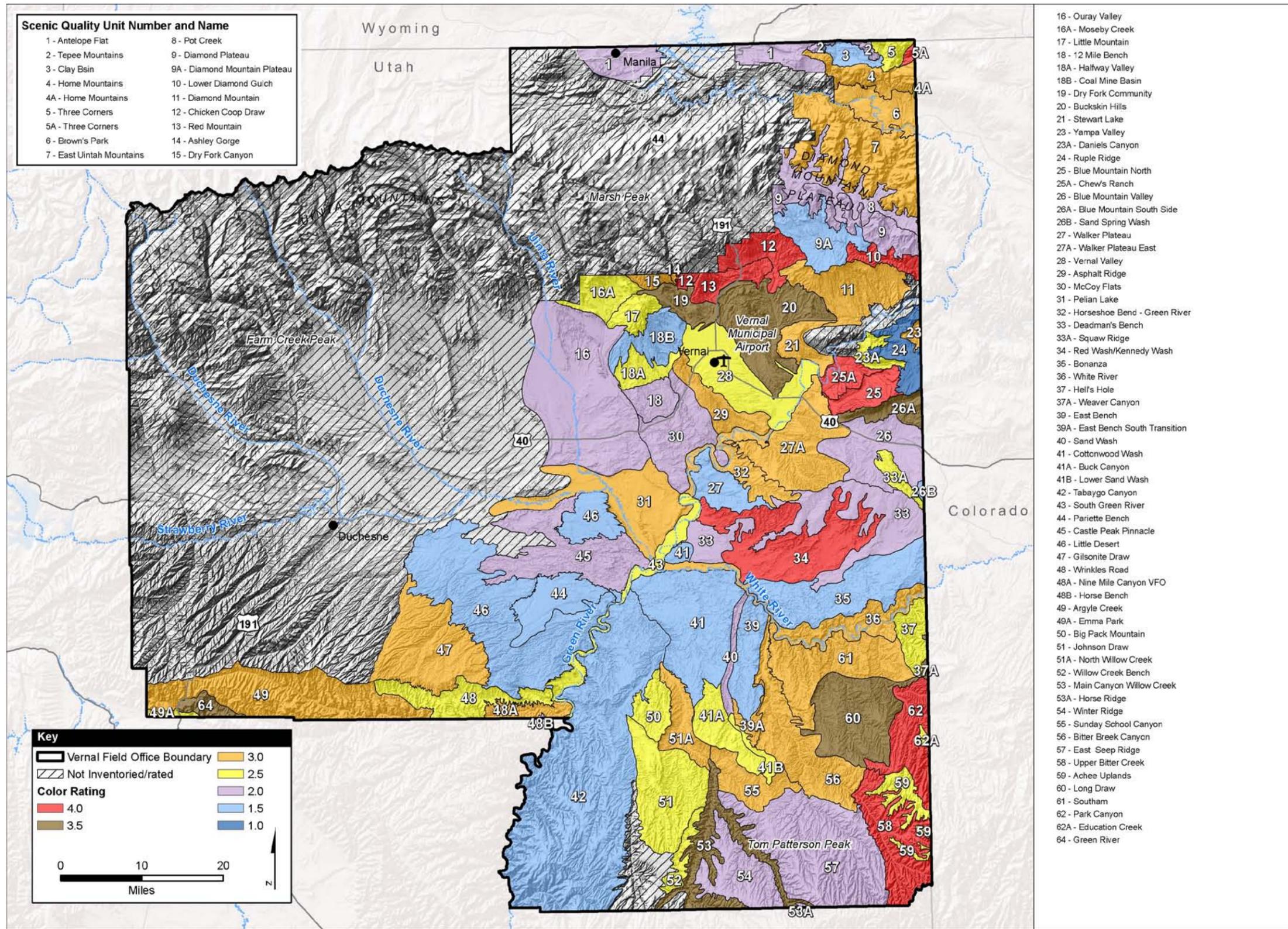


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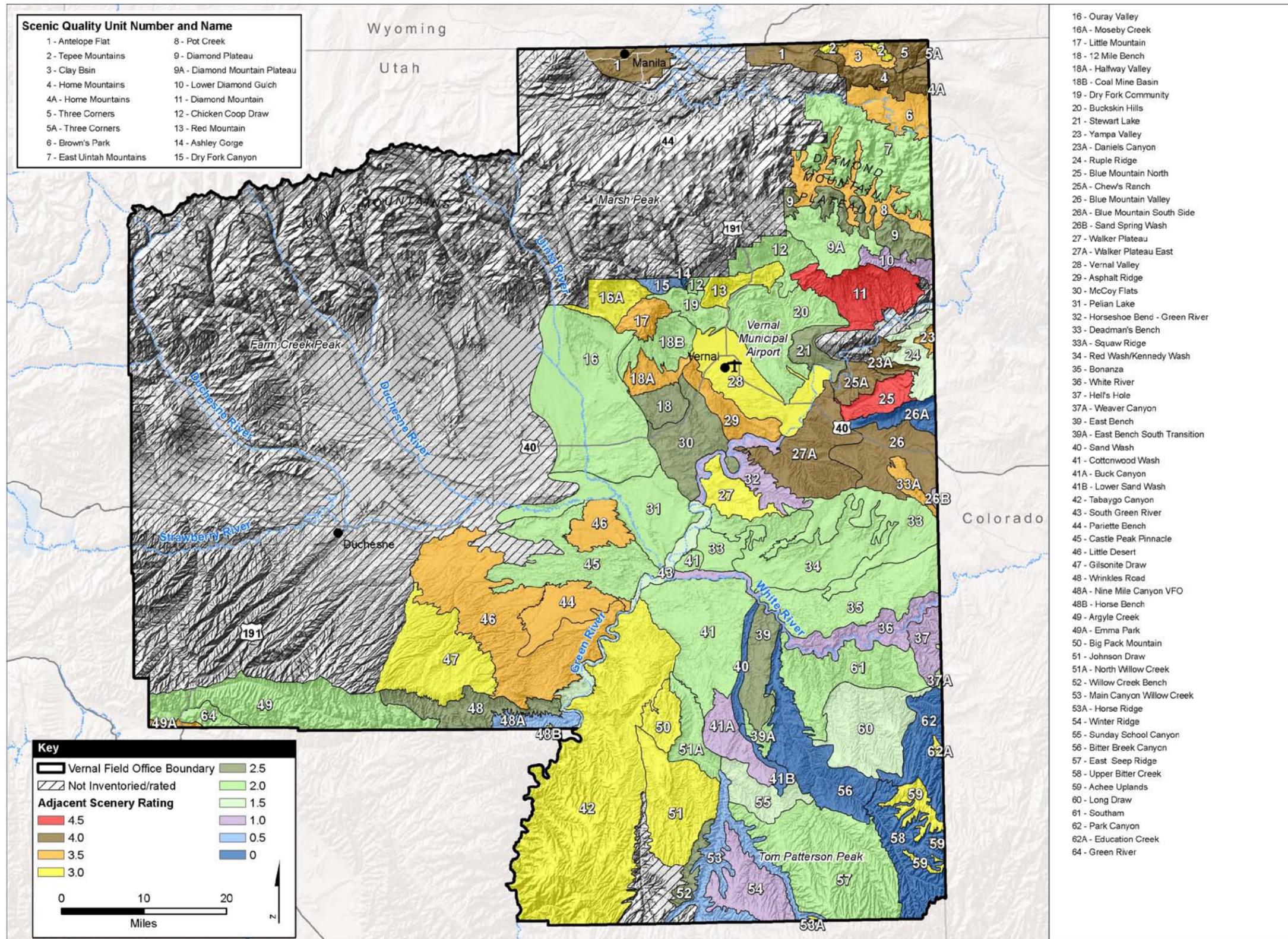


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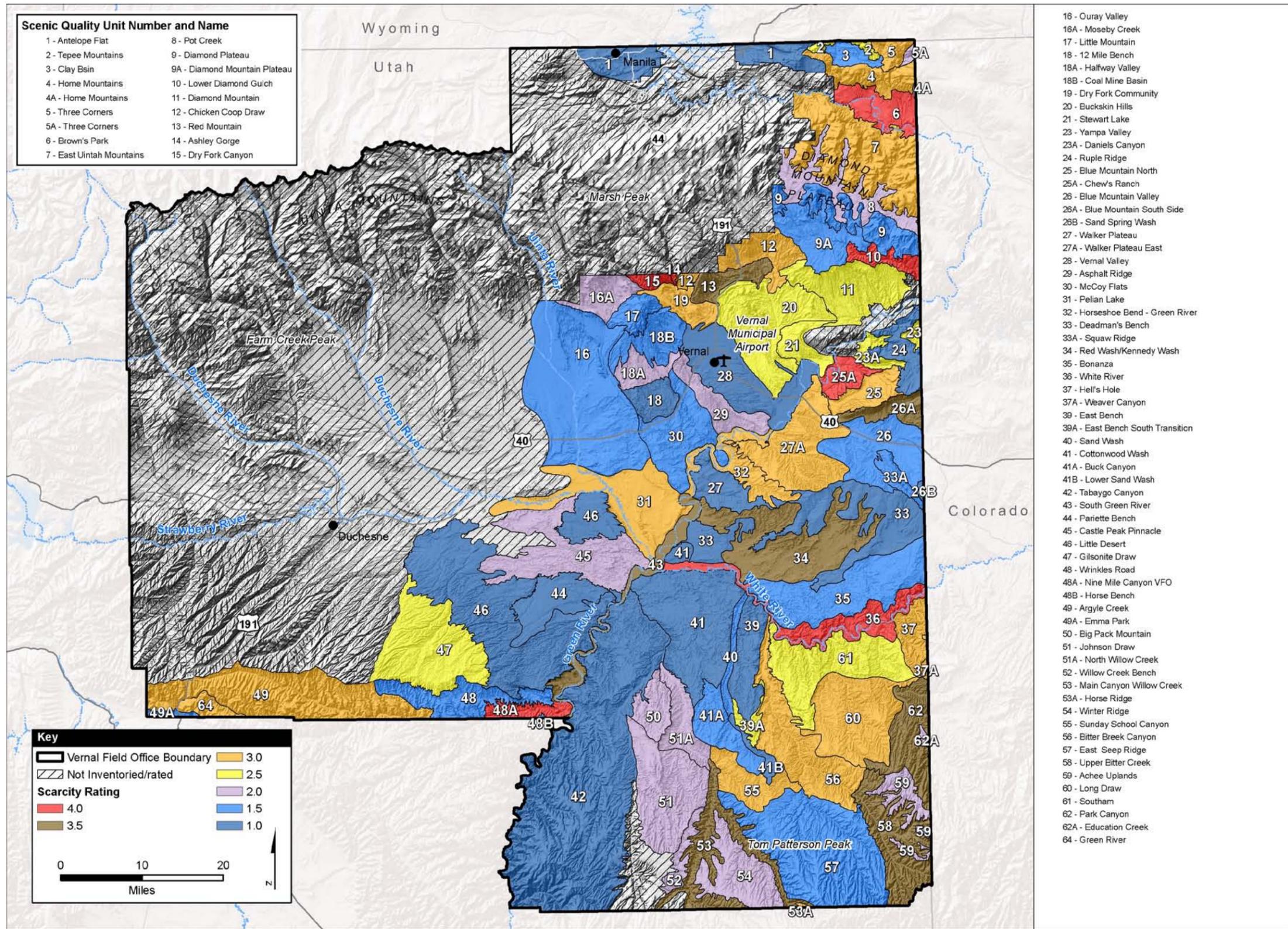


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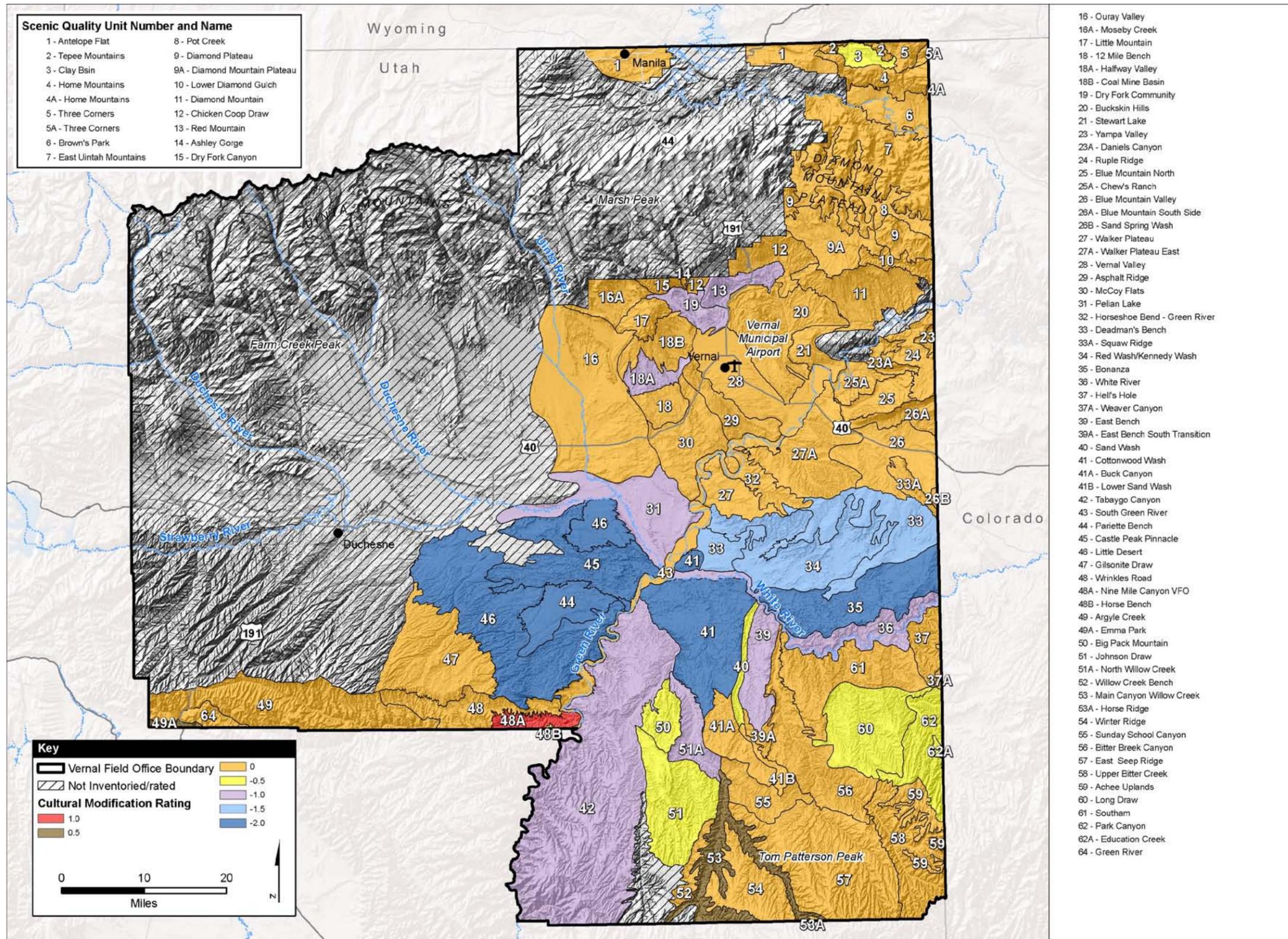


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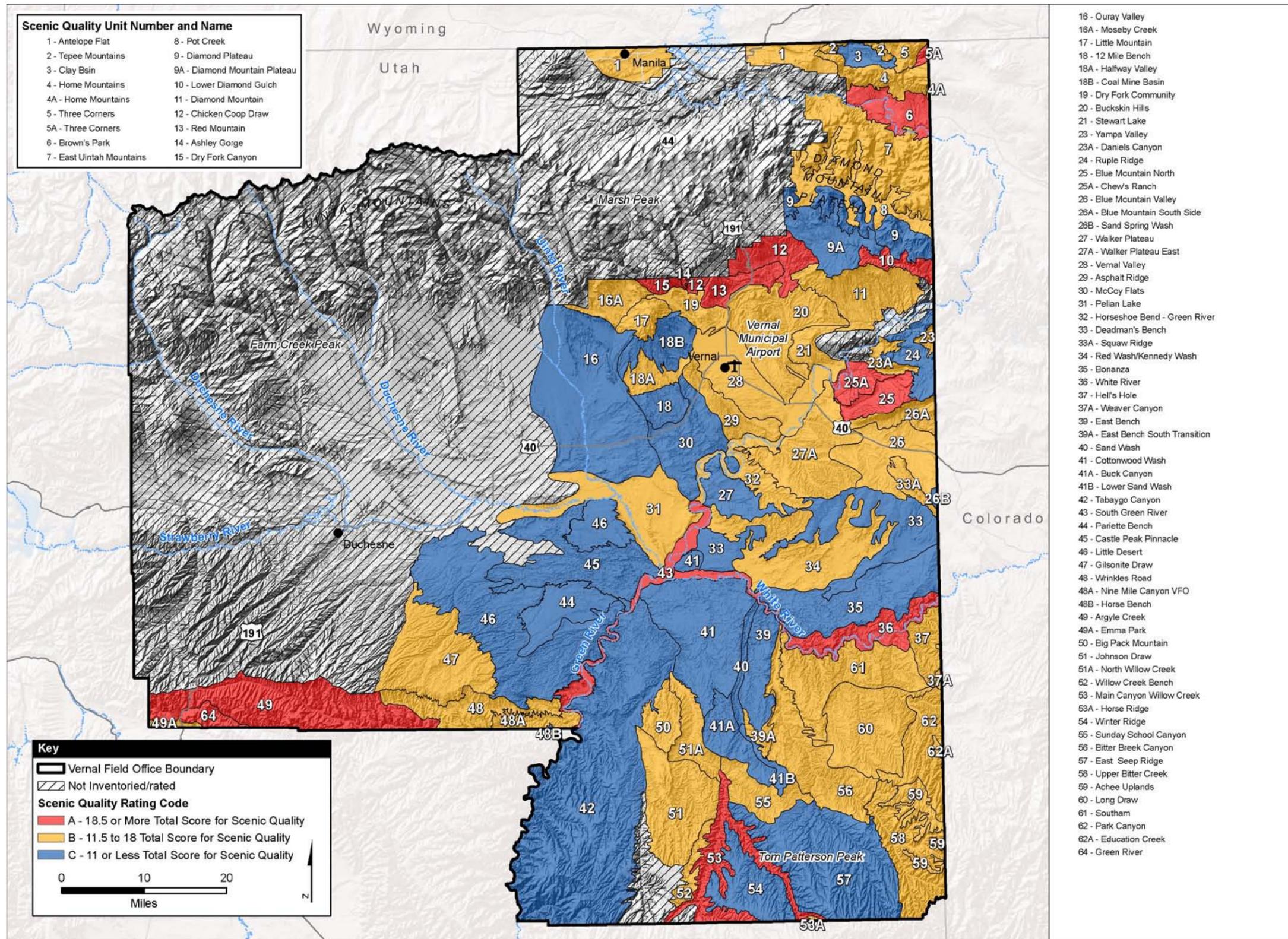


Figure 14 Scenic Quality Rating Map

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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 multidisciplinary teams of BLM staff and management from the field office. After reviewing the sensitivity rating process, each 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. A summary of the sensitivity rating factors for the field office is below. More information on the rating of specific units is contained in the individual rating sheets retained in the project record.

### 3.3 Sensitivity Level Rating Summary

Sensitivity levels in the Vernal Field Office analysis area are generally higher in the northern and southwestern portions of the analysis area (Figure 15). The northern area includes high and moderate levels of sensitivity in areas of increased variety of topography and vegetation because those areas are generally more heavily used for recreation activities and hunting and are located near Dinosaur National Monument. The southwestern area along the Green River also has higher recreation uses and increased levels of sensitivity to changes in the visual setting. Table 3 presents a summary of the sensitivity level ratings for the Vernal Field Office.

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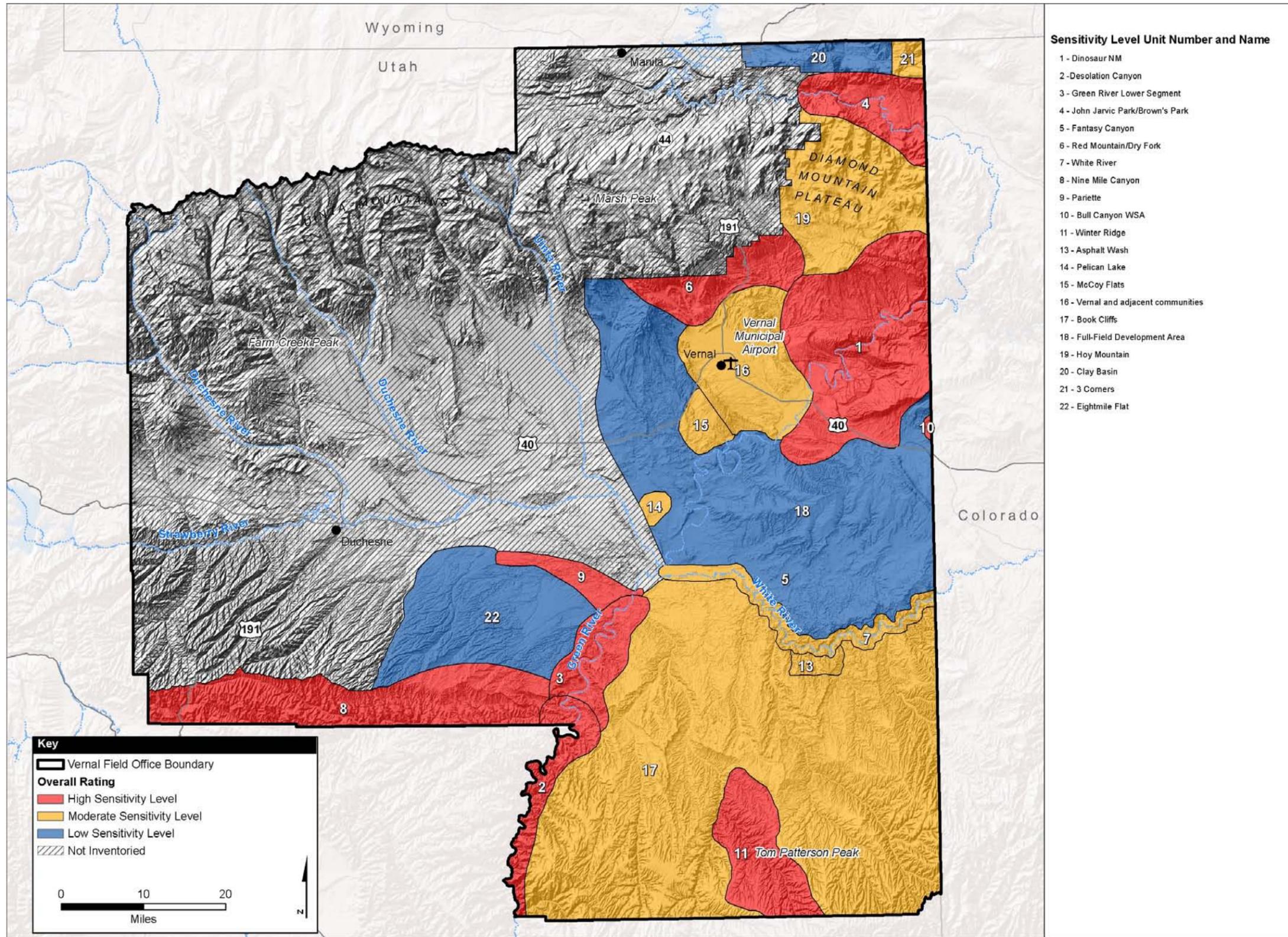


Figure 15 Sensitivity Level Rating Units Map

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**Table 2 Sensitivity Level Rating Summary Sheet, Form 8400-6**

| Sensitivity Level Rating Unit Summary |             |               |                 |                    |               |               |                |  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| Vernal Field Office                   |             |               |                 |                    |               |               |                |  |
| November 2011                         |             |               |                 |                    |               |               |                |  |
| Unit Number                           | Type of Use | Amount of Use | Public Interest | Adjacent Land Uses | Special Areas | Other Factors | Overall Rating | Explanation  |
| 1                                     | H           | H             | H               | H                  | H             | N/A           | H              | Adjacent to Dinosaur and important to visitors<br>Dinosaur NM  |
| 2                                     | H           | H             | H               | H                  | H             | N/A           | H              | High demand as a river running area<br>Desolation Canyon   |
| 3                                     | H           | L             | L               | L                  | H             | H             | H              | Lower use because of isolation but sensitivity similar to Desolation Canyon for users<br>Green River Lower Segment                     |
| 4                                     | H           | H             | H               | L                  | H             | N/A           | H              | Second highest use area in the Field Office.<br>John Jarvic Park/Brown's Park  |
| 5                                     | H           | L             | M               | L                  | H             | N/A           | H              | International geologic status--no room to alter anything without losing character.<br>Fantasy Canyon                                   |
| 6                                     | H           | M             | M               | L                  | H             | N/A           | H              | Area contains many special areas, activities and attractions<br>Red Mountain/Dry Fork  |
| 7                                     | H           | L             | M               | L                  | M             | N/A           | M              | Mostly river runners and other water activities<br>White River   |
| 8                                     | H           | M             | H               | L                  | H             | H             | H              | Well known cultural/historic resource area that attracts wide range of visitors<br>Nine Mile Canyon                                    |
| 9                                     | M           | L             | L               | L                  | M             | H             | H              | Important for bird watching, wetlands and interpretive tourism<br>Pariette   |
| 10                                    | L           | L             | M               | L                  | H             | N/A           | H              | Unit is WSA that mostly sees hunting use in mostly undisturbed setting<br>Bull Canyon WSA  |
| 11                                    | L           | L             | L               | L                  | H             | N/A           | H              | Unit includes WSA that sees mostly hunting use<br>Winter Ridge   |
| 12                                    | L           | L             | L               | L                  | H             | N/A           | H              | Unit includes WSA that mostly sees hunting use<br>Flume Canyon (off map)   |
| 13                                    | L           | M             | L               | H                  | H             | H             | H              | Wilderness character/potential special designation<br>Asphalt Wash   |
| 14                                    | H           | M             | L               | M                  | H             | N/A           | M              | Blue Ribbon Fish Hatchery attracts anglers from regional area<br>Pelican Lake  |
| 15                                    | H           | M             | L               | L                  | H             | N/A           | M              | Attracts recreation users from regional area<br>McCoy Flats  |
| 16                                    | M           | H             | M               | L                  | M             | L             | M              | Some concern from local residents but area is moderately developed with urban and agricultural uses<br>Vernal and adjacent communities |
| 17                                    | M           | L             | M               | L                  | L             | M             | M              | Large area contains substantial oil and gas development as well as diverse landscapes of regional significance<br>Book Cliffs          |

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

| Sensitivity Level Rating Unit Summary |             |               |                 |                    |               |               |                |   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---|
| Vernal Field Office                   |             |               |                 |                    |               |               |                |   |
| November 2011                         |             |               |                 |                    |               |               |                |   |
| Unit Number                           | Type of Use | Amount of Use | Public Interest | Adjacent Land Uses | Special Areas | Other Factors | Overall Rating | Explanation   |
| 18                                    | L           | H             | L               | L                  | L             | N/A           | L              | Extensive oil and gas development in many areas<br>Full-Field Development Area  |
| 19                                    | M           | L             | M               | M                  | M             | N/A           | M              | Area sees general recreation use but is mostly a pass through area for visitors to Dinosaur and Browns Park<br>Hoy Mountain |
| 20                                    | L           | H             | L               | L                  | L             | L             | L              | High level of oil and gas development<br>Clay Basin   |
| 21                                    | H           | L             | L               | M                  | L             | N/A           | M              | Primitive and remote, area does not attract much use.<br>Three Corners  |
| 22                                    | M           | L             | L               | M                  | N/A           | N/A           | N/A            | Relatively non-descript area with oil and gas development<br>Eightmile Flat   |

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### 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-midground (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-midground 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 be visible within the foreground-midground 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-midground 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

Using a field-office base map similar to the SQRU and SLRU base maps, primary travel routes and other potentially sensitive viewpoints such as recreation areas and scenic roads, were identified based on locations from which the general landscape would most likely be seen. Using GIS, the distance zones were offset from the routes and points at the distances indicated above. To supplement the distance zones, a viewshed analysis was performed at key locations to identify what portions within each zone would be visible.

### 4.3 Distance Zones Summary

The majority of lands within the analysis area, approximately 57 percent, are in the foreground-midground (Figure 16). The remaining lands are nearly equally split between the background and seldom seen distance zones. Approximately 23 percent of the Vernal Field Office falls within the seldom seen distance zone, which is almost entirely located in the northwestern portion of the field office in the Uinta Mountains. These areas are generally less developed and have far fewer primary travel routes from which areas could be viewed. The remaining lands, which fall in the background distance zone, occur as a border between the foreground-midground and seldom seen distance zones as well as scattered throughout the foreground-midground zone.

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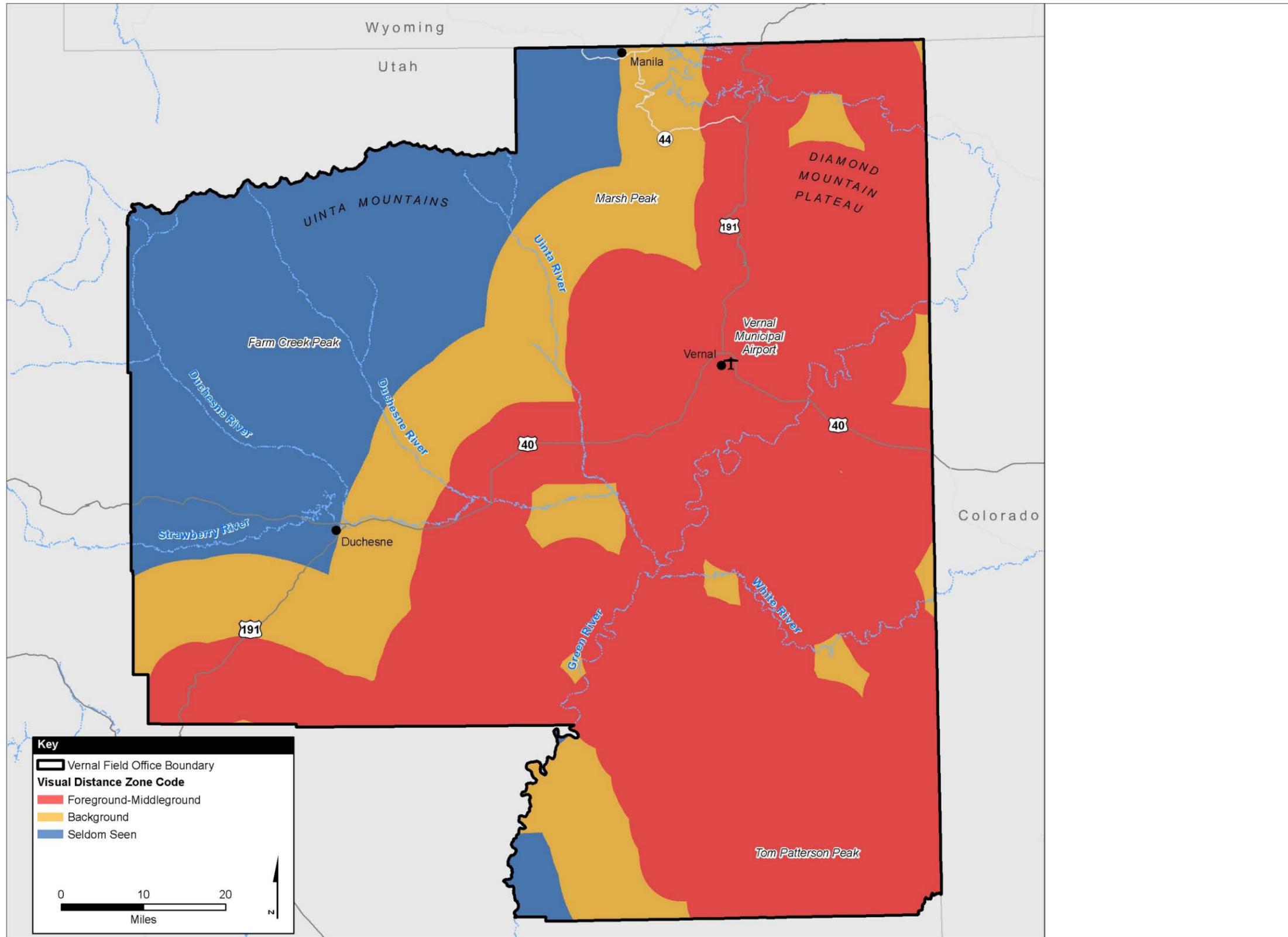


Figure 16 Visual Distance Zones Map

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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 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  |
|                | A | Class II                  | Class II  | Class II   | Class II  | Class II | Class II | Class II |
| Scenic Quality | B | Class II                  | Class III | Class III* | 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/midground, b = background, s/s = seldom seen.

Figure 17 Visual Resource Inventory Class Matrix

5.2 Vernal Field Office

VRI class designations were scattered throughout the field office. The VRI rating class with the greatest proportion of land is VRI Class IV with approximately 44 percent of the analysis area (Figure 18) and is found across large areas in the central portion of the area surveyed. VRI Class III accounts for approximately 31 percent of the analysis area while VRI Class II was designated in approximately 22 percent of the analysis area. The remaining approximately 2 percent of the field office is designated as VRI Class I, which is found in the largest concentration in the south but also occurs in small patches in the north and along the eastern field office boundary. 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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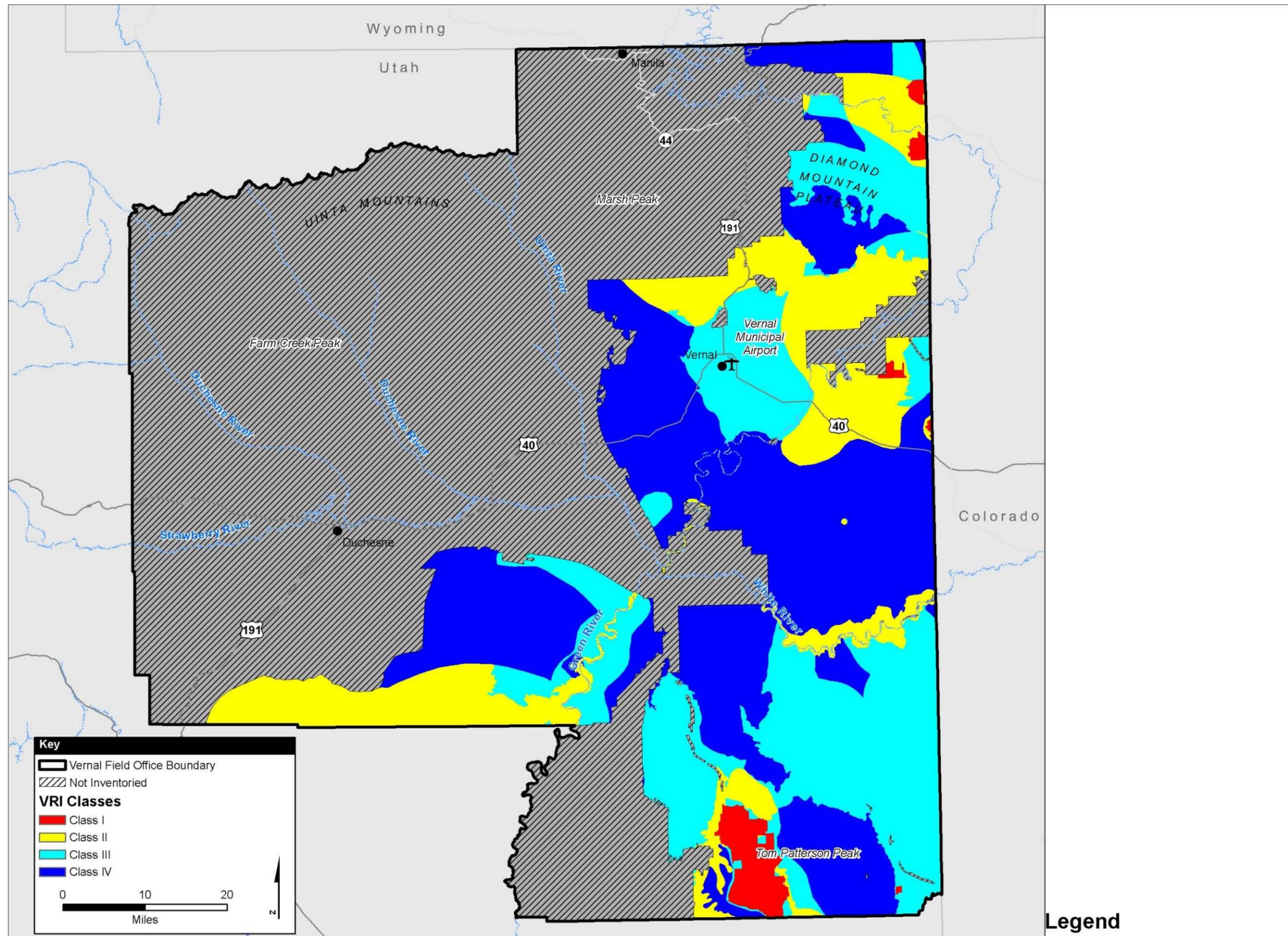


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| 33, Deadman's Bench                          | 85 |                                  |     |
| 33A, Squaw Ridge                             | 87 |                                  |     |
| 34, Red Wash/Kennedy Wash/Devil's Playground | 89 |                                  |     |
| 35, Bonanza                                  | 91 |                                  |     |
| 36, White River                              | 93 |                                  |     |
| 37, Hell's Hole                              | 95 |                                  |     |
| 37A, Weaver Canyon                           | 97 |                                  |     |
| 39, East Bench                               | 99 |                                  |     |

## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER   | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--|---|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Low rolling to rounded, pyramidal of antelope flat and Goslin Mountain, broken rectangular of south face of Glades | Amorphous, irregular groupings of sage and pinyon juniper                     | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, diagonal, undulating   | Directional with land form, irregular between vegetation types and horizontal |                       |
| COLOR   | Buff, grey, white, tan, purple tan   | Grey sage, dark green pinyon juniper, light green grasses                     |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to moderate   | Smooth to medium  |                       |

## Narrative

The unit includes the west end of Goslin Mountain, Antelope Flats and the Glades. It is just east of Flaming Gorge near Wyoming and is characterized by low to medium rolling hills with some flats and outcroppings.

Vegetation is predominantly grasses, sage, and pinyon juniper. Antelope Flats offers good views west to Flaming Gorge and North into Wyoming.

## Photos

IOP #1



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                       | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2.5         | Mostly low to medium hills with steep face of Glades           |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3           | Pinyon juniper, sage, and grasses                              |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | None visible   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2           | Some contrast between vegetation and landform, nothing intense |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 4           | Great views of Flaming Gorge, Uinta Mountains                  |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1           | Interesting but common   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>12.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                               |  |

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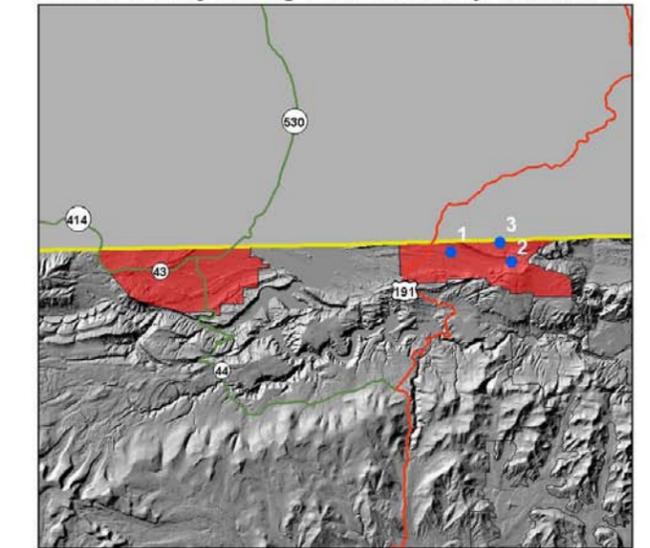
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #1 Antelope Flat

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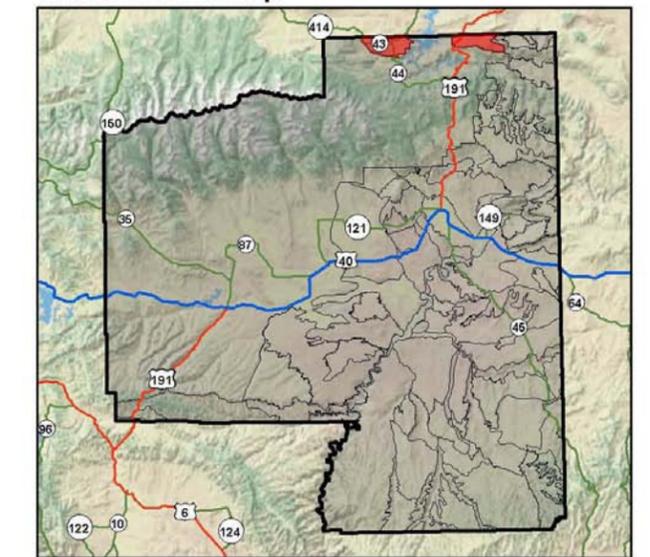
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Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead

### Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 1



### Detail Location Map



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IOP #2



IOP #3



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                      | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Steep blocky, rectangular faces, triangular at base | Irregular, amorphous of pinyon juniper             | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Vertical, horizontal, diagonal                      | Broken, directional diagonal, sinuous line at base |                       |
| COLOR   | Buff, tan, grey, purple tan                         | Grey sage, dark green of pinyon juniper            |                       |
| TEXTURE | Moderate  | Stippled, moderate, gradational                    |                       |

## Narrative

The unit includes the Tepee Mountains on the Wyoming Border, blocky and somewhat steep rock outcropping faces. On the north side of clay basin there are predominantly scattered to dense pinyon juniper.

The formation is bisected by Red Creek.

## Photos

IOP #4



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3           | Somewhat steep rock outcroppings, not prominent or dramatic     |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2           | Predominantly pinyon juniper with some sage                     |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | None visible  |  |
| COLOR                 | 2           | No intensity of color, contrast between landform and vegetation |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3           | Goslin, Home Mountains, Richards Mountain in north              |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2.5         | Fairly distinctive but similar                                  |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Absent/no impact  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>12.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                                |  |

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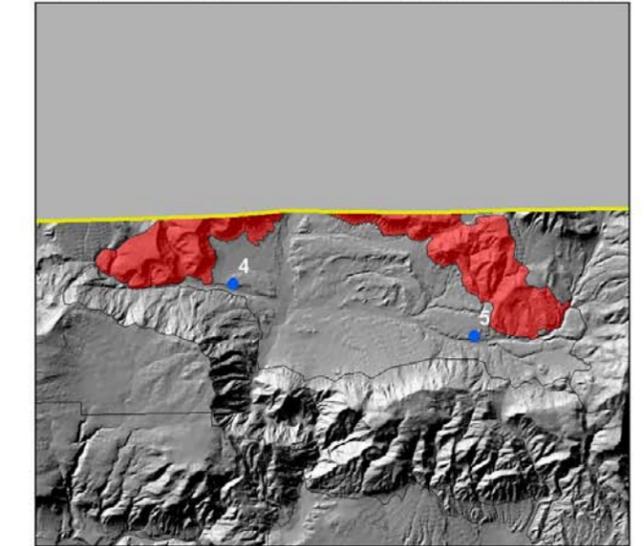
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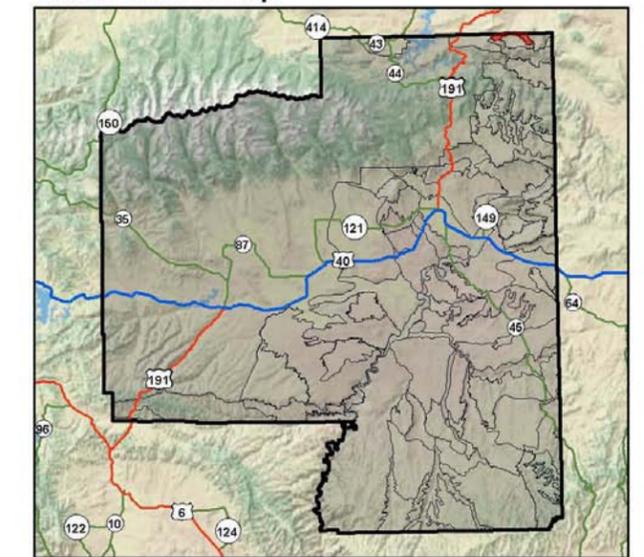
Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 2



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IOP #5



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER         | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE                            |
|---------|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| FORM    | Flat, low, rolling     | Low, indistinct  | Geometrical, rectangular, triangular |
| LINE    | Horizontal, undulating | Weak, irregular, horizontal  | Vertical, horizontal, diagonal       |
| COLOR   | Gray, buff             | Grey, sage, grass, green, isolated dark green pinyon juniper, monotone | Varies, blue, grey, white            |
| TEXTURE | Smooth                 | Fine, continuous with stippled   | Clumped                              |

## Narrative

The unit includes the valley floor between the Tepee Mountains and Howie(?) / Goslin Mountains. There is some natural gas and residential development. The vegetation is predominantly sage and grass with stippled juniper.

Red Creek runs through the valley.

## Photos

IOP #6



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                      | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1         | Flat to low rolling valley                                    |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2         | Mostly sage/grass with little juniper, minimal riparian       |  |
| WATER                 | 1         | Present but not very noticeable (Red Creek)                   |  |
| COLOR                 | 1.5       | Generally muted tones   |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3.5       | Definitely enhances setting, Howie/Goslin and Tepee Mountains |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5       | Common valley, not very unique                                |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -0.5      | Some but not very discordant                                  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>10</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>                              |  |

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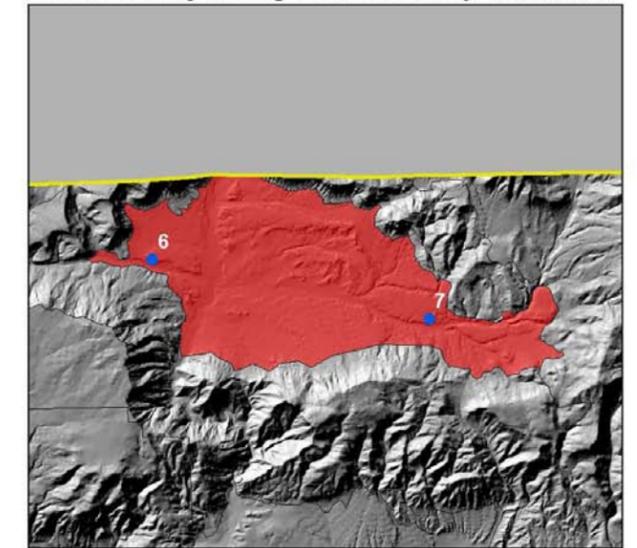
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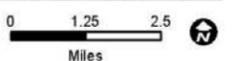
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Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead (BLM)

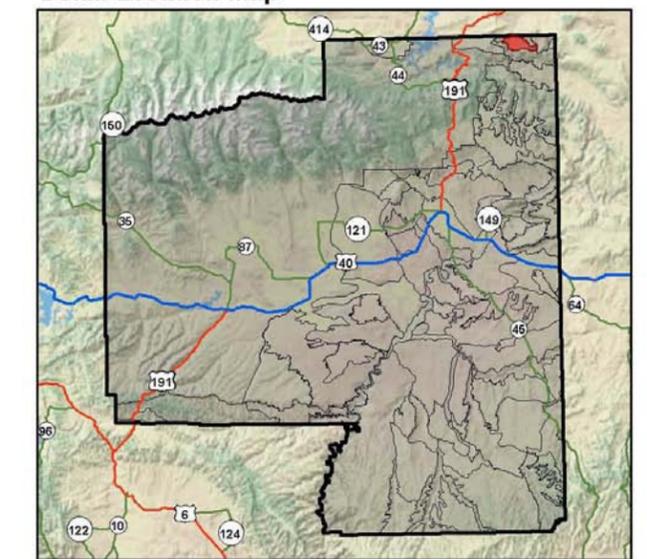
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 3



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IOP #7



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                      | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Rounded, pyramidal                                  | Amorphous, irregular                               | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Diagonal, some horizontal, some vertical            | Directional with landform, irregular between types |                       |
| COLOR   | Red, purple, buff, white                            | Grey sage, dark green of PJ                        |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to medium, some isolated rugged outcroppings | Gradational, even to patchy and stippled, medium   |                       |

## Narrative

This unit includes the Home Mountain Range between Clay Basin and Brown's Park. It is well vegetated with pinyon juniper with more occurring on the south faces. The red landform is more prominent on the north faces.

The west end of the unit includes to O-wi-yu-kuts range.

## Photos

IOP #10



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                      | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5         | Distinctive landforms with numerous outcroppings              |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3.5         | Sage, pinyon juniper, fir/spruce at higher elevations         |  |
| WATER                 | 0.5         | Red Creek, O-wi-yu-kuts Creek, not prominent                  |  |
| COLOR                 | 3           | Some reds create contrast with vegetation but not predominant |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 4           | Green River, valley, Uinta Mountains                          |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3           | Distinctive but similar                                       |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Absent/no impact  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>17.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                              |  |

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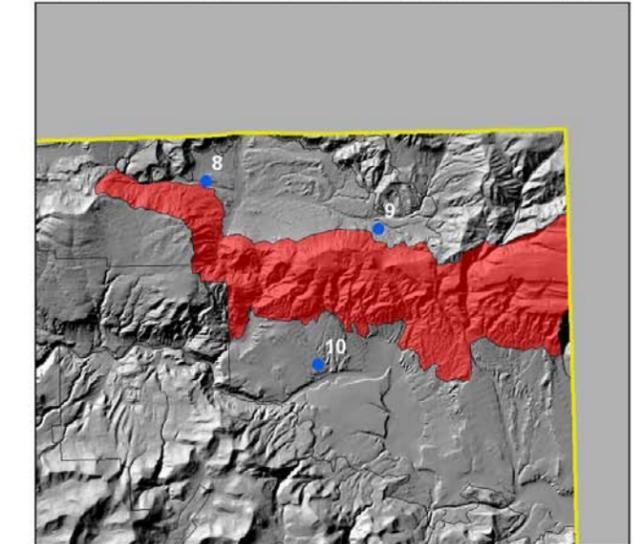
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #4 Home Mountains

Date: 6/7/2011

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Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead

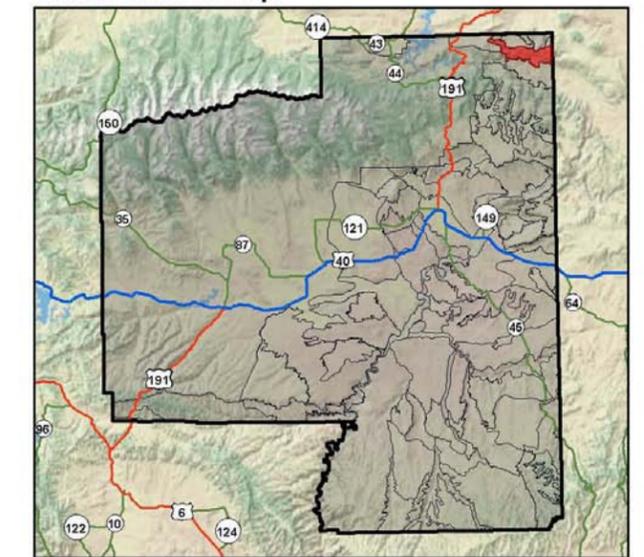
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 4



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IOP #8



IOP #9



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE               |
|---------|---|--|-------------------------|
| FORM    | Rounded mountainous slopes and drainages                          | Indistinct to amorphous  | Minimal; not applicable |
| LINE    | Soft angular, horizontal rock bands, vertical to angled drainages | Indistinct to meandering and irregular                         | Minimal; not applicable |
| COLOR   | Red/brown, grey, white  | Dark green pinyon-juniper, grey/green sage, buff/green grasses | Minimal; not applicable |
| TEXTURE | Smooth with some moderate rock outcrops and valleys               | Fine, dense, even pinyon-juniper with patches of grass/sage    | Minimal; not applicable |

## Narrative

Unit encompasses the south and southwestern facing slopes from the flat top of Cold Spring Mountain down to the Browns Park Valley. Mostly pinyon-juniper with patches of grass and sage-particularly in burned areas.

Slope includes numerous valleys draining southwest toward Browns Park and the Green River with a few ranches and agricultural fields.

## Photos

IOP #167



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5       | Rounded mountains and drainages with some steep, vertical forms |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3         | Mostly pinyon-juniper with large patches of grass and sage      |  |
| WATER                 | 1         | Perennial drainages, few springs                                |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5       | Mostly covered in pinyon-juniper                                |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3         | Brown's Park, Diamond Mountain, Gates of Ladore                 |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2         | Fairly common for Middle Rocky Mountains                        |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Not applicable  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>15</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                                |  |

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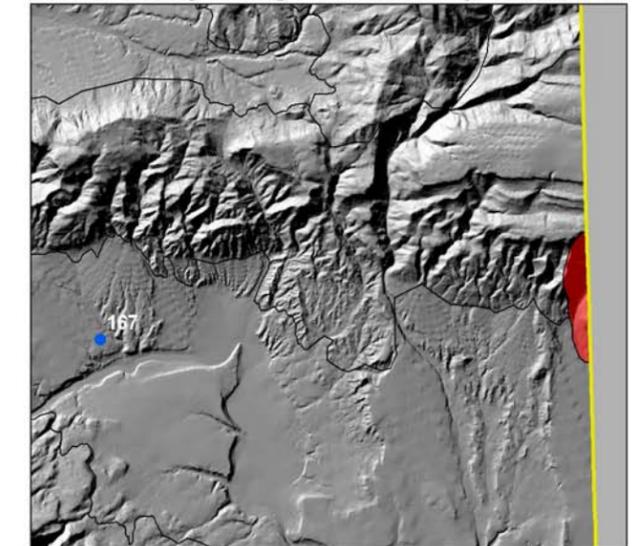
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #4A Cold Spring Mountain South Slopes

Date: 7/26/2011

Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: CJohnson, CBockey

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 4A



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                        | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Rounded, hills/peaks, soft triangular | Amorphous clumps on north faces, otherwise indistinct  | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Undulating, horizontal, diagonal      | Sinuuous   |                       |
| COLOR   | Red exposed soil, tan, gray           | Grey sage, grass green, white, light green, dark green |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth                                | Fine to medium   |                       |

## Narrative

Unit includes the upper hills of B-W/Ru-Kuts Mountains with rounded and rolling mountain tops. The vegetation includes sage and grass with masses of spruce, fir, and aspen on the upper slopes. There are some red soils in the NW portion of the unit.

The unit includes the intersection of Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado (3 corners). Overall the unit is sparse with major vegetation except on the north slopes.

## Photos

IOP #11



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3           | Large high peaks but little distinctive features                         |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3.5         | Good diversity but mostly grass and sage                                 |  |
| WATER                 | 0.5         | Not very noticeable but present due to seeps and scattered ponds         |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5         | Red exposed soil, evergreens and aspen provide contrast but not dominant |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 4           | Uinta Mountains, Red Creek basin, Wyoming, Colorado                      |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3           | Distinctive but similar  |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>16.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>   |  |

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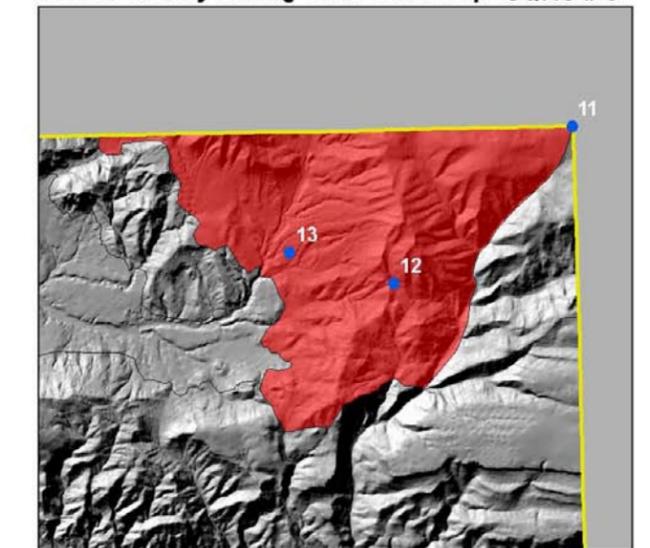
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #5 Three Corners

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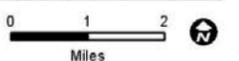
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## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 5



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IOP #12



IOP #13



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                        | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE               |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| FORM    | Rounded, domed, steep, vertical       | Indistinct, asymmetrical, amorphous, patches, diverse                              | Minimal; not applicable |
| LINE    | Irregular, smooth, flowing            | Irregular, jagged, broken; lines primary between aspen, evergreens, and sage/grass | Minimal; not applicable |
| COLOR   | Red/brown to light tan; mostly unseen | Dark green evergreens, green aspens with white bark, sage green, buff grasses      | Minimal; not applicable |
| TEXTURE | Smooth                                | Random, patchy, clumped; stippled pinyon-juniper                                   | Minimal; not applicable |

## Narrative

Units encompasses the landforms of Diamond Peak, Middle Mountain, and the eastern end of the O-Wi-Yu-Kuts Mountains. Repeating vertical lines of white aspen trunks; sage, grass, aspen, pine, oak, pinyon-juniper; water catchments throughout.

Located in Middle Rocky Mountains province, unit includes BLM Elk Camp, Klimes Hill, Middle Mountain, and Diamond Peak.

## Photos

IOP #165



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3           | High vertical landforms; not dominant                            |  |
| VEGETATION            | 4           | Pinyon-juniper, ponderosas, aspen, sage, grasses                 |  |
| WATER                 | 1.5         | Water catchments   |  |
| COLOR                 | 4           | Evergreens, aspens; not much rock color visible                  |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 4           | Views from high points; some views restricted by tall vegetation |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2           | Fairly common to Middle Rocky Mountain province                  |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Structures do not add any discordant elements                    |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>18.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A</b>                                 |  |

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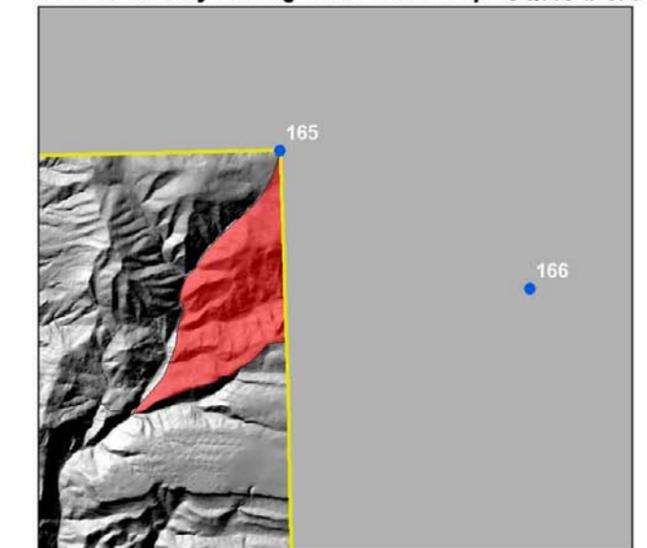
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Evaluators: CJohnson, CBockey

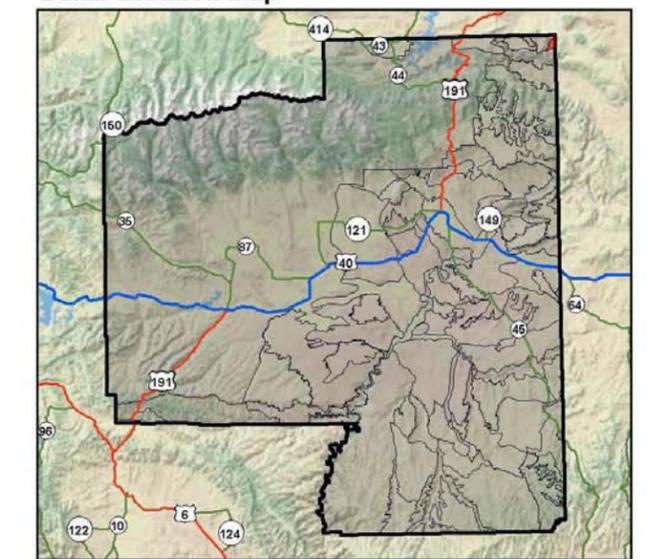
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 5A



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IOP #166



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                    | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE                           |
|---------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| FORM    | Low rolling valley to rounded mesa foothills      | Loose amorphous, irregular                        | Geometric, rectangular, cylindrical |
| LINE    | Horizontal, slightly undulating, diagonal at cuts | Curvilinear along river, amorphous around juniper | Horizontal, vertical, diagonal      |
| COLOR   | Buff, white, light maroon, red                    | grey sage, dark green pinyon juniper, grass green | Varies, blue, white, silver, brown  |
| TEXTURE | Smooth  | Smooth to medium                                  | Scattered structures                |

## Narrative

The unit includes Brown's Park valley between the Home Mountains and east Uinta Mountains. Development includes scattered residential and the John Jarvie historic ranch. The Green River is a dominant element.

Vegetation consists of sage, pinyon juniper, cottonwood, and riparian vegetation. Landform includes a mixture of flat valley to low foothills. Colorado Brown's Park National Wildlife Refuge is also included.

## Photos

IOP #14



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2         | Undulating valley with multiple foothills                              |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3.5       | Riparian, sage, pinyon juniper, agriculture                            |  |
| WATER                 | 4         | Green River, dominant element in valley                                |  |
| COLOR                 | 3         | Some diversity and intensity   |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3.5       | More than moderately enhances, Home Mountains and east Uinta Mountains |  |
| SCARCITY              | 4         | Green River is a unique feature  |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | No significant impact  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>20</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A</b>                                       |  |

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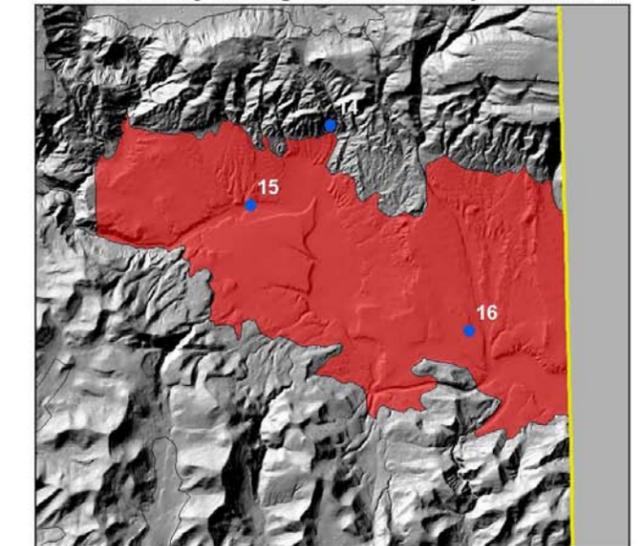
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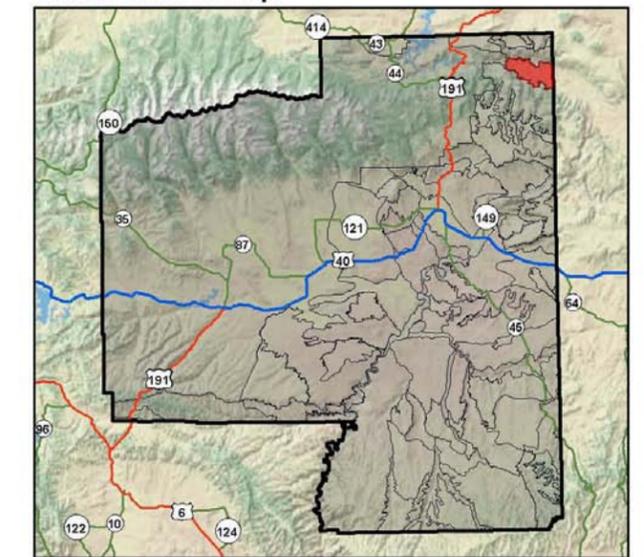
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## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 6



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IOP #15



IOP #16



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Rounded pyramidal, blocky outcroppings, steep faces through canyons | Amorphous groupings  | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Undulating, diagonal, horizontal/vertical with outcroppings         | Directional with landform, irregular                           |                       |
| COLOR   | Dark brown, red-brown, grey, green                                  | Light green, yellow, green, grey sage, dark green, grass green |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to rugged, variable  | Patchy, stippled, even, medium                                 |                       |

## Narrative

The unit includes the east end of the Uinta Mountain range and varies in landform from rounded mountain peaks with numerous outcroppings and steep canyons.

The vegetation is also diverse and includes riparian, pinyon juniper, mountain evergreen and aspen. The size of the unit is large.

## Photos

IOP #17



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4           | Large, diverse unit with multiple colored rock outcroppings and some steep canyons |  |
| VEGETATION            | 4           | Good diversity from sage, pinyon juniper to alpine, deciduous and evergreen        |  |
| WATER                 | 0.5         | Some water present but nothing dominant  |  |
| COLOR                 | 3           | Some intensity in rock color, good contrast with vegetation                        |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2           | Views out may be limited   |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3           | Distinctive but similar  |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | None visible   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>16.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>   |  |

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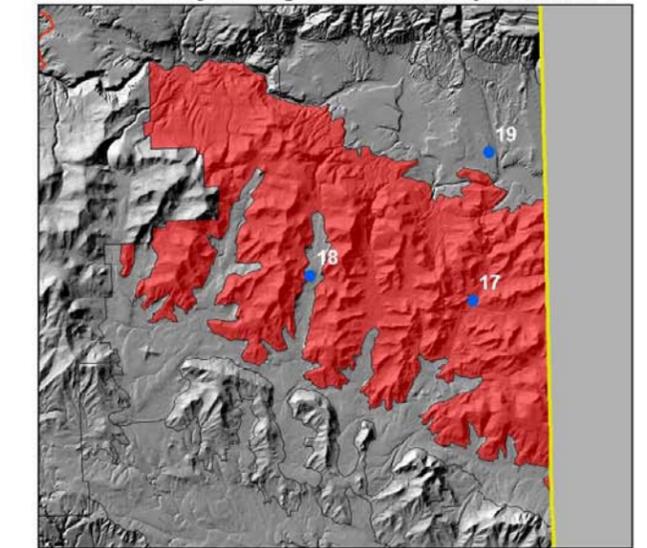
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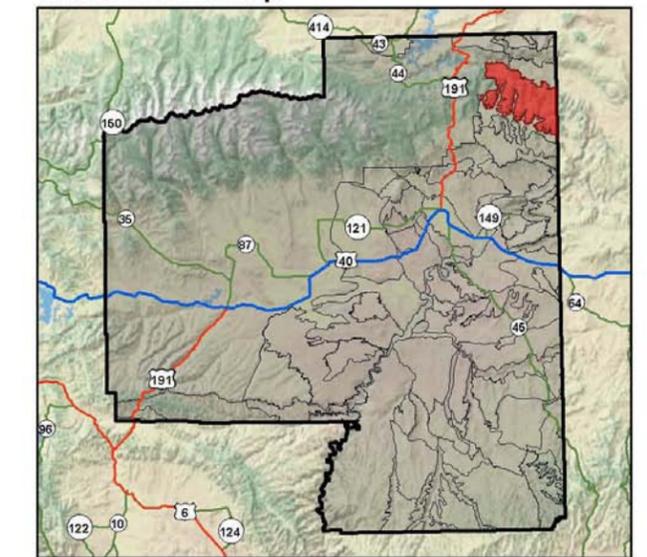
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Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead (BLM)

### Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 7



### Detail Location Map



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IOP #18



IOP #19



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

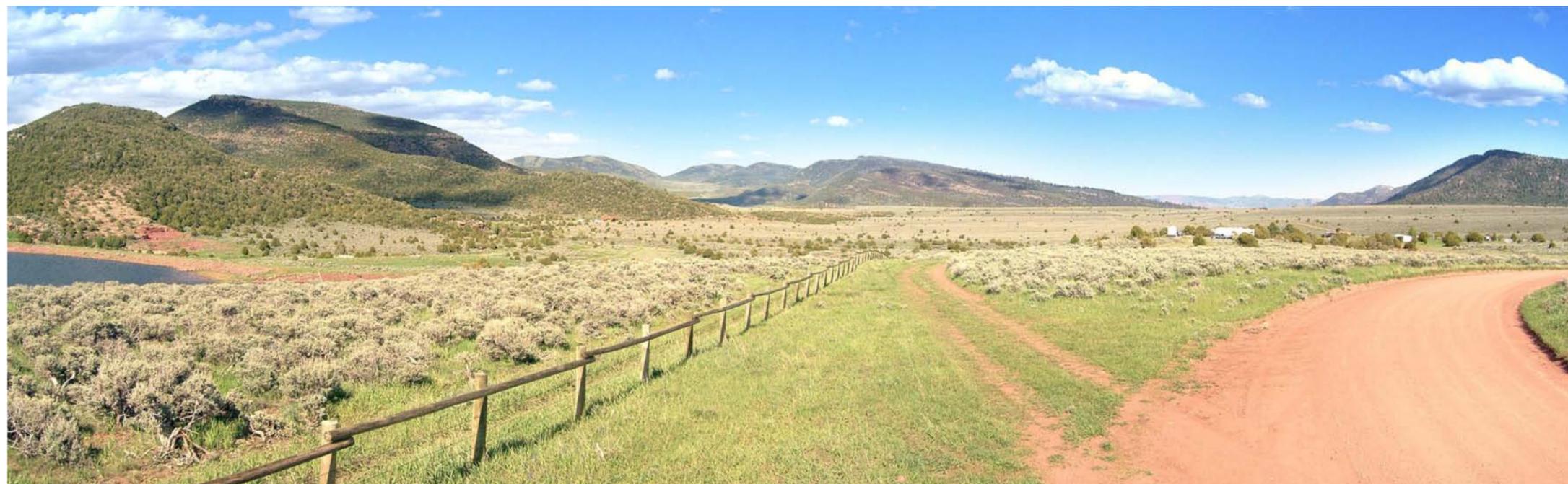
|         | LANDFORM/WATER            | VEGETATION                                      | STRUCTURE                        |
|---------|---------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| FORM    | Flat to rolling           | Indistinct, amorphous of sage/grasses           | Geometric, rectangular           |
| LINE    | Undulating, horizontal    | Irregular, curvilinear between vegetation types | Vertical, horizontal, diagonal   |
| COLOR   | Little visible, red-brown | Light green sage, grey, dark green              | Varies, white, green, brown, red |
| TEXTURE | Smooth                    | Fine, minimal stippling of evergreen            | Scattered structures             |

## Narrative

This unit includes flat to rolling topography with sage and grass vegetation. The Karuse, Calder, and Matt Warner Reservoirs are prominent features and there is other development scattered within the unit.

## Photos

IOP #20



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1           | Low to rolling valley  |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2           | Predominantly sage and grass   |  |
| WATER                 | 3           | Reservoirs are prominent features in the landscape but not dominant                |  |
| COLOR                 | 2           | Vegetation color is fairly monotone although there is good contrast with the water |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3.5         | More than moderately enhances  |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2           | Somewhat interesting but common, reservoirs are unique                             |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Neither enhances nor detracts  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>13.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>   |  |

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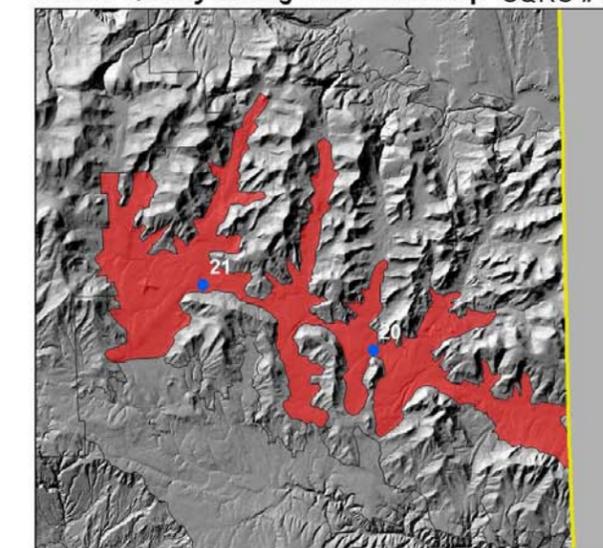
Scenic Quality Rating Unit #8  
Pot Creek

Date: 6/7/2011

Field Office: Vernal

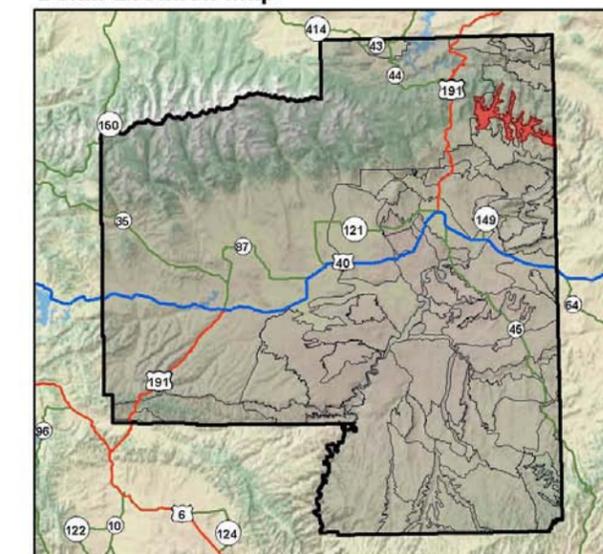
Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 8



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## Detail Location Map



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IOP #21



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER   | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--|---|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Rolling, some flat, rounded, mesa forms with flat tops in some areas | Indistinct, some rounded                                    | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, undulating, curved, sloped, angled                       | Indistinct  |                       |
| COLOR   | Tan, buff, some rock outcrops in Diamond Gulch                       | Gray sage, dark green pinyon juniper limited, green grasses |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to medium   | Fine, stippled pinyon juniper                               |                       |

## Narrative

This unit encompasses gently to more deeply rolling sage flats and hills at the southern edge of and east of Diamond Mountain Plateau. Vegetation includes sage and grasses.

## Photos

IOP #22



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2         | Mostly flat to gently rolling; rounded forms with some steep slopes  |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2         | Sage and grasses dominant  |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2         | Gray green of vegetation is muted, dominant  |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2.5       | Some benefit from surrounding hills and mountains; some views of Diamond Gulch                                 |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5       | Sage and grasses are common but vast expanse less common; sage hills are fairly common in the Colorado Plateau |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>10</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>   |  |

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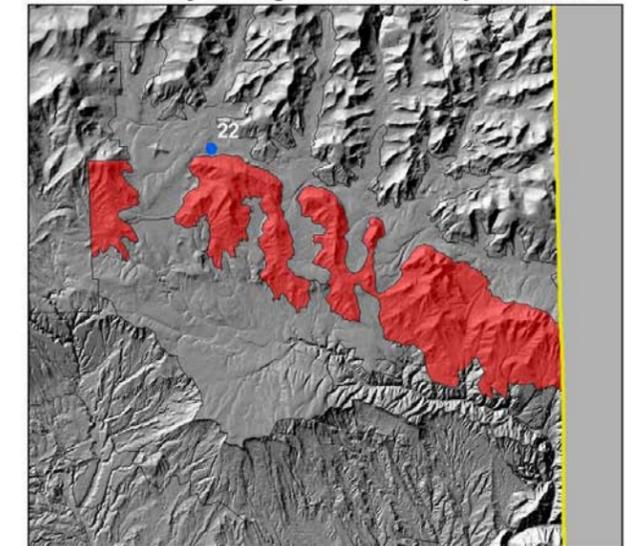
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #9 Wild Mountain

Date: 6/8/2011

Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 9



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## Detail Location Map



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER            | VEGETATION                                   | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Low, rolling              | Indistinct, blended                          | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, undulating    | Weak, undulating line between grass and sage |                       |
| COLOR   | Buff, red, little visible | Light green grass, gray sage                 |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth                    | Fine, continuous                             |                       |

## Narrative

The unit's landform is a high, broad plateau dominated by sage and grass. The landform is very rolling. Surrounding areas are Ashley National Forest and Dinosaur National Monument.

The upper end of Diamond Gulch has more steeply rolling terrain and some pinyon juniper vegetation.

## Photos

IOP #23



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING     | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5        | Flat to rolling with some interesting patterns                                   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 1.5        | Predominantly sage with some grass   |  |
| WATER                 | 0.5        | Some present   |  |
| COLOR                 | 1.5        | Subtle color variations  |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2          | Views to some adjacent features, but some distant, nothing that greatly enhances |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5        | Interesting but common   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0          | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>8.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>   |  |

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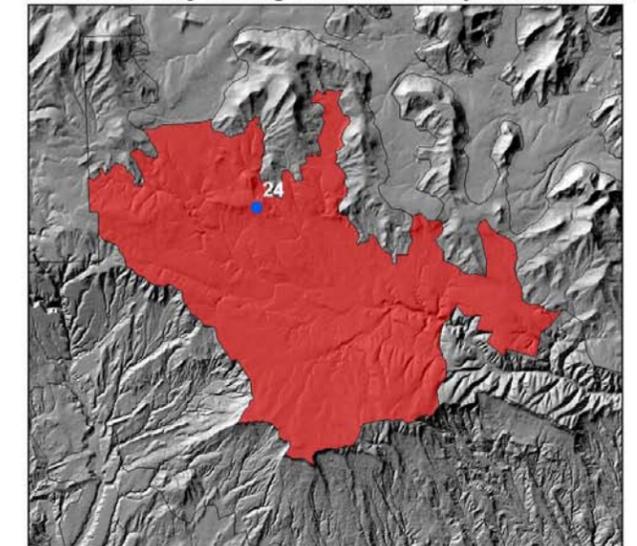
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Field Office: Vernal

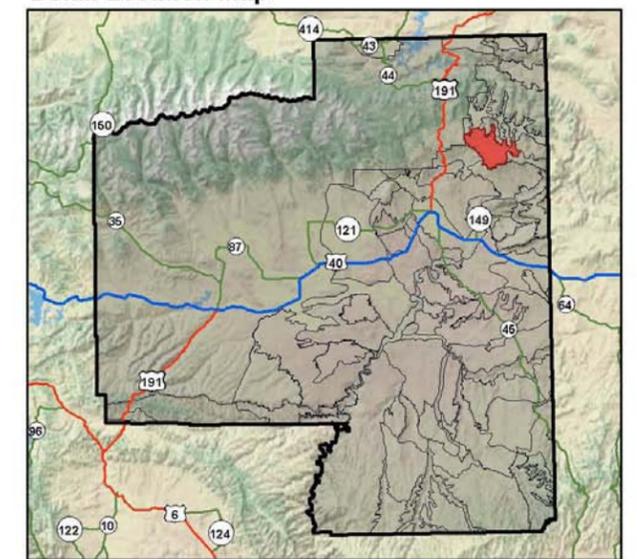
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## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 9A



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## Detail Location Map



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IOP #24



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                  | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Blocky, rugged, bold, steep                     | Vertical   | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal banding, complex, curved, undulating | Indistinct   |                       |
| COLOR   | Buff, deep red brown, pink, gray                | Dark green juniper and pine, gray sage             |                       |
| TEXTURE | Rough, coarse                                   | Coarse to fine in some areas, ordered and stippled |                       |

## Narrative

The landscape includes a deeply incised canyon at the east end formed on one side by the back face of Diamond Mountain. Horizontal layering is prominent in the landscape and there are rugged and blocky cliff faces.

## Photos

IOP #25



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4.5       | Bold, rugged rock faces   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 4         | Pinyon juniper, sage, evergreen, riparian                             |  |
| WATER                 | 1.5       | Seasonal water adds to vegetation mix                                 |  |
| COLOR                 | 4         | Good range of landform color and contrast with vegetation             |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 1         | Views of distant mountains enhance in limited area at bottom          |  |
| SCARCITY              | 4         | Steep rugged face of escarpment not overly common in Colorado Plateau |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Absent/no impact  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>19</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A</b>                                      |  |

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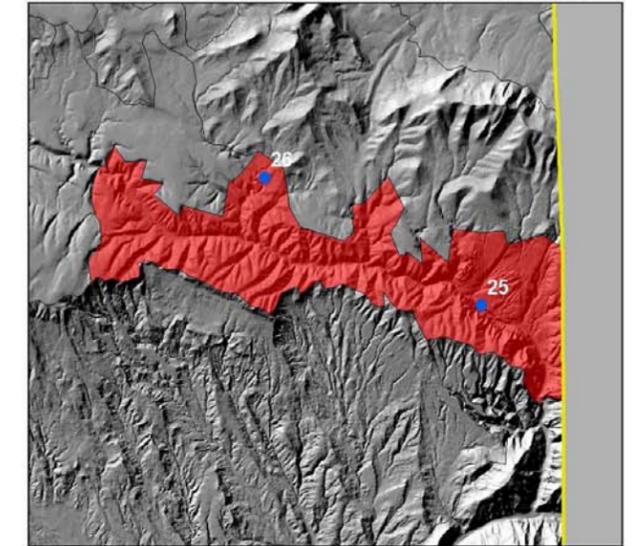
Scenic Quality Rating Unit #10  
Lower Diamond Gulch

Date: 6/8/2011

Field Office: Vernal

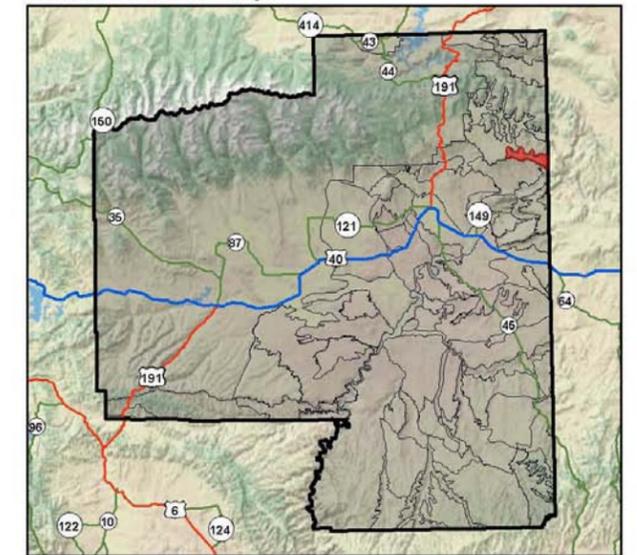
Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 10



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IOP #26



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                 | VEGETATION                            | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Sloped, rolling                | Rounded individual, mostly indistinct | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, angled, undulating | Some irregular along patch edges      |                       |
| COLOR   | Gray, pink, buff               | Dark green, gray, green               |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to medium               | Fine to medium, stippled              |                       |

## Narrative

The landform is a broad, sloped and somewhat rolling slope of pinyon juniper sage. There are exposed walls, cliffs along wash edges. Dense pinyon juniper cover with minimal sage is located in northern higher elevation areas.

Pinyon juniper is absent but somewhat similar topography is present in lower elevations where there are lower rolling hills.

## Photos

IOP #28



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5         | Primarily low rolling hills in lower areas, shallow slope to steeper in the north |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3           | Pinyon juniper sage, grasses in varying combinations                              |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | Absent  |  |
| COLOR                 | 3           | Some diversity in the contrast between the vegetation and landform                |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 4.5         | Monument  |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2.5         | Sage hills common but landforms to north are less common in Colorado Plateau      |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Absent/no impact  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>16.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>  |  |

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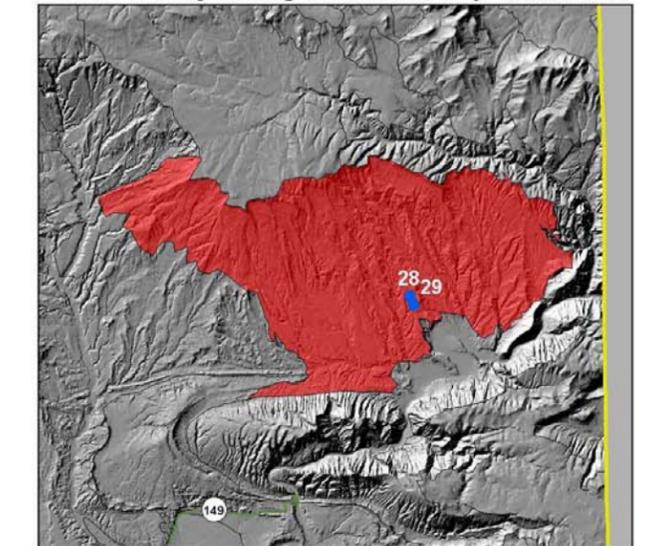
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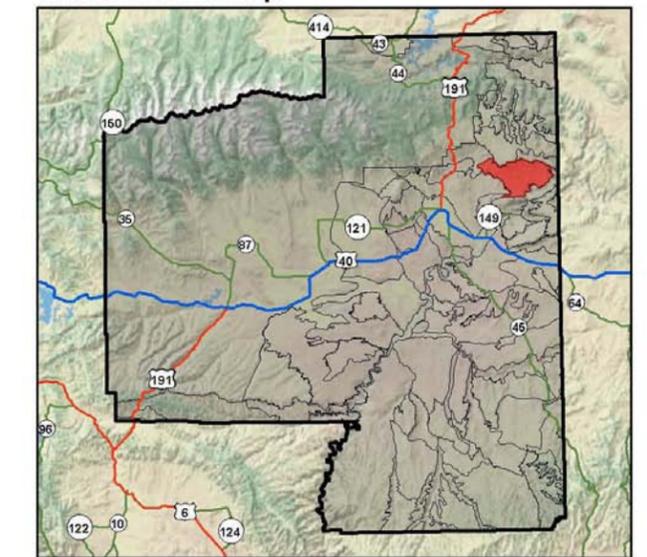
Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames, RSweeten (BLM), EGlen (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 11



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## Detail Location Map



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Photos

IOP #29



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|---|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Rounded, angular, complex                     | Indistinct  | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Curved, angled, complex, undulating, vertical | Indistinct  |                       |
| COLOR   | Red, buff, yellow, gray                       | Dark green pinyon juniper, gray sage, green grasses |                       |
| TEXTURE | Medium to coarse                              | Medium  |                       |

## Narrative

This is an expansive valley unit with low rounded hills and escarpments. Extensive vegetation treatments are also evident. The Red Fleet formation and state park are also in the unit.

## Photos

IOP #30



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5         | Complex mix of slopes, mesas, escarpments, and gorges                                   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3           | pinyon juniper, sage dominant, limited riparian   |  |
| WATER                 | 3           | Red Fleet reservoir, Little Brush Creek   |  |
| COLOR                 | 4           | Mix of reds, yellow, buff, with good contrast from vegetation                           |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2           | Some benefit in upper areas   |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3           | Mix of landforms, gorges distinctive for area but similar to others in Colorado Plateau |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Extensive vegetation treatments   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>18.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A</b>  |  |

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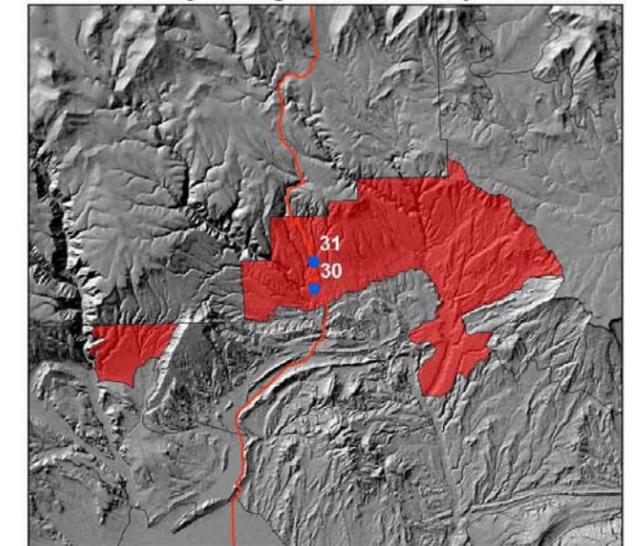
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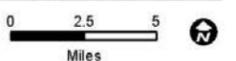
Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 12



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IOP #31



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER   | VEGETATION                                    | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--|---|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Triangular, pyramidal, some blocky forms at top, rounded at base, rounded, rolling Navajo forms on east side | Amorphous, irregular groupings                | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, diagonal, vertical, serpentine at creek, undulating  | Diagonal, directional, curvilinear with creek |                       |
| COLOR   | Red, buff, grey, white   | Gray, gray green                              |                       |
| TEXTURE | Medium   | Patchy, smooth to medium                      |                       |

## Narrative

This unit is next to Ashley National Forest. The red color is very dominant and vegetation ranges from low sage lands to pinyon juniper slopes. The west slope is exposed and red which the east side is more rounded with Navajo slopes and Red Fleet form.

The reservoir is also in the unit. Phosphate operations exist on the north end of the unit.

## Photos

IOP #32



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4           | Very diverse with distinctive features                                      |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3           | Pinyon juniper and sage   |  |
| WATER                 | 3           | Red Fleet Reservoir, Brush Creek  |  |
| COLOR                 | 4           | Good contrast and combinations of red/buff and vegetation, dominant element |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3           | National Forest, reservoirs, Dry Fork, Ashley Grove                         |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3.5         | Very distinctive, somewhat unique but similar                               |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -1          | Phosphate mine tailings pile and facility                                   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>19.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A</b>  |  |

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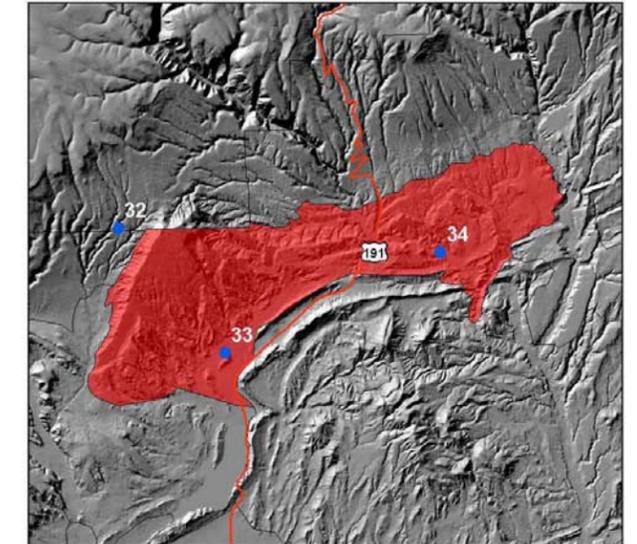
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Field Office: Vernal

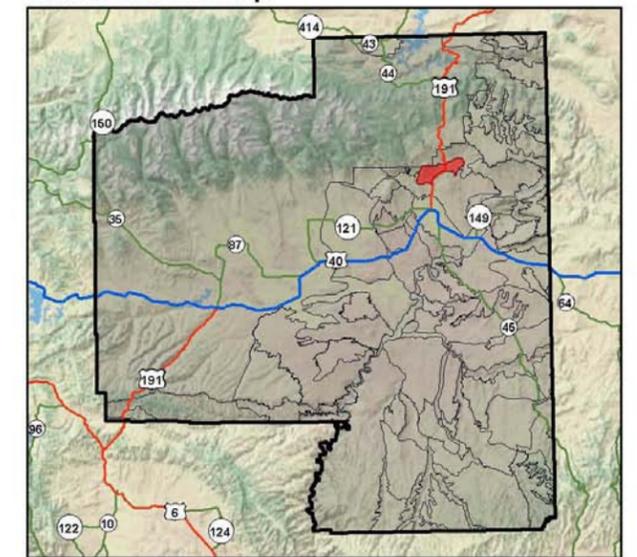
Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 13



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## Detail Location Map



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IOP #33



IOP #34



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                      | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Bold, rugged, steep, blocky forms   | Indistinct   | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Vertical, diagonal, horizontal      | Indistinct on slopes, directional in gorge         |                       |
| COLOR   | Buff, orangish-tan, dark gray, grey | Dark green of evergreens, light green of deciduous |                       |
| TEXTURE | Very rough                          | Patchy, scattered, medium                          |                       |

## Narrative

The unit includes an extremely steep creek gorge with steep rugged cliffs. Vegetation is scattered and patchy and includes pinyon juniper. Water is present year round. Both views and access in the unit were limited.

## Photos

IOP #35



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                      | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 5         | Very steep and dramatic gorge                 |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3         | Mainly riparian and pinyon juniper            |  |
| WATER                 | 4         | Always present and noticeable                 |  |
| COLOR                 | 3         | Good contrast between landform and vegetation |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 0         | Totally enclosed                              |  |
| SCARCITY              | 4         | Distinctive and unique                        |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Absent/no impact                              |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>19</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A</b>              |  |

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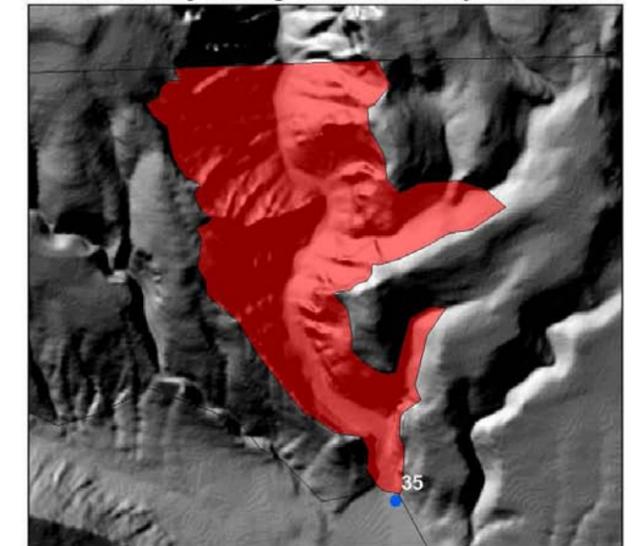
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #14 Ashley Gorge

Date: 6/6/2011

Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOlmstead (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 14



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## Detail Location Map



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|---|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Steep, bold, geometric, blocky outcroppings with rounded pyramidal forms at base and tops | Irregular massings of evergreens, linear groupings of deciduous along creek | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Vertical, horizontal, angled  | Directional line with landform and drainage                                 |                       |
| COLOR   | Orange, gray, tan, dark grey and brown, white   | Gray sage, light green deciduous, dark green evergreens                     |                       |
| TEXTURE | Rugged, rough, outcroppings/cliffs, smooth angled, slopes                                 | Medium to rough   |                       |

## Narrative

The canyon is bounded on the south by Sawtooths (?) and Dry Creek runs through but is dry in the fall. There is high recreational use in the area year-round. The landscape is characterized by steep canyon walls and outcroppings.

The vegetation ranges from riparian to sage to alpine (aspen, spruce, and fir). The unit is northwest of Little Mountain and Dry Fork community.

## Photos

IOP #36



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                             | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4.5       | Bold outcroppings, high vertical relief              |  |
| VEGETATION            | 4         | Riparian, sage to spruce and fir                     |  |
| WATER                 | 3         | Prominent during certain times of year, but seasonal |  |
| COLOR                 | 3         | Good contrast between rock and vegetation            |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 0.5       | Usually not visible, only at mouth of canyon         |  |
| SCARCITY              | 4         | Distinctive and unique                               |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Absent/no impact                                     |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>19</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A</b>                     |  |

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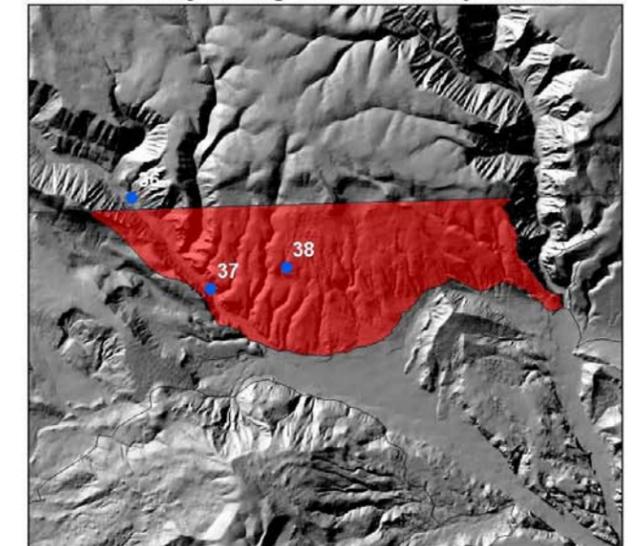
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Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead (BLM)

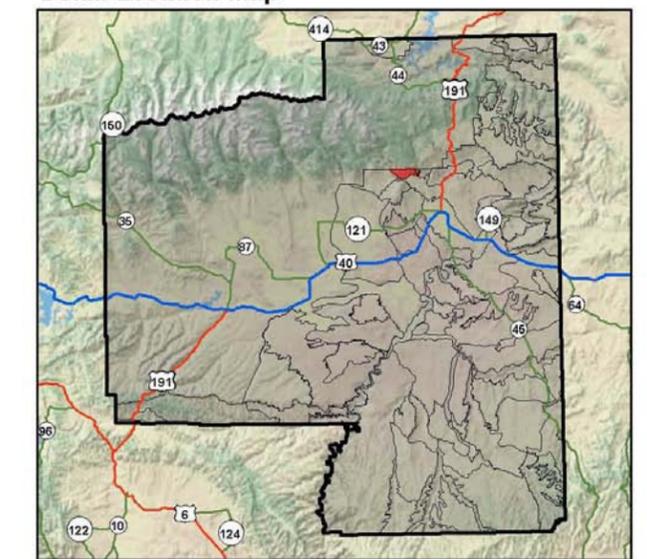
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 15



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IOP #37



IOP #38



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER         | VEGETATION                           | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Flat to gently rolling | Indistinct                           | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, rolling    | Indistinct                           |                       |
| COLOR   | Buff                   | Gray sage, green sage and greasewood |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to medium       | Fine, stippled                       |                       |

## Narrative

This unit encompasses an area of land that is flat to gently rolling along the Uinta River. There are widely scattered, low rock and mesa landforms and extensive grassy areas.

## Photos

IOP #39



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING   | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                 | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5      | Mostly low rolling hills, some rock outcrops             |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2        | sage, grasses, minimal pinyon juniper or other varieties |  |
| WATER                 | 0        | Nove visible.  |  |
| COLOR                 | 2        | Mostly gray/green of vegetation                          |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2        | Little mountain add to setting in some areas             |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5      | sage/grassland valleys with rural development commom     |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0        | Rural development is part of context                     |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>9</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>                         |  |

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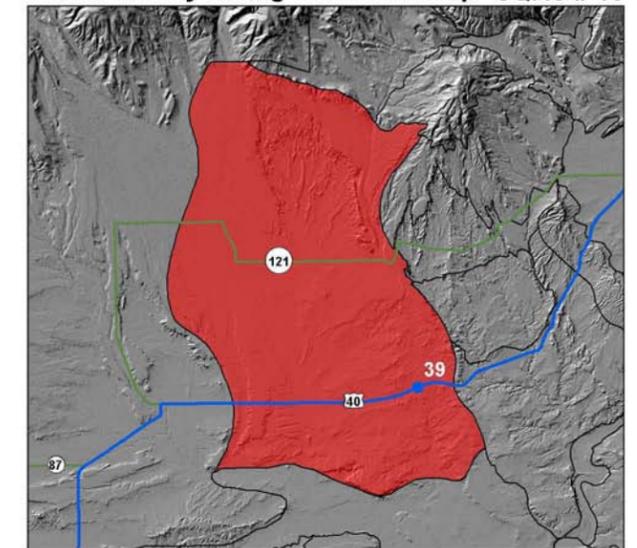
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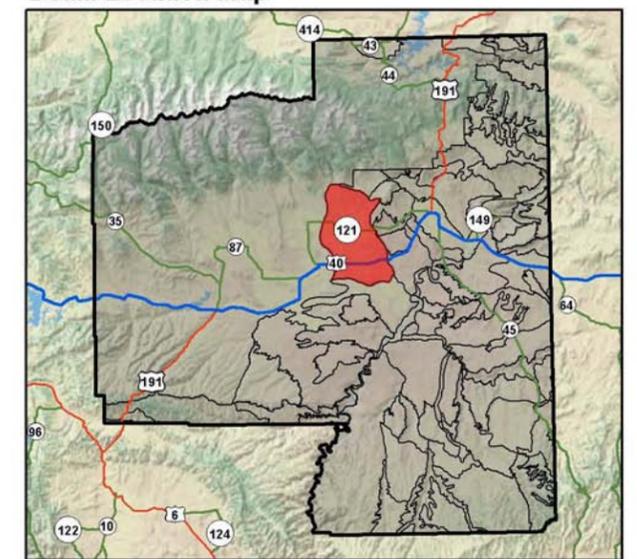
Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 16



## Detail Location Map



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                      | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| FORM    | Gently rolling hills, rounded       | Indistinct  | (Agricultural uses)           |
| LINE    | Horizontal, undulating curved       | Indistinct, some irregular at patch edges                           | Rectangular, rounded, angular |
| COLOR   | Buff, tan, some red, little exposed | Dark green of pinyon juniper, gray sage, green grasses and pastures | Horizontal, vertical, angles  |
| TEXTURE | medium to smooth in some area       | Fine, some stippled   | Brown, green, gray, white     |

## Narrative

The landscape includes the foothills of Little Mountain which are rolling juniper hills. The western section of the unit had a fire and pinyon juniper burned extensively in some areas. There is grassland and sage in low valley areas.

## Photos

IOP #155



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2         | Rounded, rolling pinyon juniper hills   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2.5       | Pinyon juniper dominant in some areas with sage and grasses                   |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | Absent  |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5       | Mix of green but minimal contrast with landform                               |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3         | Little Mountain enhances setting  |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2         | Pinyon juniper foothills and rolling hill agriculture valleys somewhat common |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Agriculture enhances some areas, detracts in others                           |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>12</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>  |  |

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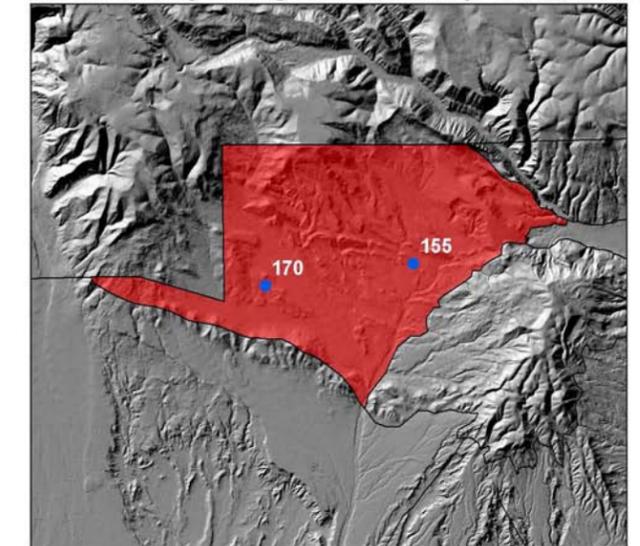
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Moseby Creek

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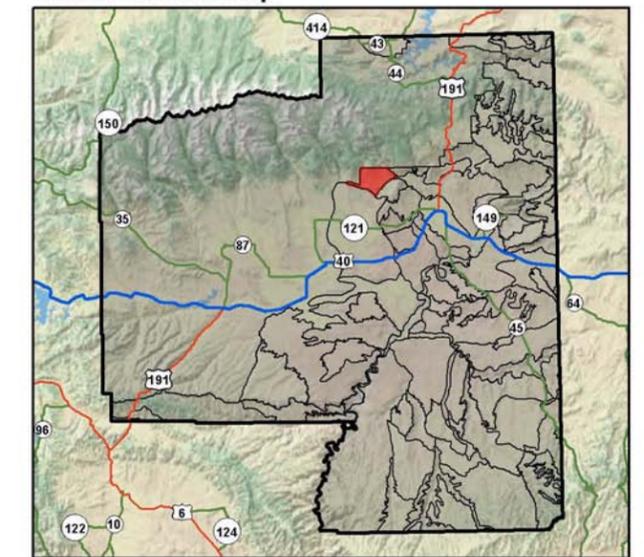
Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 16A



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IOP #170



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                            | VEGETATION                            | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Rounded pyramidal, trapezoidal, monoliths | Amorphous groupings                   | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, diagonal                      | Sinuuous line between types           |                       |
| COLOR   | Buff, red, gray, white                    | Grey green sage, dark green evergreen |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth                                    | Stippled to even, smooth              |                       |

## Narrative

This unit includes a large mountain feature and lower slopes are covered in pinyon juniper, ponderosa pine is scattered in higher elevations. Horizontal layering and rock is exposed in the landform.

## Photos

IOP #40



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                 | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2.5       | Large mountain but no distinctive features.              |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3         | Predominant pinyon/juniper and sage                      |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | None present.  |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5       | Some contrast between soils and vegetation.              |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3.5       | High mountains, Ashley Gorge, Dry Fork, views all around |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5       | Interesting in its setting but not distinctive           |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>13</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                         |  |

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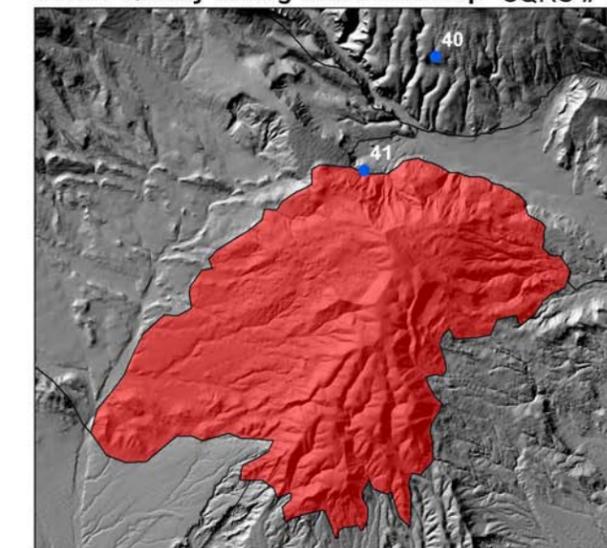
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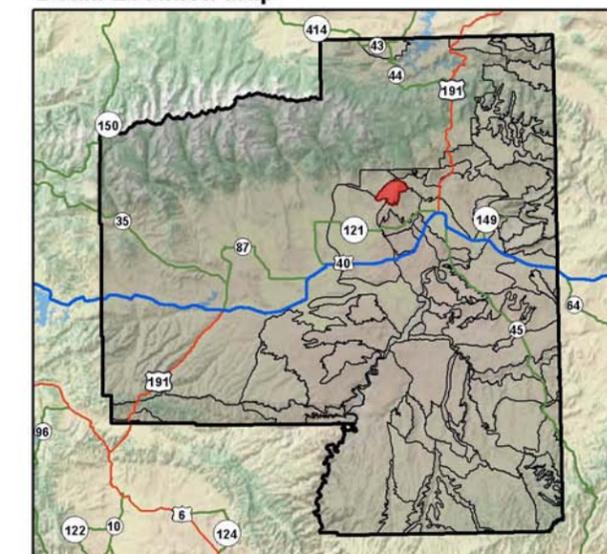
Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 17



## Detail Location Map



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IOP #41



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                     | VEGETATION                                       | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Flat, gently rolling               | Mostly indistinct, some irregular patches        | No structures visible |
| LINE    | horizontal, some curve, undulation | Irregular along patch edges                      |                       |
| COLOR   | Reddish, gray, not much exposed    | Green grasses, greasewood, gray sage black brush |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth, some medium                | Stippled   |                       |

## Narrative

This is an open sage grassland with some landforms and rock outcrops. The landform is mostly rolling hills to flat land. There are grasses, sage, and greasewood intermixed which creates patchy patterns.

## Photos

IOP #42



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING     | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5        | Mostly flat but some low hills                                   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2.5        | Mix of sage/grasses but not much variation                       |  |
| WATER                 | 0          | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2          | Some contrast  |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2.5        | Some benefit to setting from Little Mountain and Uinta Mountains |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1          | Flat to rolling sage/grasslands common in Colorado Plateau       |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0          | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>9.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>                                 |  |

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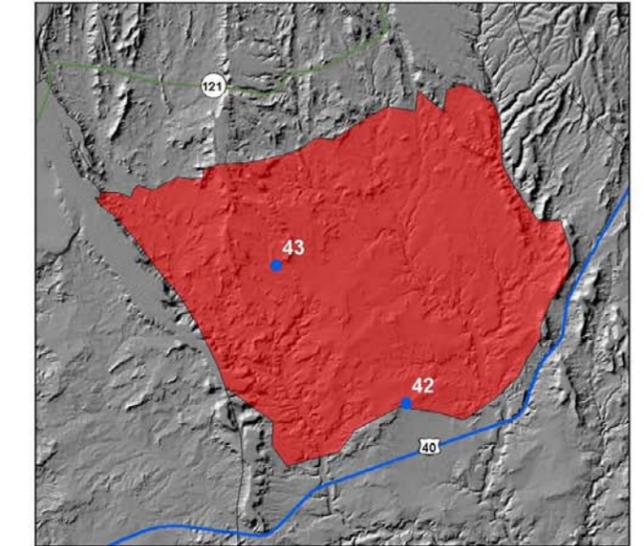
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12 Mile Bench

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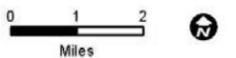
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Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

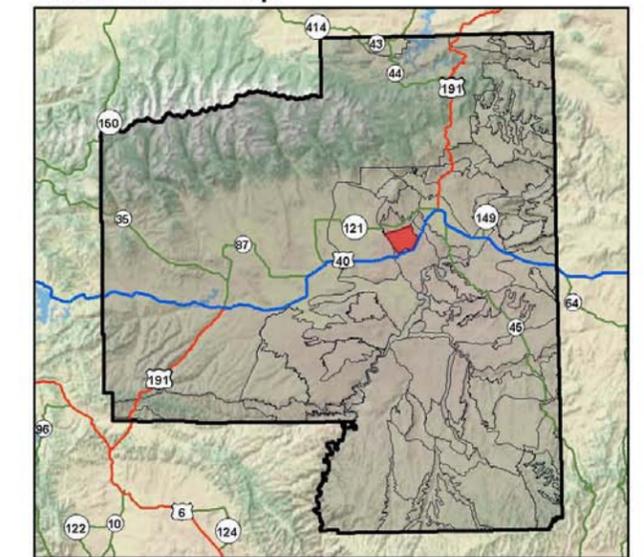
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IOP #43



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                | VEGETATION                           | STRUCTURE  |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| FORM    | Rolling, flat, isolated forms | Indistinct                           | (Oil and gas in north)<br>Cylindrical, rectangular |
| LINE    | Horizontal, rolling, angles   | Indistinct                           | Horizontal, curved, vertical                       |
| COLOR   | Red, some gray                | Gray sage, green grasses, greasewood | Light tan, red                                     |
| TEXTURE | Medium, some rough            | Fine, stippled                       | Clustered  |

## Narrative

This is a small exposed valley with high, long mesas to the west and distinct mesa forms to the east. There is horizontal layering and pronounced slopes on mesas within the valley. The unit includes oil and gas development in the north.

## Photos

IOP #156



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                              | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2.5       | Some landforms in rolling valley                      |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2.5       | Grasses, sage, greasewood                             |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | Absent  |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5       | Good combination of green, gray, and red              |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3.5       | Good benefit from Little Mountain, mesa forms to east |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2         | Rolling valleys and mesa forms fairly common          |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -1        | Oil and gas development                               |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>12</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                      |  |

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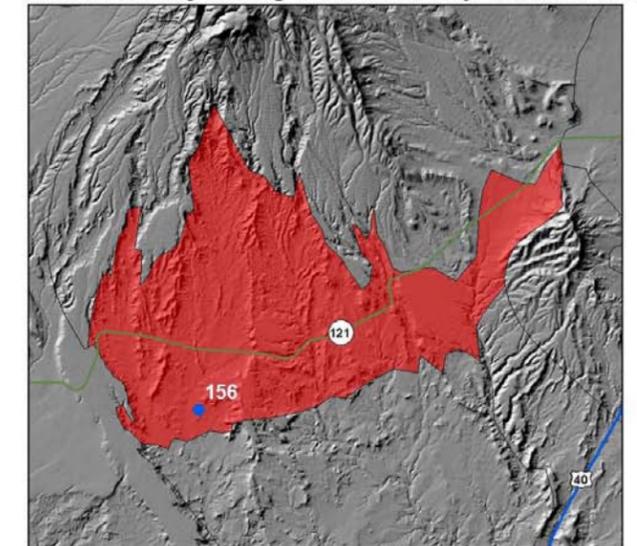
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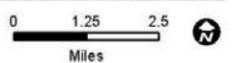
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Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

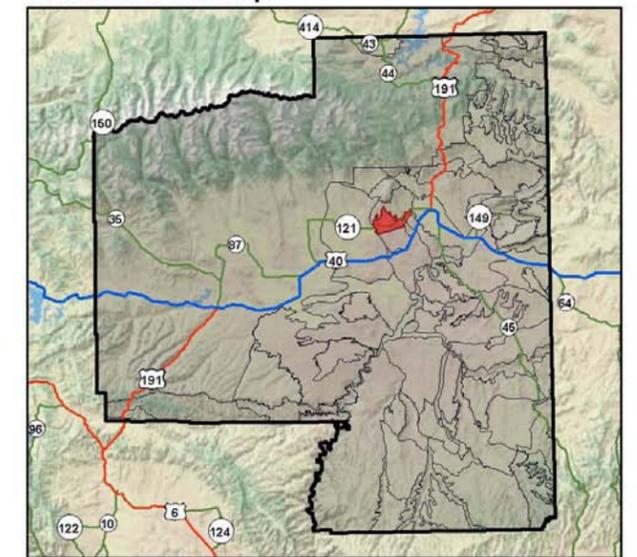
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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER            | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Flat to slightly rolling  | Indistinct   | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, sloped        | Some irregular along patch edges                       |                       |
| COLOR   | Tan, buff, little exposed | Dark green of pinyon juniper, gray sage, green grasses |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to medium          | Fine, stippled, patchy                                 |                       |

## Narrative

This unit includes broad, open pinyon juniper slopes with some rounded hills. Sage and grasses are present in lower elevation areas.

## Photos

IOP #44



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2         | Mostly gentle rolling with interspersed landforms                           |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3         | Pinyon juniper dominant with mix of sage and grasses                        |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | Absent  |  |
| COLOR                 | 1.5       | Contrast of gray green with some landform color                             |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2         | Small benefit from distant mountains, Little Mountain foothills             |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5       | Pinyon juniper slopes fairly common at base of Mountain in Colorado Plateau |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Absent/no impact  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>10</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>  |  |

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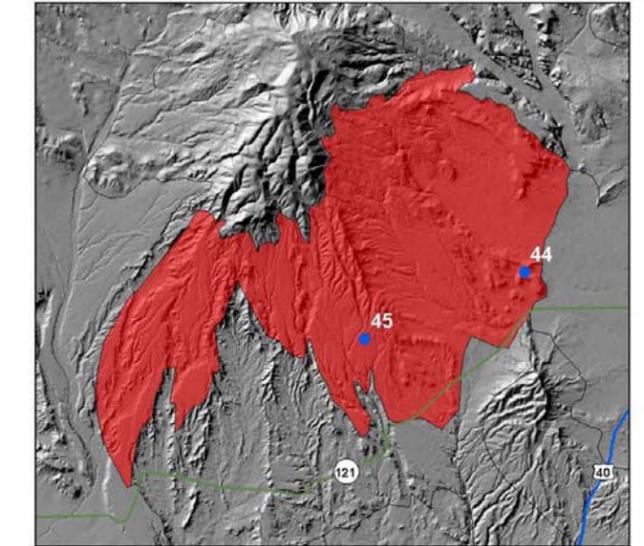
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Coal Mine Basin

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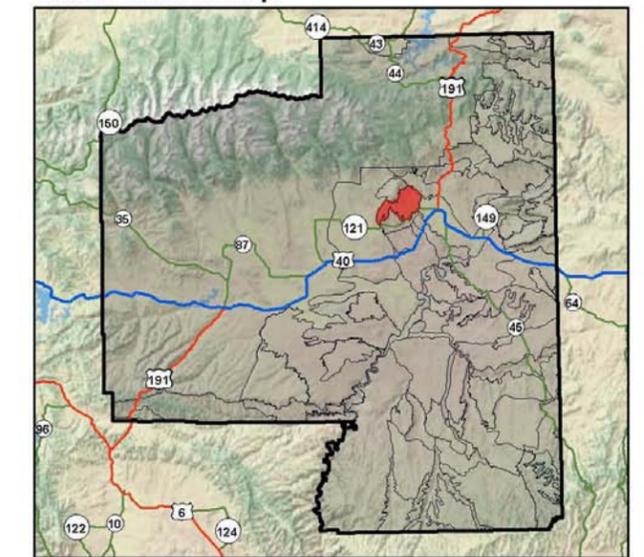
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VPfeiffer, RDonigan

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IOP #45



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                | VEGETATION                                   | STRUCTURE   |
|---------|---|--|---|
| FORM    | Steep cliffs, spire features, rounded conical | Irregular massings along drainages           | (residential and agricultural) Geometric forms, rectangular |
| LINE    | Horizontal, vertical, concave, angled         | Directional line with landform and drainage  | Horizontal, vertical, angled                                |
| COLOR   | White, buff, red, dark brown, grey            | Light green, dark green, gray, white         | Varies  |
| TEXTURE | Smooth faces of cliffs                        | Stippled on ridges, denser in valley, medium | Clustered   |

## Narrative

This unit is north of Little Mountain and has a variety of landforms including red to buff sandstone and also includes Dry Fork Valley and bluffs above. The vegetation includes riparian in the valley to pinyon juniper on the bluffs.

The valley has scattered residential and agricultural development. Steinaker Reservoir is in the southeast corner of the unit.

## Photos

IOP #46



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5         | Walls of rock formations interesting and dominant                         |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3.5         | Good diversity of pinyon juniper, riparian, and agriculture in the valley |  |
| WATER                 | 3           | Present but not dominant, Steinaker Reservoir                             |  |
| COLOR                 | 3.5         | Good diversity with red and buff sandstone and vegetation                 |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2           | Little Mountain, Sawtooths, national forest                               |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3           | Distinctive but similar   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -1          | Residential and agriculture   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>17.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>  |  |

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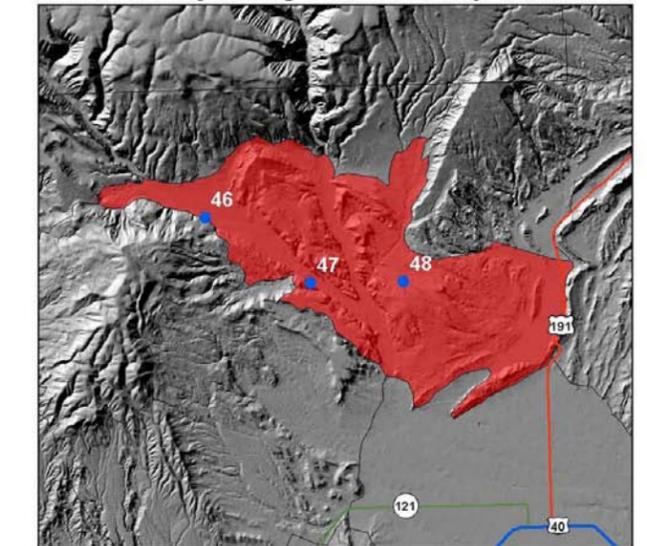
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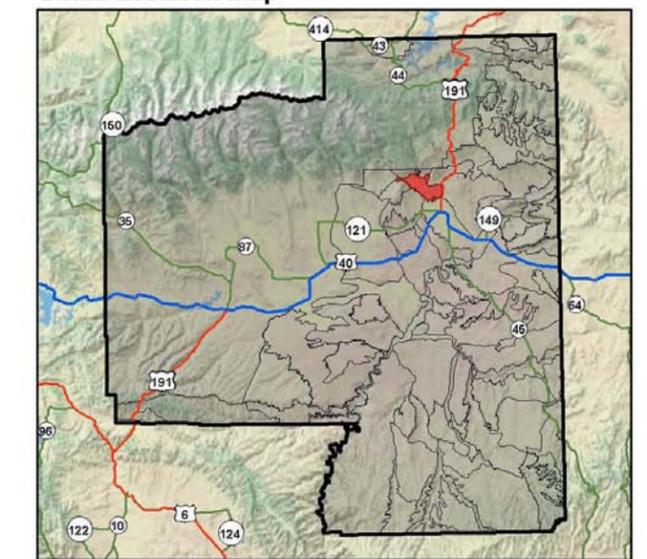
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Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 19



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IOP #47



IOP #48



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                            | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE                  |
|---------|---|--|----------------------------|
| FORM    | Rounded hills, flat topped mesas          | Rounded, mostly indistinct on hills                                | Some agriculture and rural |
| LINE    | Undulating, curved, some angles and flats | Indistinct   |                            |
| COLOR   | Yellow, pink, buff, gray                  | Green/gray, dark green of pinyon juniper, minimal green cottonwood |                            |
| TEXTURE | Medium to fine                            | Fine, some stippled  |                            |

## Narrative

This unit includes low to moderate rolling hills with sage vegetation and distinctive soil color, which includes yellow, tan, and some red. Brush Creek adds visual interest and supports riparian vegetation.

## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2.5       | Hills and mesas   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3         | Sage and riparian vegetation  |  |
| WATER                 | 2.5       | Brush Creek   |  |
| COLOR                 | 3.5       | Yellow, pink, buff and gray of the landform contrasts with vegetation and riparian vegetation |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2         | Views to Split Mountain   |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2.5       | Topography is somewhat uncommon   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Some development along creek although not extensive   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>16</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>  |  |

## Photos

IOP #49



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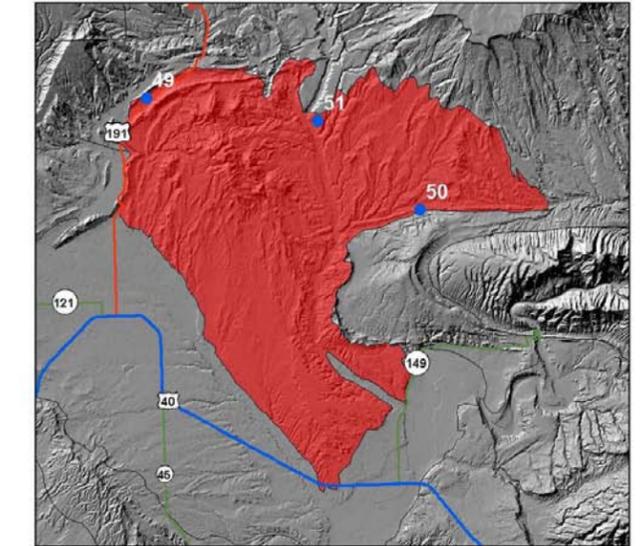
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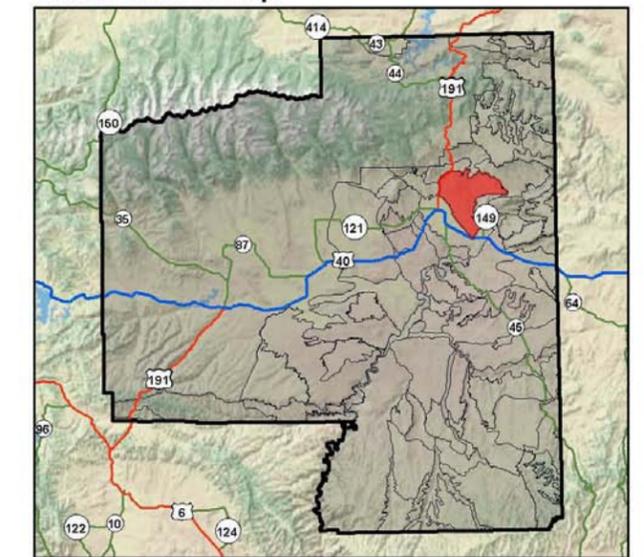
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Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

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## Detail Location Map



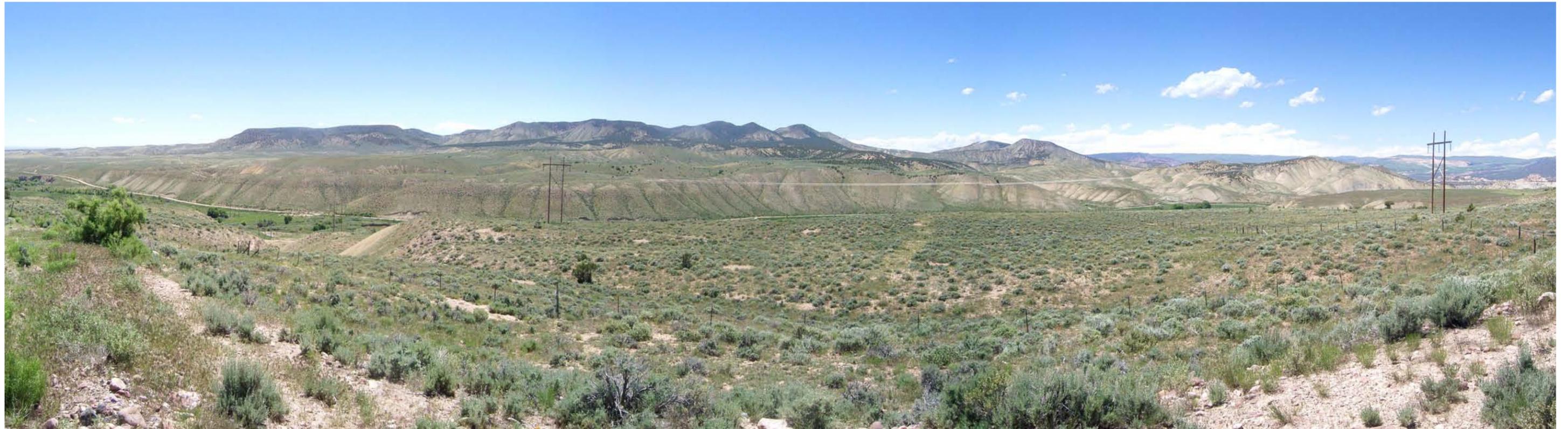
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IOP #50



IOP #51



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                         | VEGETATION                           | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Rounded, sloped, rolling               | Rounded, indistinct                  | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Undulating, horizontal, curved, angles | Indistinct                           |                       |
| COLOR   | Tan, buff, gray, some pink/red         | Gray sage, dark green pinyon juniper |                       |
| TEXTURE | Medium to rough in some areas          | Fine to medium, stippled             |                       |

## Narrative

This unit includes sloped ridges with pinyon juniper cover and some sage/grassland cover on flatter areas. There are badland features to the west and north with multiple colors but they are mostly muted.

## Photos

IOP #52



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5       | Mix of badlands, sloped valleys  |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3         | Pinyon juniper, sage, riparian   |  |
| WATER                 | 1.5       | Wash to east adds riparian vegetation  |  |
| COLOR                 | 3         | Range of colors somewhat muted but good contrast of landform and vegetation.               |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2.5       | Some enhancement of setting  |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2.5       | Pinyon juniper and sage hills common but badlands features less common in Colorado Plateau |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>16</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>   |  |

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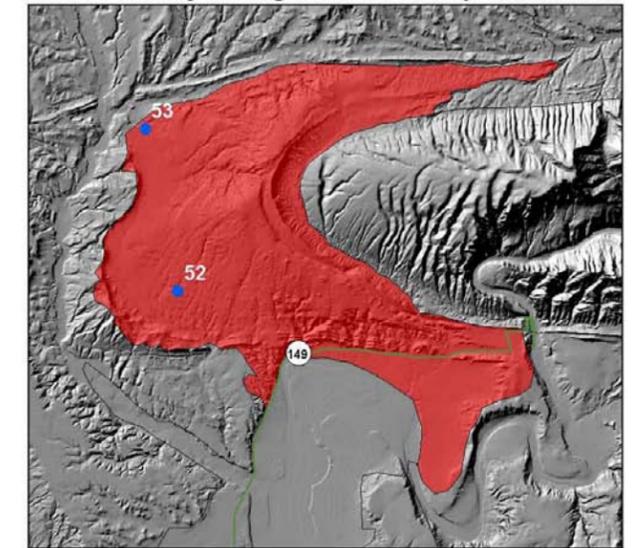
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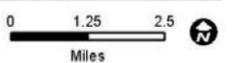
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Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames, RSweeten, EG-len (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 21



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IOP #53



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                 | VEGETATION                                       | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Sloped, rounded, angled        | Rounded individual mostly indistinct             | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Angles, curved, vertical       | Some irregular along patch edges                 |                       |
| COLOR   | Red, buff, tan                 | Dark green, pinyon juniper, evergreen, gray sage |                       |
| TEXTURE | Medium to coarse in some areas | Fine to coarse, some stippled                    |                       |

## Narrative

Within the landscape there is a continuous, angled slope with sage, pinyon juniper cover and rolling valley bottom. There are exposed cliff faces in short canyons as well as some other exposed outcrops.

Pinyon juniper is dense in some places along the valley bottom.

## Photos

IOP #54



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                    | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5         | Canyon form and walls and rock outcrops     |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3.5         | Mix of pinyon juniper, shrubs, and riparian |  |
| WATER                 | 0.5         | Small creeks create distinct riparian zone  |  |
| COLOR                 | 3           | Contrast of vegetation and landform         |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3.5         | Views of Yampa Bench enhance setting        |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2.5         | Slope and incised canyon                    |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Absent/no impact                            |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>16.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>            |  |

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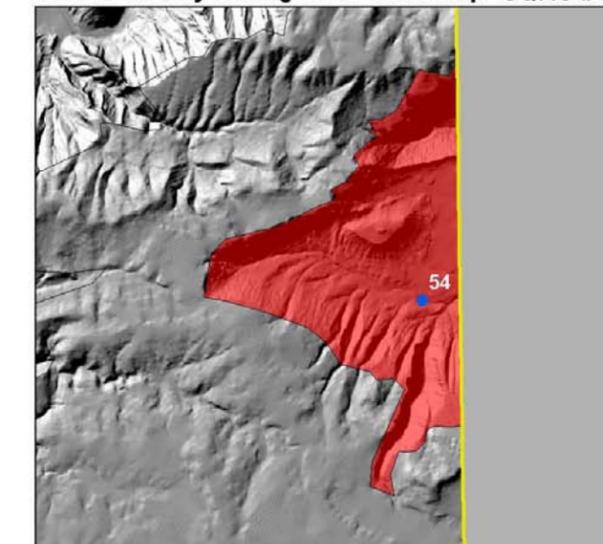
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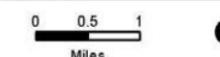
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Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

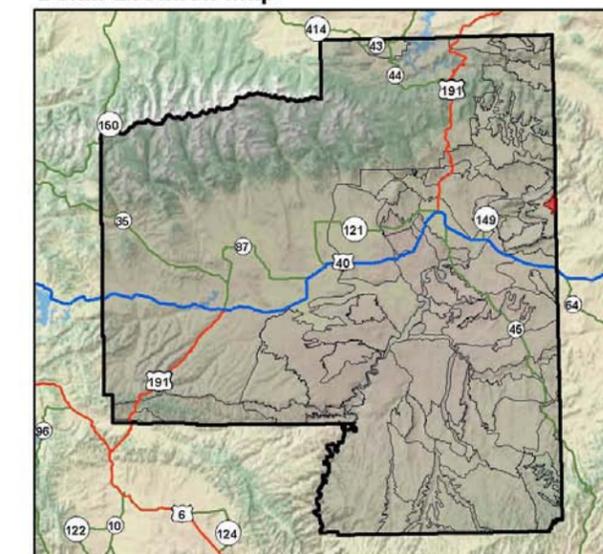
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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                    | VEGETATION            | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Round steep hill with flat to gently rolling tops | Rounded, indistinct   | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Angled, undulating and rounded                    | Indistinct            |                       |
| COLOR   | Tan, buff, some red                               | Sage gray, dark green |                       |
| TEXTURE | Medium  | Scattered             |                       |

## Narrative

This unit includes steep rolling, angled slopes with some rock outcrops. Vegetation includes sage cover pinyon juniper is sparse to dense throughout the unit. Rock outcrops are present in some areas.

## Photos

IOP #55



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                     | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3           | Steep hills with some outcrops                               |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3.5         | Pinyon juniper, sage, cottonwood, aspen                      |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5         | Mostly gray/green with some tan                              |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 4           | Distant views of Dinosaur National Monument enhance setting. |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2.5         | Sage covered hills not as common as flats                    |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>15.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                             |  |

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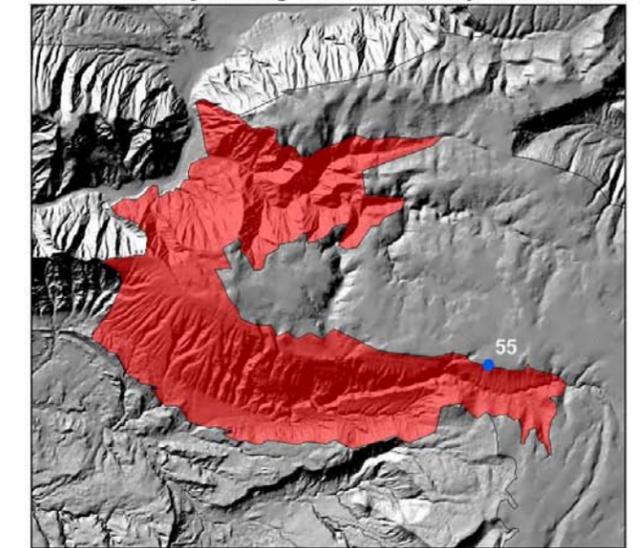
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Daniels Canyon

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Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

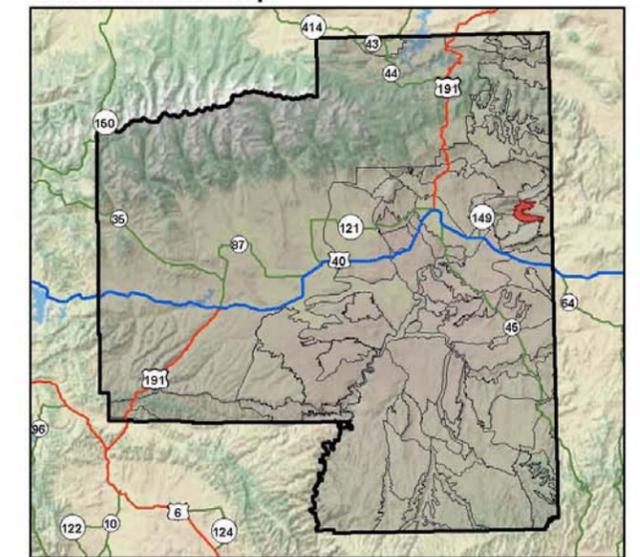
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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER   | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--|---|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Rolling, rounded, flat in some areas other more deeply rolling | Rounded individual, mostly indistinct   | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, undulating, rounded                                | Indistinct, some irregular along pinyon juniper edge of sage but minimal, mostly indistinct |                       |
| COLOR   | Tan, buff, few outcrops  | Dark green pinyon juniper, gray sage  |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to medium   | Fine, stippled  |                       |

## Narrative

The landscape is gently to more deeply rolling sage flats on elevated plateaus. The unit is extensive and includes land around Blue Mountain and Split Mountain and is surrounded by somewhat deep canyons.

## Photos

IOP #56



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING     | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5        | Mostly low rolling hills and some more rounded areas   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 1.5        | Sage with some pinyon juniper dominant   |  |
| WATER                 | 0          | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 1          | Contrast of gray/green vegetation dominant   |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 1.5        | Some views of Dinosaur National Monument but mostly not much benefit from surrounding areas. |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1          | Sage flats common throughout Colorado Plateau.   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0          | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>6.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>   |  |

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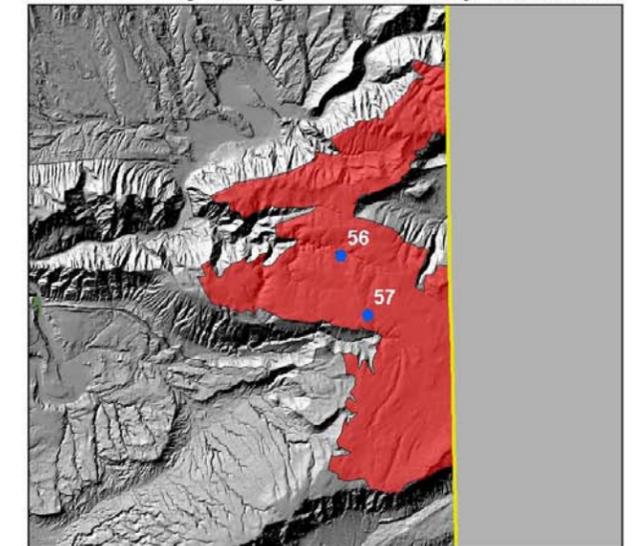
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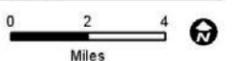
Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 24



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Photos

IOP #57



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|---|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Sloped backside of Blue Mountain, rounded pyramidal, blocky seams on top              | Amorphous groupings, clumps   | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, diagonal, complex, undulating, short vertical in exposed rock             | Directional, irregular  |                       |
| COLOR   | Reds, buff, grey  | Grey green sage, dark green pinyon juniper  |                       |
| TEXTURE | Backside of Blue Mountain smooth, faces of north slopes medium to coarse, contrasting | Evan, continuous, smooth on backside of Blue Mountain, scattered, stippled, gradational no north slopes |                       |

## Narrative

This unit encompasses the north slope of Blue Mountain and has dense pinyon juniper with pine and fir in the higher elevations.

The drainage areas contains riparian (cottonwoods), south-facing red slopes on the north side of the unit are sparsely vegetated.

## Photos

IOP #157



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4         | Steep vertical cliffs with rock outcroppings   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3.5       | Predominantly pinyon juniper and sage with pine and fir at higher elevations                 |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | Not present  |  |
| COLOR                 | 4         | Good variations of intense reds contrasting with vegetation.                                 |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 4.5       | Looking into/over Dinosaur National Monument with national forest and Uinta Mountains behind |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3         | Distinctive but similar  |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | None that enhances or detracts   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>19</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A</b>   |  |

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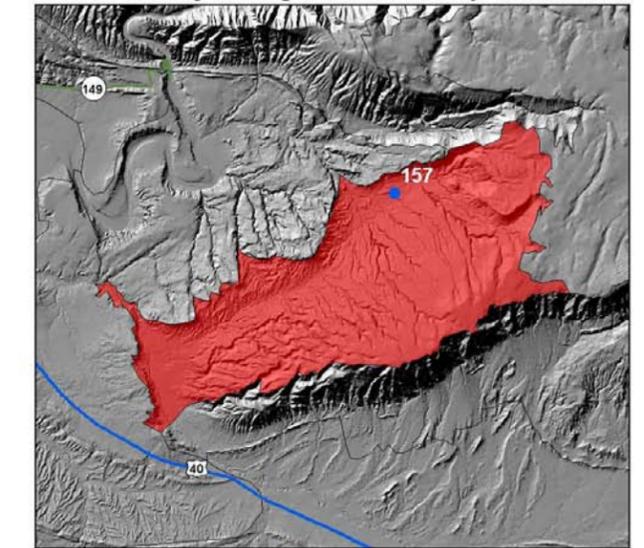
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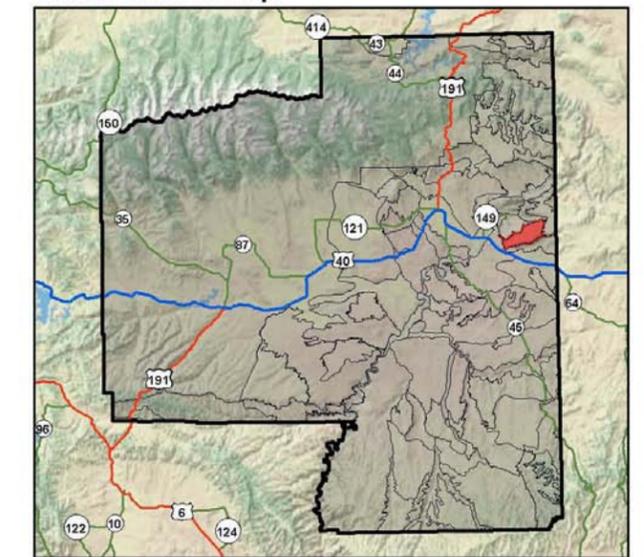
Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, EGlen (BLM)

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### Detail Location Map



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                          | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Sloped, angular                         | Rounded  | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, curved, undulating, complex | Indistinct   |                       |
| COLOR   | Yellow, buff, pink, red, tan            | Dark green pinyon juniper, gray sage, green cottonwood |                       |
| TEXTURE | Medium to coarse                        | Fine to medium, stippled, sparse in some areas         |                       |

## Narrative

The sloped anti-cline type formation extends down to the sage grassland valley. This unit encompasses the Burdette Canyon Complex as well as rolling valley formation, which extends to the Green River.

The Burdette Canyon complex includes rounded, smooth, landforms, hoodoo features and slick rock.

## Photos

IOP #58



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4.5       | Complex mix of canyons, hoodoos, cliffs                             |  |
| VEGETATION            | 4         | mix of pinyon juniper, sage, grasses, riparian                      |  |
| WATER                 | 1.5       | drainages, small streams  |  |
| COLOR                 | 4         | mix of bold colors with contrast of vegetation                      |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 4         | Split Mountain to south is dramatic enhancement from many locations |  |
| SCARCITY              | 4         | Mix of landforms not common in Colorado Plateau                     |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Absent/no impact  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>22</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A</b>                                    |  |

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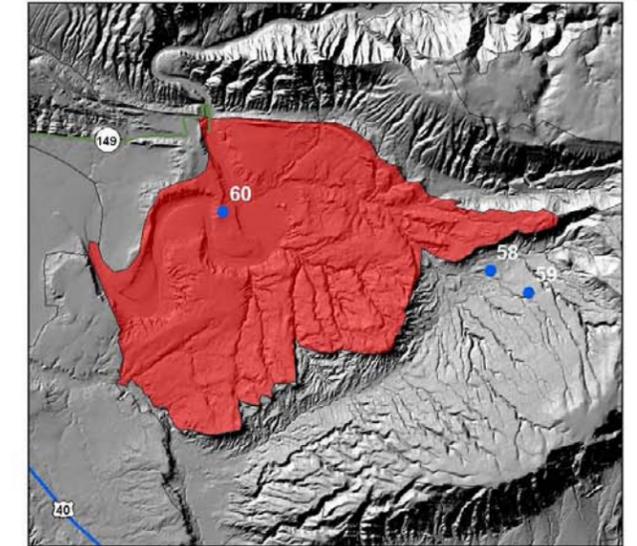
Scenic Quality Rating Unit #25A  
Chew's Ranch

Date: 6/8/2011

Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

### Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 25A



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### Detail Location Map



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Photos

IOP #59



IOP #60



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                              | VEGETATION                                      | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|---|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Flat to rolling, flat topped mesas          | Indistinct                                      | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, angled, curves, some undulation | Indistinct                                      |                       |
| COLOR   | Tan, buff                                   | Gray-green sage, some dark green pinyon juniper |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth                                      | Fairly even                                     |                       |

## Narrative

The unit is a rolling valley with isolated forms at the base of Blue Mountain. Vegetation includes sage/grassland with pinyon juniper, which is present on the slopes.

## Photos

IOP #61



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2           | Flat to rolling, flat topped mesas                                 |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2           | Sage and some pinyon juniper                                       |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2           | Some tans and buff contrast with landform but not dominant feature |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 4           | Blue Mountain  |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5         | Common in Colorado Plateau   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | None present/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>11.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                                   |  |

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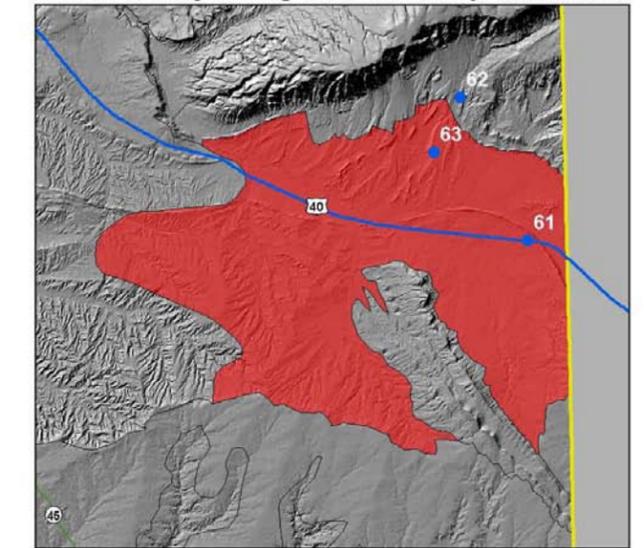
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #26 Blue Mountain Valley

Date: 6/8/2011

Field Office: Vernal

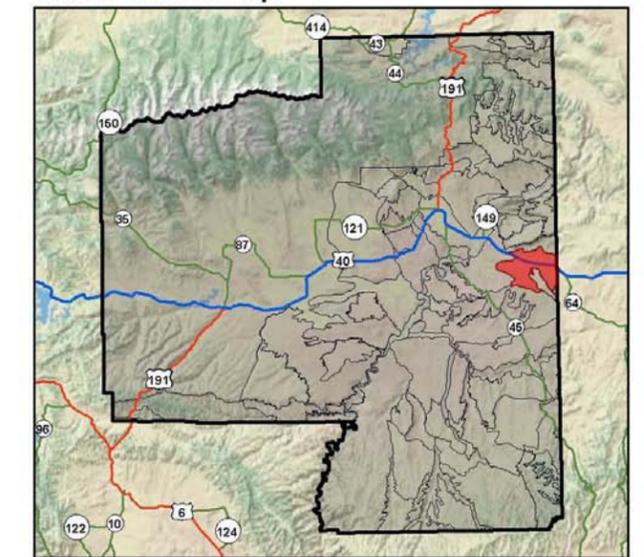
Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton

### Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 26



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### Detail Location Map



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Photos

IOP #62



IOP #63



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                    | VEGETATION                | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Bold, jagged, blocky, curved, steep vertical face | Indistinct                | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Vertical, curved, complex                         | Indistinct                |                       |
| COLOR   | Gray, buff, red, tan                              | Dark green pinyon juniper |                       |
| TEXTURE | Medium to rough                                   | Fine to medium, stippled  |                       |

## Narrative

The unit includes a distinctive rocky mountain face and sloped pinyon juniper foothills. There are complex geologic forms and colors that create interesting landscape feature.

## Photos

IOP #64



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4.5         | Bold, rugged, and jagged                                   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3           | Pinyon juniper foothills, sages, grasses                   |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 3.5         | Strong color in landform contrasts with pinyon juniper     |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 0           | Not visible/no impact                                      |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3.5         | Interesting landscape, not very common in Colorado Plateau |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Not visible/no impact                                      |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>14.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                           |  |

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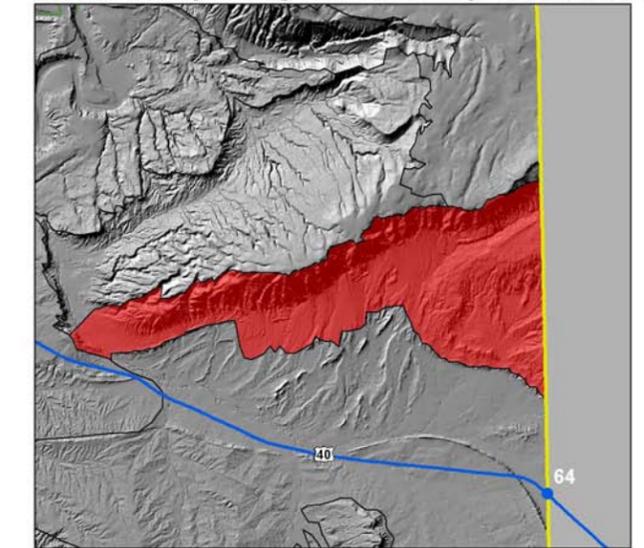
Scenic Quality Rating Unit #26A  
Blue Mountain South Side

Date: 6/8/2011

Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, DSweeten (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 26A



## Detail Location Map



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|---|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Concave/convex, slightly, uplifted mesas; soft, angular, pyramidal flat valleys | Somewhat indistinct, amorphic                     | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Sloping, diagonal, broken, horizontal   | Amorphic, irregular, directional-sloping diagonal |                       |
| COLOR   | Tan, brown, muted monotone, grey/whitish, light red                             | Tan, dark green, light green, grey green          |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to medium, directional, patchy rock outcroppings                         | Gradational, patchy, fine, stippled               |                       |

## Narrative

This unit encompasses mesas and ridges with interesting erosional patterns as well as flat valleys. Vegetation includes pinyon juniper, sage, and grasses.

## Photos

IOP #162



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING   | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2.5      | Interesting erosional patterns, mesas/ridges                              |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2        | Very little variety, most is indistinct except for pinyon juniper patches |  |
| WATER                 | 0        | No water visible  |  |
| COLOR                 | 1.5      | Mostly muted tans/grey with a little light red                            |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 1        | Very distant mountains  |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1        | Fairly common   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0        | Structures do not add any discordant elements                             |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>8</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>  |  |

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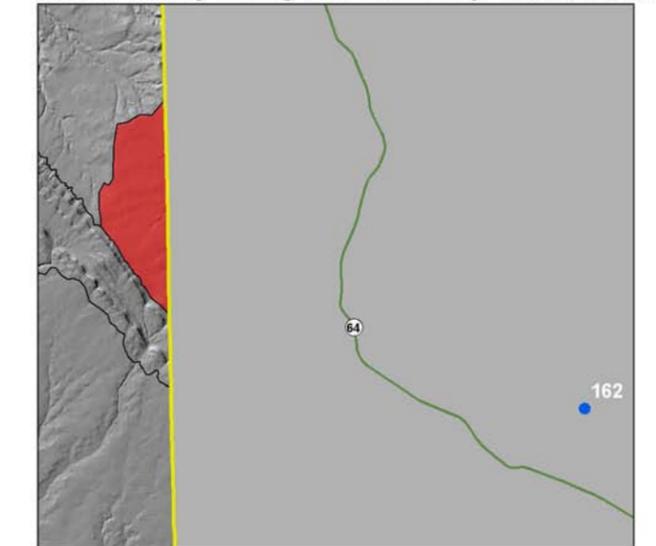
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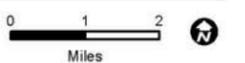
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Evaluators: JKeller, KWharton

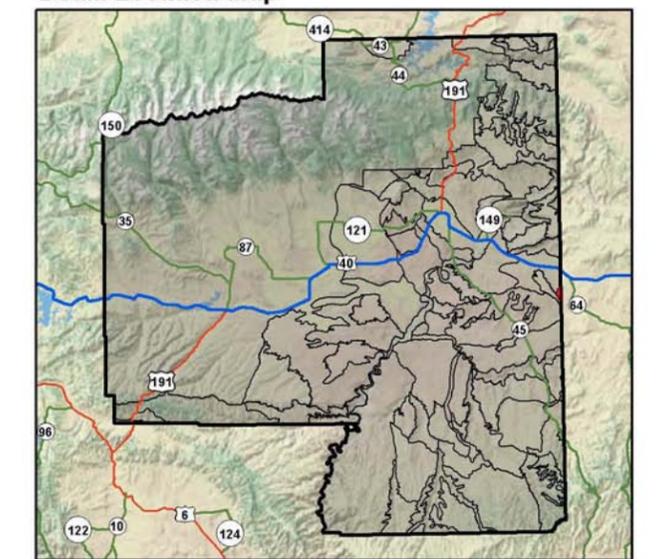
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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER           | VEGETATION              | STRUCTURE         |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| FORM    | Flat to gently rolling   | Dense and even          | Upright, vertical |
| LINE    | Horizontal to undulating | Irregular to indistinct | Vertical poles    |
| COLOR   | Gray to red to brown     | Gray-green, brown       | Brown, gray       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth                   | Smooth to fine          | Smooth            |

## Narrative

The unit includes flat to subtly rolling uplands with numerous transmission poles and lines. There are large patches of shrubs and grasses with scattered pinyon juniper.

## Photos

IOP #65



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING   | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                       | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5      | Flat to rolling; few interesting features      |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2        | Mostly sage and grasses, some pinyon juniper   |  |
| WATER                 | 0        | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 1.5      | Subtle variations, landform, color not visible |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3        | Uinta Mountains, Blue Mountain, Split Mountain |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1        | Common in Colorado Plateau                     |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0        | Transmission poles and lines don't detract     |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>9</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>               |  |

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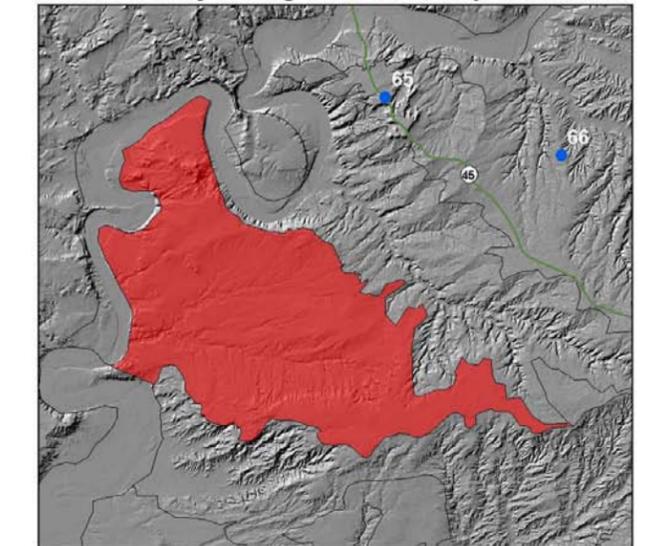
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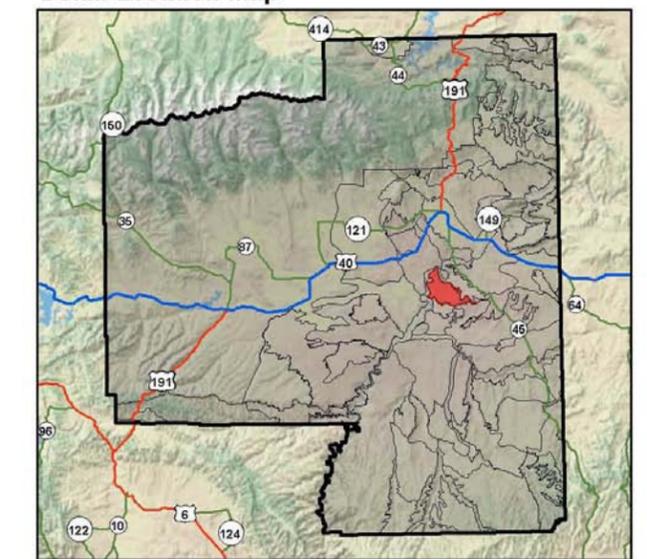
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Photos

IOP #66



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER   | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Rugged rolling badlands                                  | Indistinct to sparse, round valley bottom vegetation | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal ridges, horizontal strata, undulating, broken | Directional to indistinct                            |                       |
| COLOR   | Beige with red/brown strata, gray                        | Dark green to sage, gray                             |                       |
| TEXTURE | Rough  | Moderate to sparse, clumped pinyon juniper           |                       |

## Narrative

The unit includes badland and rolling buttes with little vegetation. The vegetation is mostly scrub brush with some pinyon juniper. The low areas of the landscape have an even cover of low vegetation.

## Photos

IOP #158



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5         | Somewhat dominant badlands/emotional patterns                    |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2           | Shrubs and pinyon juniper are present but are thin in most areas |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 3           | Some intensity with exposed badlands forms and pinyon juniper    |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 4           | Uinta Mountains, blue mountain, split mountain                   |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3           | Distinctive badlands, though somewhat similar to others          |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Not visible/no impact  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>15.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                                 |  |

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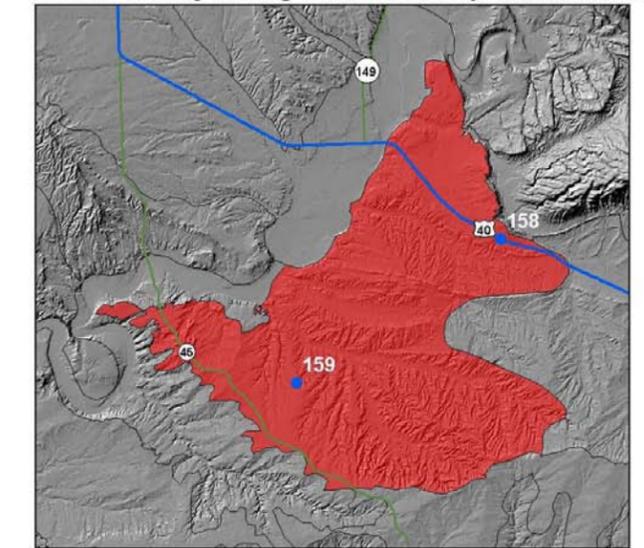
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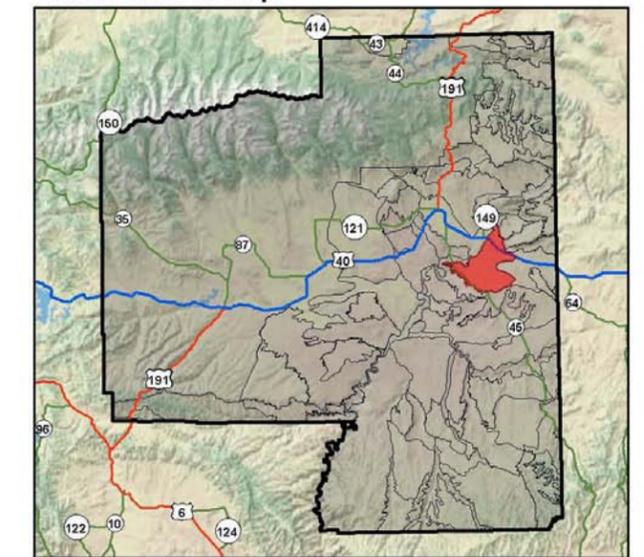
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## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 27A



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IOP #159



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                    | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE                            |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| FORM    | Flat to gently rolling valley     | Indistinct in undisturbed areas, rounded to rectangular agricultural fields                                   | Rectangular, cylindrical             |
| LINE    | Horizontal to slightly undulating | Indistinct in undisturbed areas, linear in drainages, horizontal, straight, and curved in agricultural fields | Horizontal, vertical, angled         |
| COLOR   | Buff to brown                     | Gray/green sage, few dark green pinyon juniper, green agricultural fields, green/buff grasses                 | White, brown, gray, full color range |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to medium                  | Fine in undisturbed areas, patchy in developed areas, fine, dense and even in agricultural fields             | Clustered                            |

## Narrative

This unit encompasses the Vernal Valley area which includes urban and suburban areas, and agricultural lands. The Green River is present in the eastern portion of the unit.

## Photos

IOP #67



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                   | Scenic Quality Classification<br><b>A</b> = 19 or more<br><b>B</b> = 12-18<br><b>C</b> = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|---|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5         | Flat valley, rolling terrain along edges                   |   |
| VEGETATION            | 1.5         | Sage and grasses in undisturbed areas, agricultural fields |   |
| WATER                 | 2           | Green River runs through the east portion of the unit      |   |
| COLOR                 | 2.5         | Bright green agricultural fields add contrast              |   |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3           | Asphalt Ridge, Split Mountain, Uinta Mountains             |   |
| SCARCITY              | 1           | Common developed valley in Colorado Plateau                |   |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Cultural modifications are common to developed valleys     |   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>11.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                           |   |

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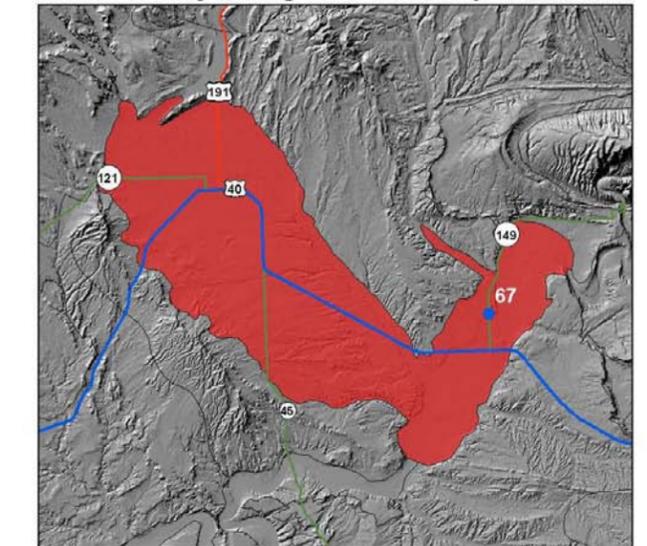
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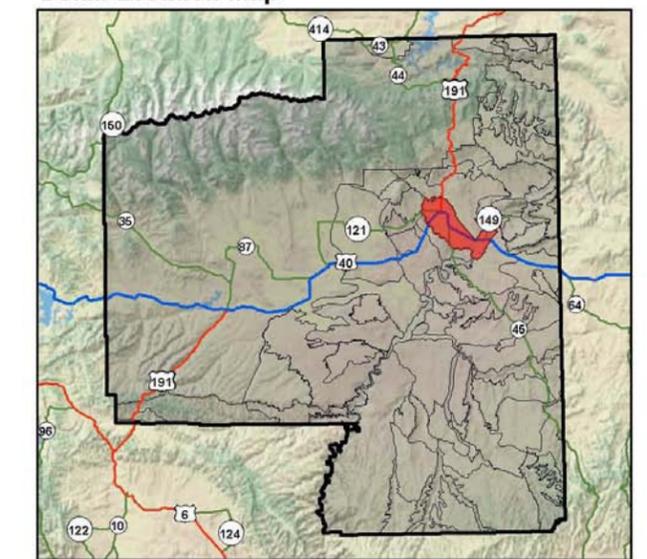
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Evaluators: MMeyer, CJohnson

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 28



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER   | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--|---|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Prominent ridge with low lying hills, rock outcrops                  | Relatively even to abnormal sage, small to large grass patches, scattered to stippled juniper | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Undulating horizontal skyline, horizontal strata, angular, pyramidal | Indistinct, irregular along grass and sage, directional                                       |                       |
| COLOR   | White/gray, red, brown, beige  | Dark to sage green, gray to gold brown  |                       |
| TEXTURE | Predominantly striations, medium, rough, rock outcrops, fairly even  | Medium to rough, some spotted and smooth  |                       |

## Narrative

This unit includes a well-known landform on the west edge of Vernal. The vegetation includes sage cover with scattered to clumped pinyon juniper. Development includes dirt roads, 2-tracks, and little other development.

## Photos

IOP #68



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                       | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5       | Steep ridgeline, not exceptional                               |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3         | Some variety, mostly sage and pinyon juniper                   |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 3         | Some intensity with exposed rock and pinyon juniper vegetation |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3.5       | Views of Uinta Mountains enhance quality                       |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2         | Somewhat common landform and vegetation                        |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Not visible/no impact  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>15</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                               |  |

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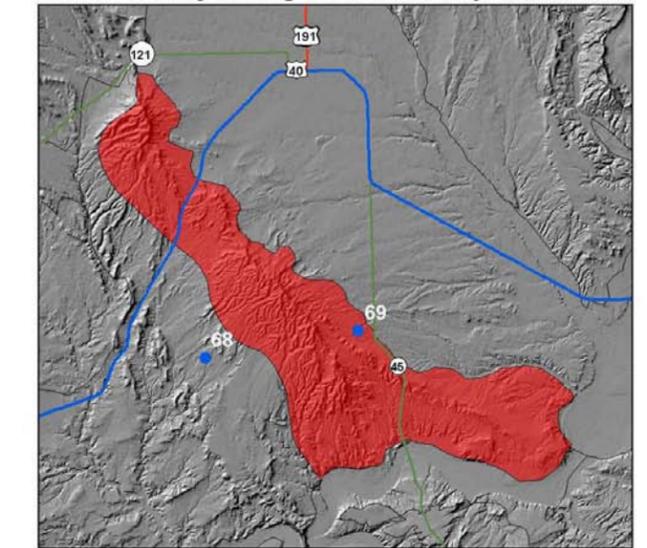
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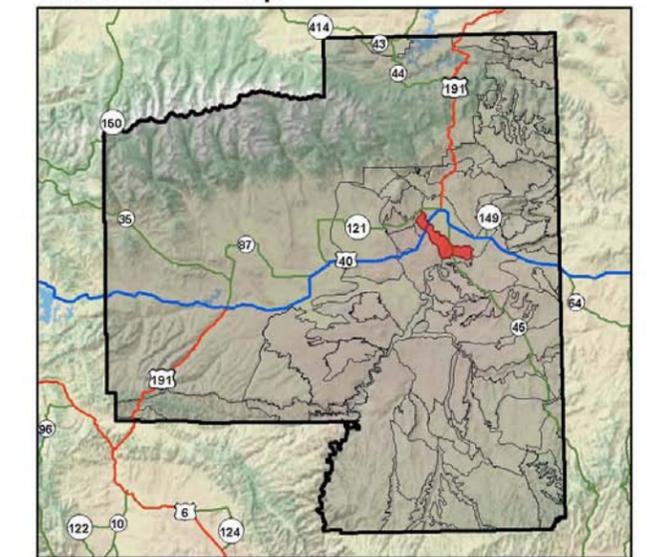
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Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, RSweeten (BLM), Jason (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 29



## Detail Location Map



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Photos

IOP #69



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                       | VEGETATION                        | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Flat to gently rolling, some conical | Indistinct                        | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, undulating, angled       | Indistinct                        |                       |
| COLOR   | Red, gray                            | Gray sage, green grasses, juniper |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to medium                     | Fine to medium, some stippled     |                       |

## Narrative

This unit includes rolling sage scrub with flat topped mesas and low hills. There is some grassland with minimal juniper. There are rock outcrops and horizontal layers in some mesas.

## Photos

IOP #70



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2.5       | Mostly low rolling topographic features with some landforms      |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2.5       | Some variety but mostly sage and grasses                         |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2         | Minimal variety  |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2.5       | Some benefit from asphalt ridge with distant mountains           |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5       | Shallow rolling sage lands are fairly common in Colorado Plateau |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>11</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>                                 |  |

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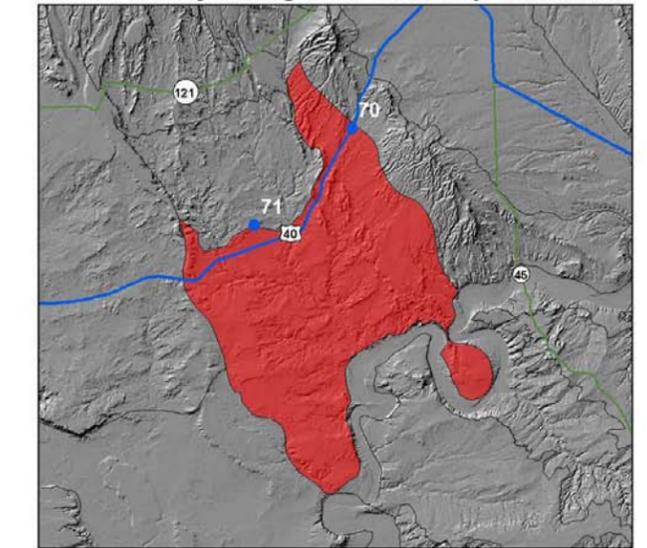
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Date: 6/6/2011

Field Office: Vernal

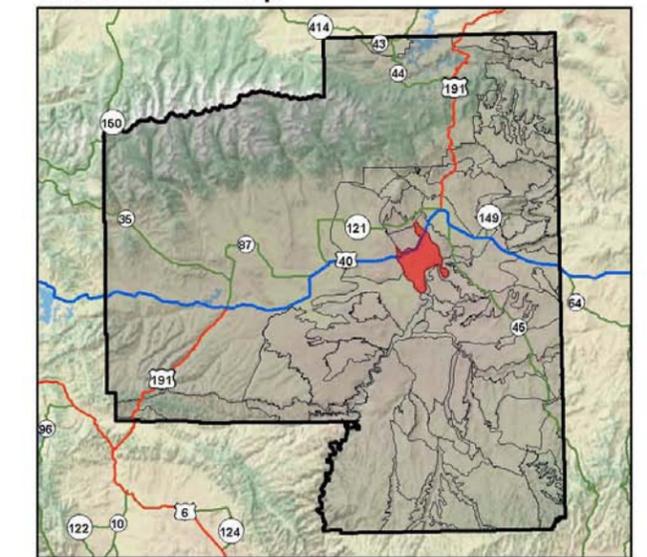
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## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 30



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IOP #71



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION                           | STRUCTURE   |
|---------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| FORM    | Sloped, flat, very slightly rolling in areas, some larger hills and mesas | Indistinct                           | (Agriculture, oil, and gas)<br>Cylindrical, rectangular |
| LINE    | Horizontal, some undulation   | Indistinct                           | Horizontal, vertical, round                             |
| COLOR   | Gray, buff, little exposed  | Gray sage, green grasses, greasewood | Tan, red, gray, green, rusted metal                     |
| TEXTURE | Smooth  | Fine to some stippled                | Clustered   |

## Narrative

This unit includes landform is slightly rolling to flat around Pelican Lake, which is the predominant feature. The vegetation is mostly grassland with some sage and greasewood.

## Photos

IOP #72



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br><b>A</b> = 19 or more<br><b>B</b> = 12-18<br><b>C</b> = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|---|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5         | Mostly low flat, gently rolling                                   |   |
| VEGETATION            | 3           | Good mix of sage, grasses, and riparian                           |   |
| WATER                 | 4           | Pelican Lake and Green River are prominent features               |   |
| COLOR                 | 3           | Good mix of vegetation, some landform                             |   |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2           | Some benefit to setting from distant mountains and adjacent hills |   |
| SCARCITY              | 3           | Valleys with reservoirs and rivers not overly common              |   |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -1          | Oil, gas, and other industrial uses                               |   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>15.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                                  |   |

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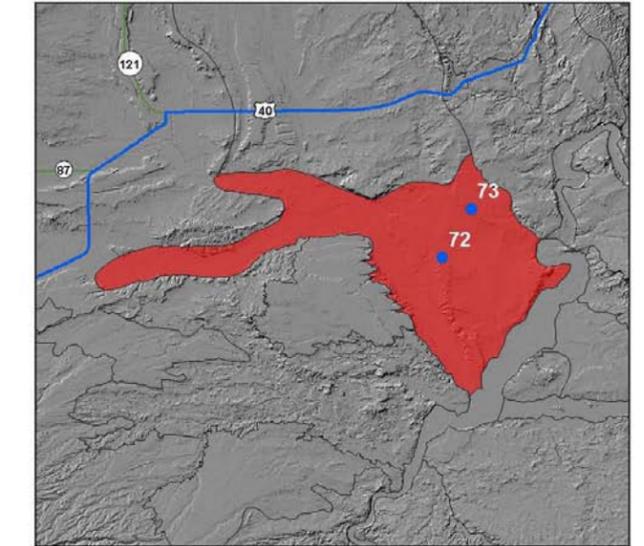
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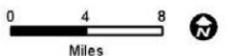
Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames, EGreen (BLM),  
Brandon

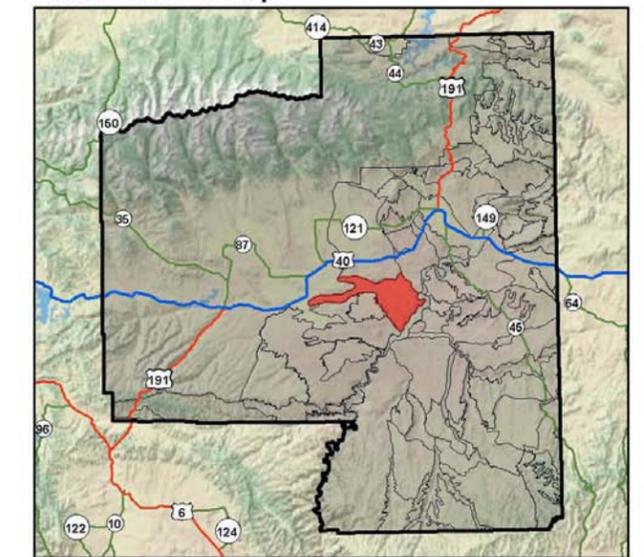
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 31



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IOP #73



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER   | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Flat canyon bottom, deeply cut arroyos, diverse flood plains and drainages | Sinuuous along river, indistinct in canyons, complex | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Jagged in canyons, even near river   | Curvilinear, vertical, complex                       |                       |
| COLOR   | Red/brown, tan   | Green riparian, green/gray sage, olive color willows |                       |
| TEXTURE | Moderate to rough, gradational   | Random, directional, clumped, patchy                 |                       |

## Narrative

This unit includes a flat valley bottom along the Green River with steeply sloped valley walls. Vegetation includes sage, grasses, and a variety of trees. Development is limited to a bridge.

## Photos

IOP #74



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3           | Steep valley walls and outcrops, not exceptional                |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3.5         | Variety including sage, grasses, and riparian/cottonwood/willow |  |
| WATER                 | 4           | Not clean and clear but still dominant                          |  |
| COLOR                 | 3           | Some intensity, particularly from riparian vegetation           |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 1           | Little except where valley walls are shorter                    |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3           | River valley is distinctive, though somewhat similar to others  |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Not visible/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>17.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                                |  |

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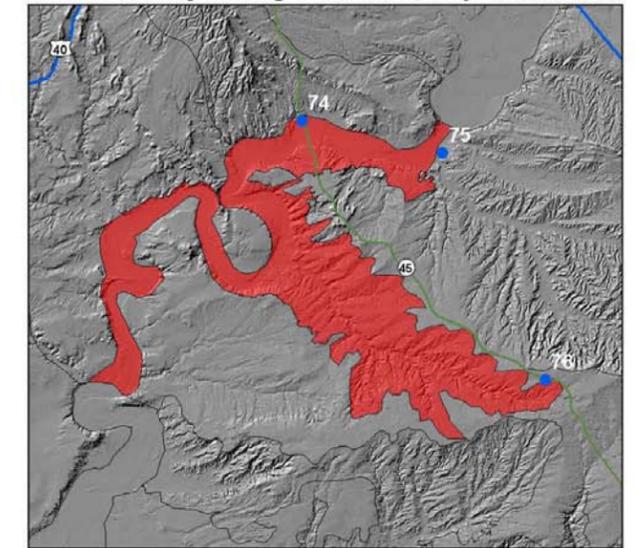
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #32 Horseshoe Bend - Green River

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Field Office: Vernal

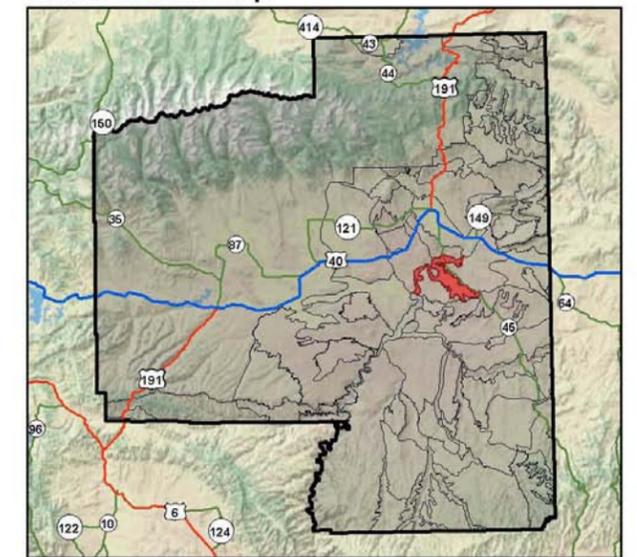
Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, RSweeten (BLM), Jason (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 32



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IOP #75



IOP #76



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                          | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE  |
|---------|---|---|--|
| FORM    | Rolling hills to flat; slightly rolling | Sage and grass masses; irregular patches of pinyon juniper and sage | Rectangular, vertical, cylindrical, oil and gas structures, serpentine pipelines, vertical power poles |
| LINE    | Horizontal, undulating                  | Indistinct to irregular   | Vertical, horizontal, diagonal, oil and gas structures   |
| COLOR   | Red to beige, gray, red-brown           | Dark green to sage, green, gray, tan, yellow, straw                 | Buff, tan to beige, green/gray, oil and gas structures   |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to even                          | Smooth to uniform, dense, medium                                    | Clumped oil and gas structures, smooth, clustered  |

## Narrative

The unit includes flat to rolling hills covered primarily with sage and grasses, and scattered with clumped pinyon juniper.

There is dense oil and gas development in many areas, with moving pump jacks, aboveground pipelines, and pipeline scars following the roads.

## Photos

IOP #77



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING     | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5        | Flat to rolling hills; low rolling hills   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2.5        | Mostly dense sage and grasses; little variety, some pinyon juniper                           |  |
| WATER                 | 0          | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2          | Subtle vegetation color; mostly shrubs and grass; tan soils, landform color is not prominent |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2          | Uinta Mountains and Blue Mountain in distance  |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1          | Common flat landform with sage grasses cover   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -1.5       | Dense oil and gas development, pipeline scar   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>7.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>   |  |

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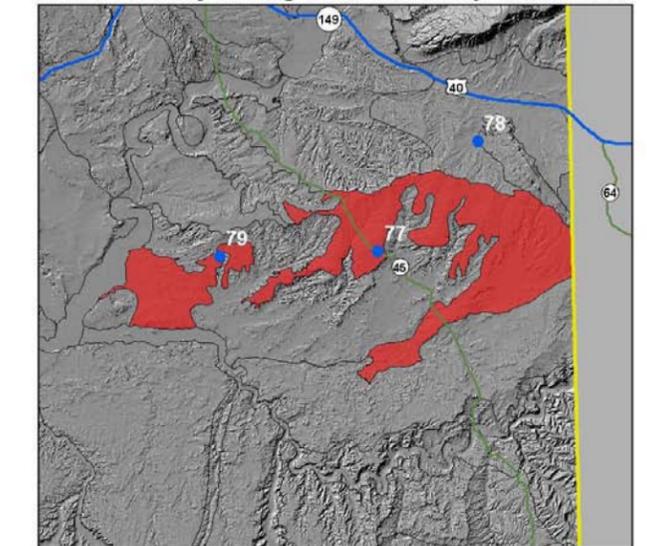
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #33 Deadman's Bench

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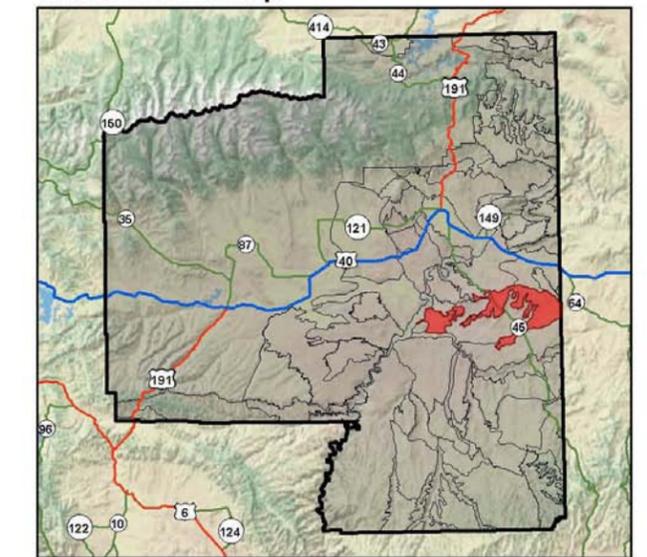
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Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, RSweeten (BLM), Jason (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 33



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IOP #78



IOP #79



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER   | VEGETATION                                       | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Vertical ridge with pyramidal points and rolling foothills | Patchy sage, grass, and pinyon juniper           | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Undulating horizontal, diagonal ridges                     | Irregular  |                       |
| COLOR   | Red/brown, beige/tan, white, subtle                        | Juniper, green to sage, yellow and green grasses |                       |
| TEXTURE | Moderate   | Medium to rough, random                          |                       |

## Narrative

The unit includes a somewhat rolling hogback formation and adjacent drainages. Vegetation is a mix of grasses, sage, and pinyon juniper. The unit is mostly undeveloped.

## Photos

IOP #160



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3         | Rolling hogback form and drainage walls, not exceptional             |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3.5       | Dense grasses and sage cover with stippled to clumped pinyon juniper |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5       | Some intensity with sage, pinyon juniper, and tan soil color         |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3.5       | Blue Mountain is nearby, Uinta Mountains in distance                 |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5       | Fairly common  |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Not visible/no impact  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>14</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                                     |  |

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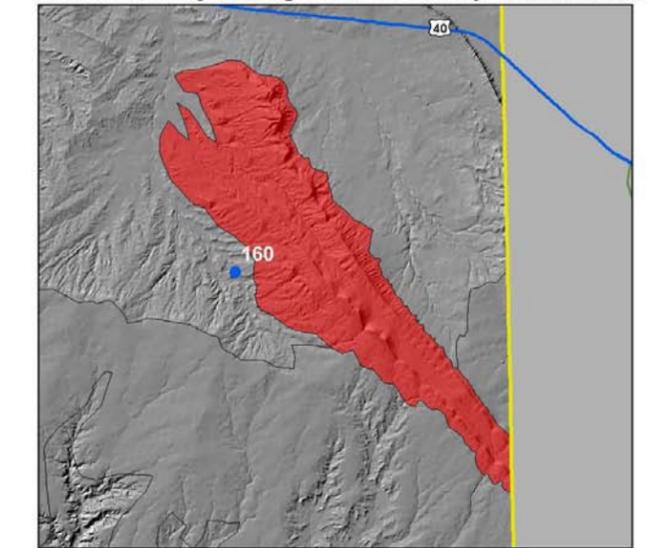
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #33A Squaw Ridge

Date: 6/6/2011

Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, RSweeten (BLM), Jason (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 33A



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE                                  |
|---------|---|---|--|
| FORM    | Flat to rolling drainage basins with high badland mudstone formations, rock outcrops, and contrasting angular redrock | Low, irregular, indistinct to amorphous                                   | Rectangular, cylindrical, linear pipelines |
| LINE    | Horizontal, angular, rounded, undulating  | Indistinct to irregular, meandering                                       | Vertical, horizontal                       |
| COLOR   | Red/pink, beige, brown, yellow, white, grey, orange   | Green/buff grasses, grey/green sage, few dark green pinyon juniper, gold  | Beige, brown, olive                        |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to moderate, striated badlands, rough, uneven  | Even in low areas, medium to smooth, patchy, sparse on badland formations | Clustered                                  |

## Narrative

The unit includes multi-colored badland formations with little vegetation. The vegetation is present mostly in the low, flatter areas and on the tops of flat topped badland forms.

## Photos

IOP #80



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4         | Interesting badland formations   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2         | Lacks vegetation on badland forms, sage and a few pinyon juniper in flat areas, even to patchy grass/shrubs in low areas |  |
| WATER                 | 1         | Perennial streams/creeks   |  |
| COLOR                 | 4         | Vivid candy-striped colors in badland forms, little vegetative color   |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2         | Uinta Mountains and Blue Mountain, to north, somewhat enhances unit  |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3.5       | Distinctive multi-colored badland forms, somewhat similar to others in Colorado Plateau                                  |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -1.5      | Dense oil and gas development on west end  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>15</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>   |  |

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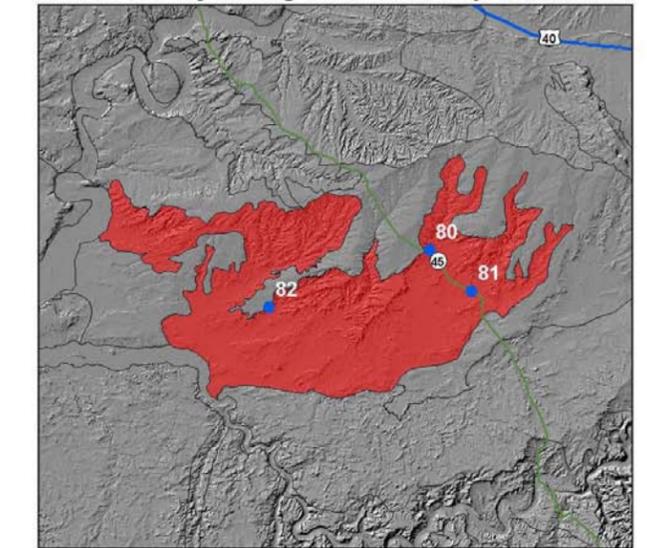
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #34 Red Wash/Kennedy Wash/Devil's Playground

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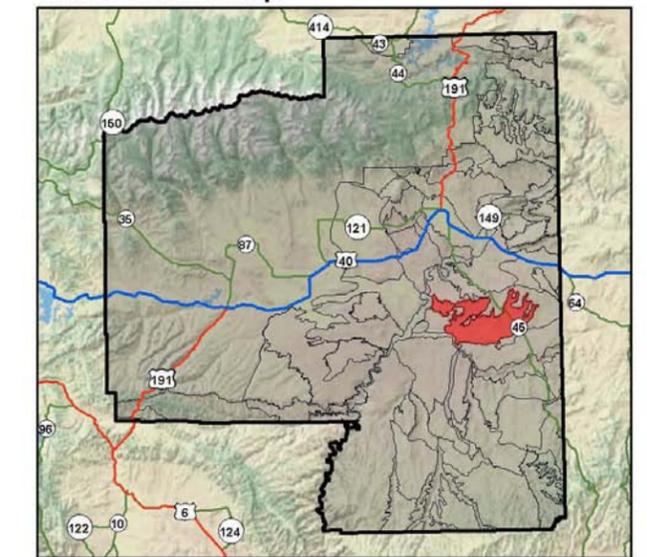
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Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, RSweeten, Jason W. (BLM), JJames

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 34



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IOP #81



IOP #82



A-90

## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE                                  |
|---------|---|---|--|
| FORM    | Flat to rolling with soft trapezoidal forms and rocky escarpments | Low, indistinct   | Rectangular, cylindrical, linear pipelines |
| LINE    | Horizontal, flowing to angular                                    | Horizontal to indistinct                                    | Vertical, horizontal                       |
| COLOR   | Brown, beige, grey  | Green, sage green, grey, green/beige grasses, reddish-brown | Beige, brown, olive                        |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to fine with rough rock outcrops                           | Even to patchy  | Clustered                                  |

## Narrative

This unit includes flat to rolling landscape with soft trapezoidal forms and rocky escarpments. Vegetation includes low sage and grasses cover the landforms.

The western portion of the unit is cover with dense oil and gas development, including above-ground pipelines.

## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING     | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                 | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2          | Flat to rolling with rock outcrops       |  |
| VEGETATION            | 1.5        | Grass and sage, even to patchy           |  |
| WATER                 | 0          | None visible                             |  |
| COLOR                 | 1.5        | Mute tones in vegetation and landforms   |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2          | Mountains to north, White River to south |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5        | Fairly common                            |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -2         | Dense oil and gas development in west    |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>6.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>         |  |

## Photos

IOP #83



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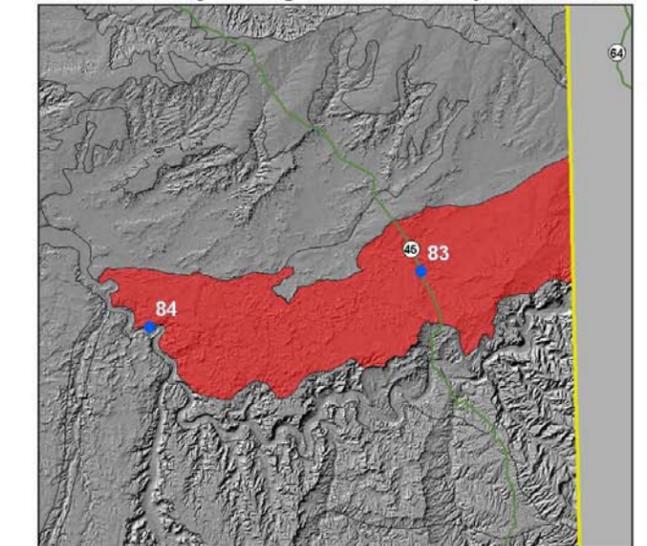
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Date: 9/7/2011

Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, RSweeten, Jason W. (BLM), JJJames

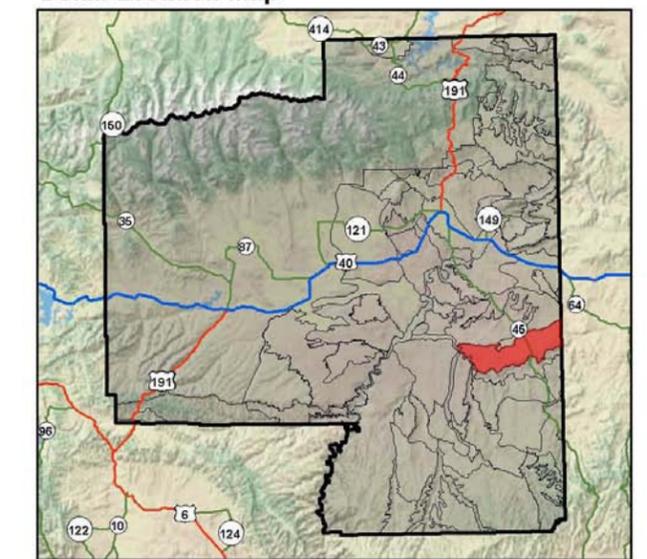
### Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 35



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IOP #84



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION                                     | STRUCTURE                      |
|---------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| FORM    | Flat valley, high buttes, moderately high canyon                  | Sinuuous along river, indistinct, even         | Rectangular, cylindrical       |
| LINE    | Undulating horizontal banding, vertical lines in outcrops, angled | Curvilinear along river, indistinct in uplands | Vertical, horizontal, diagonal |
| COLOR   | Brown, brown/red, tan   | Gray, green, bright green, dark green          | Beige, green, tan, gray        |
| TEXTURE | Uneven, moderate to high  | Fine on slopes, moderate along river, clumped  | Clustered                      |

## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4         | Steep to vertical valley walls, buttes                     |  |
| VEGETATION            | 4         | Good variety, sage, pinyon juniper, greasewood, cottonwood |  |
| WATER                 | 4         | Not clear, but dominant                                    |  |
| COLOR                 | 3         | Some intensity with vegetation and vertical landforms      |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 1         | Adjacent landforms/buttes, visible in some areas           |  |
| SCARCITY              | 4         | Distinctive river valley                                   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -1        | Oil and gas development in some areas                      |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>19</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A</b>                           |  |

## Narrative

The unit is a flat valley and river unit with steep to vertical walls and buttes. Vegetation includes pinyon juniper, sage, cottonwood, tamarisk, and olive. There are also seasonal flowers, globe mallow, and cheat grass.

Development includes bridges, pipelines, 2-track road with pockets of oil and gas development. Most of the development is not visible.

## Photos

IOP #85



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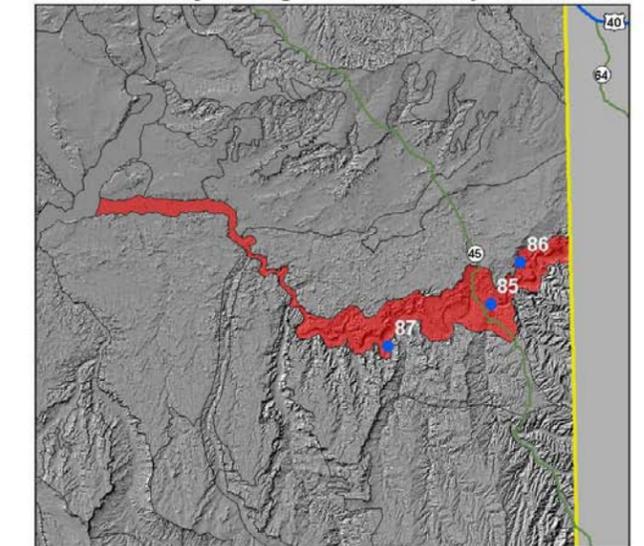
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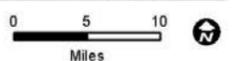
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Evaluators: CJohnson, JJames, Jason W.

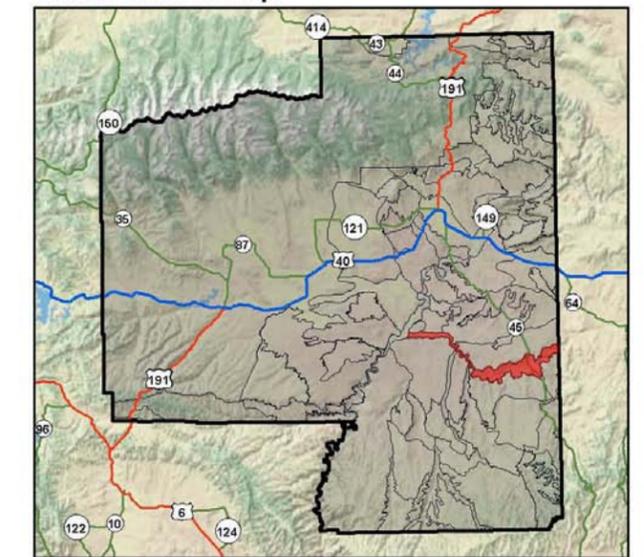
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 36



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IOP #86



IOP #87



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER   | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE            |
|---------|--|--|----------------------|
| FORM    | Fairly narrow canyon with steep to vertical side walls and rolling valley bottom | Indistinct   | Rectangular          |
| LINE    | Angular slopes, undulating ridges, horizontal striations, rolling valley floor   | Indistinct to horizontally striated                                  | Vertical, horizontal |
| COLOR   | Beige, brown, tan, gray  | Gray/green, green, some dark green                                   | Gray/green           |
| TEXTURE | Smooth slopes and valley floor, rough vertical cliffs, striated                  | Relatively even on valley floor, sparse and striated on valley walls | Clustered            |

## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                              | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5       | Somewhat dominant enclosed valley form                |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2         | Mostly sage and greasewood                            |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | Absent  |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5       | Some contrast with vegetation and soil/rock color     |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 1         | Some views to adjacent landforms                      |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3         | Distinctive valley, though somewhat similar to others |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Not visible/no impact                                 |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>12</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                      |  |

## Narrative

The unit is a fairly narrow valley with steep to vertical walls. There is relatively dense sage and greasewood cover on the valley floor. The valley walls have sparse and striated sage. There are a few oil and gas developments.

## Photos

IOP #88



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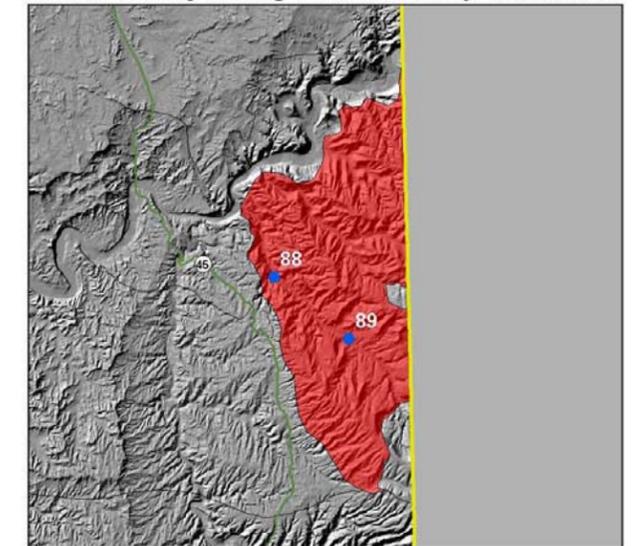
Scenic Quality Rating Unit #37  
Hell's Hole

Date: 6/8/2011

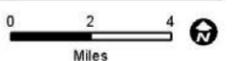
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Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, Dave (BLM)

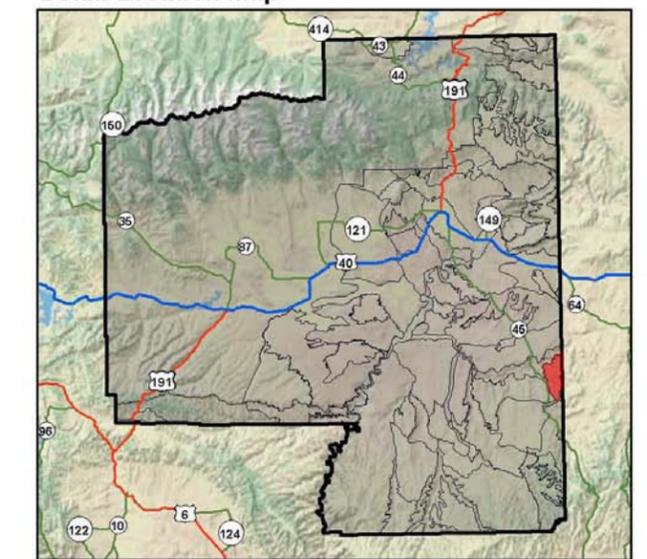
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 37



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IOP #89



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER   | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Pyramidal and blocky at base, steep faces, crest shape | Irregular bands and amorphous groupings associated with landform | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, diagonal, broken, striations               | Undulating, irregular, diagonal, directional lines with landform |                       |
| COLOR   | Buff, red, white, tan, grey                            | Dark green, sage green   |                       |
| TEXTURE | Medium to rugged                                       | Gradational, patchy, stippled to dense groupings                 |                       |

## Narrative

This unit includes distinctive landform along the western edge of the field office and continues into Utah. The landform has exposed slopes and faces and is multi-colored with striations of grey, red, white, etc.

The unit includes Rabbit Mountain, Park Mountain, and White Face Butte. The vegetation is predominantly pinyon juniper.

## Photos

IOP #163



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                 | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5         | Interesting features, steep vertical relief              |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2.5         | Predominantly pinyon juniper                             |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | None   |  |
| COLOR                 | 3.5         | Good variety in landform and contrast with vegetation    |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2           | Texas Mountain, valleys and rolling pinyon juniper below |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3           | Distinctive though similar                               |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Not visible/no impact                                    |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>14.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                         |  |

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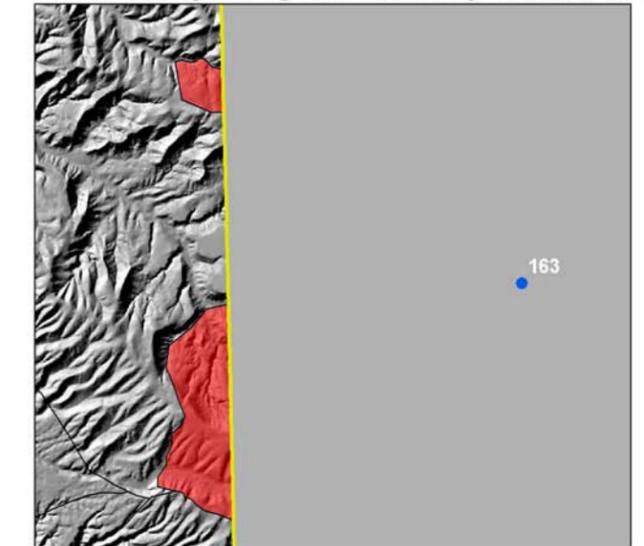
Scenic Quality Rating Unit #37A  
Weaver Canyon

Date: 7/25/2011

Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: RDonigan, JJames, TTedford

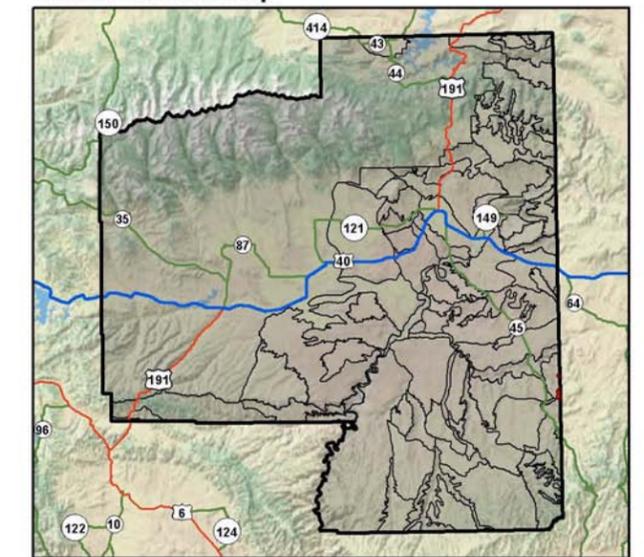
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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                            | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE                      |
|---------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| FORM    | Flat to rolling, round trapezoidal shapes | Low, even sage, clustered pinyon juniper, indistinct          | Rectangular, cylindrical       |
| LINE    | Horizontal, softly curved                 | Indistinct  | Horizontal, vertical, diagonal |
| COLOR   | Tan, brown, red/brown, gray               | Gray/green sage, dark green pinyon juniper, tan/straw grasses | Tan/green                      |
| TEXTURE | Fairly smooth, uniform                    | Smooth with clustered to scattered pinyon juniper             | Clustered                      |

## Narrative

The unit includes flat to rolling landforms with rolling trapezoidal forms. Vegetation is a fairly dense layer of grasses and sage with some pinyon juniper. Oil and gas development is present throughout the unit.

## Photos

IOP #90



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING     | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5        | Flat to rolling with some rolling pyramidal forms                |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2          | Mostly sage and grasses with some pinyon juniper                 |  |
| WATER                 | 0          | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 1.5        | Some variation/contrast of sage and pinyon juniper               |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2.5        | Uinta Mountains, Blue Mountain, Split Mountain                   |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1          | Fairly common flat to rolling forms with sage and pinyon juniper |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -1         | Oil and gas development  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>7.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>                                 |  |

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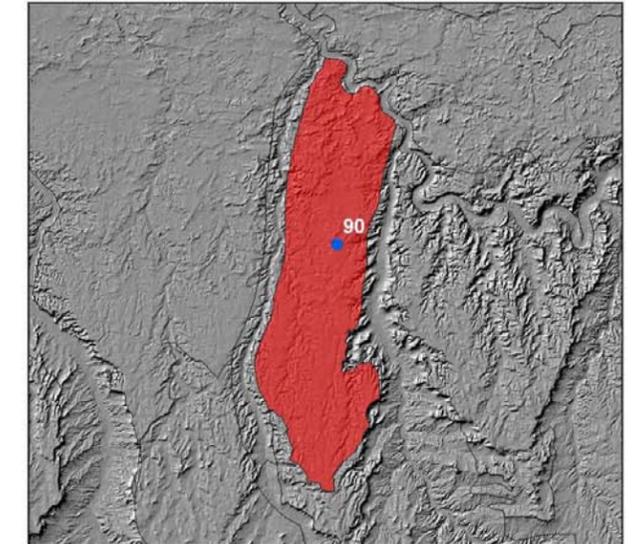
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East Bench

Date: 6/8/2011

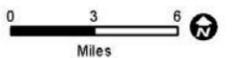
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Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, Dave (BLM)

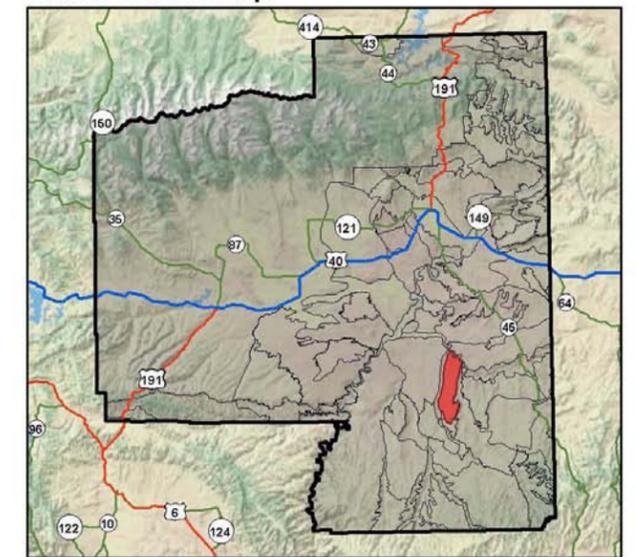
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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION              | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Rolling with moderately rugged rock, rock outcrops and buttes | Indistinct              | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal striations, vertical rock forms, diagonal slides   | Indistinct              |                       |
| COLOR   | Brown, brown/red, tan, gray                                   | Dark green, green/gray  |                       |
| TEXTURE | Moderate  | Stippled to gradational |                       |

## Narrative

The landscape is transitional from East Bench down to the surrounding land. There are rolling landforms and outcrops formed by erosion on the south end of the East Bench. There is mostly stippled pinyon juniper with patches of dense sage in the valleys.

The unit is mostly undeveloped.

## Photos

IOP #91



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                       | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2.5       | Rolling forms with rock outcrops and small cliffs              |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2         | Pinyon juniper, sage, grasses                                  |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 3         | pinyon juniper contrasts with landform color and rock outcrops |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2         | Views of adjacent valleys including Bitter Creek valley        |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2.5       | Somewhat similar to others in Colorado Plateau                 |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>12</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                               |  |

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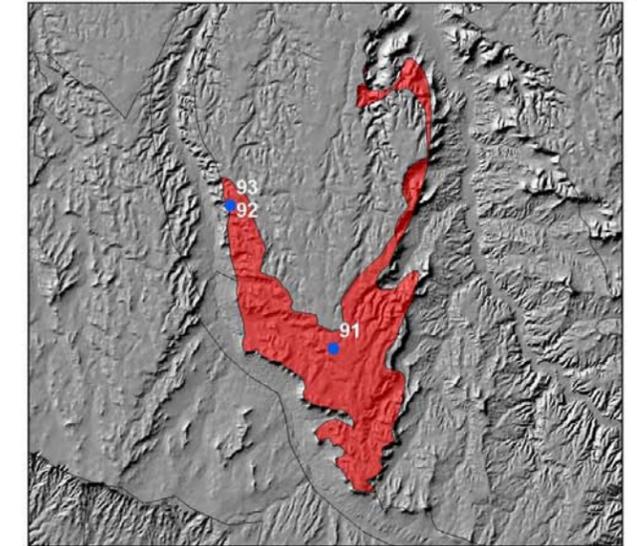
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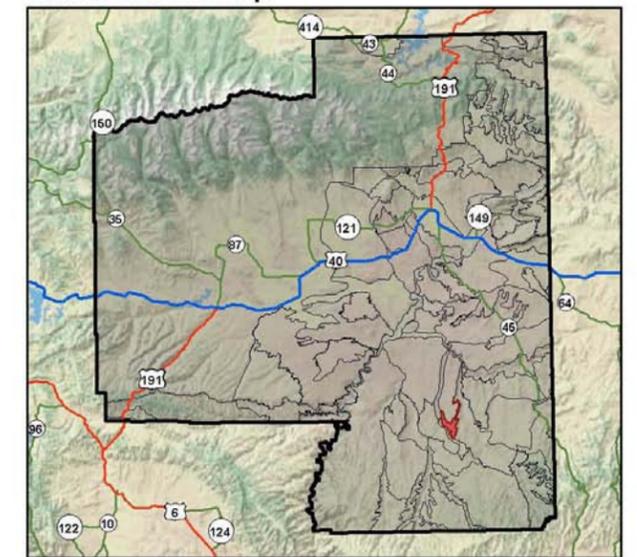
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Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, Dave (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 39A



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Photos

IOP #92



IOP #93



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE                     |
|---------|---|---|-------------------------------|
| FORM    | Rolling hills, valley/wash unit, trapezoidal                            | Low, indistinct   | Rectangular, cylindrical      |
| LINE    | Horizontal, diagonal, short, vertical rock outcrops, curvilinear hills, | Indistinct, weak  | Horizontal, vertical, angular |
| COLOR   | Tan, brown/red, gray  | Green, gray, sage, tan/straw grasses                            | Tan/green, gold, brown        |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to moderate  | Dense and even in valley, sparse to gradational on valley edges | Clustered                     |

## Narrative

This unit includes a broad valley with short, rolling valley hills with draining towards the White River. Vegetation is fairly even in cover and includes grasses, sage, and greasewood.

## Photos

IOP #94



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING   | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                               | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2        | fairly shallow valley                                  |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2        | mostly low shrubs and grasses                          |  |
| WATER                 | 0        | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2        | Some contrast with rock outcrops and vegetation cover  |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 0        | No impact/not visible                                  |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5      | Fairly common shallow valley with low scrub vegetation |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -0.5     | Oil and gas development                                |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>7</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>                       |  |

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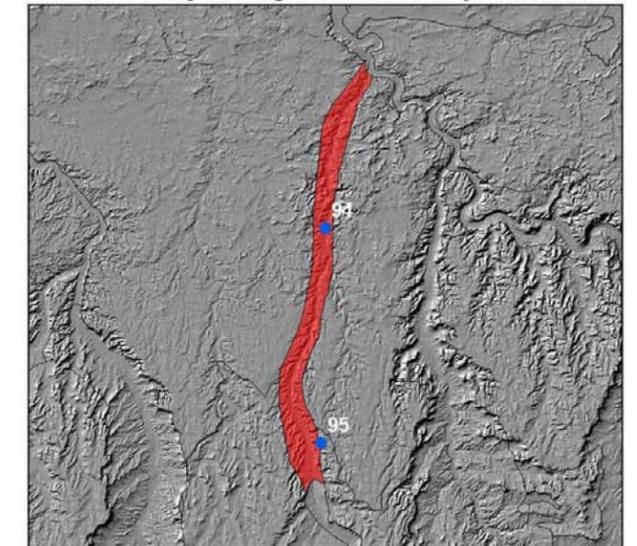
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Date: 6/8/2011

Field Office: Vernal

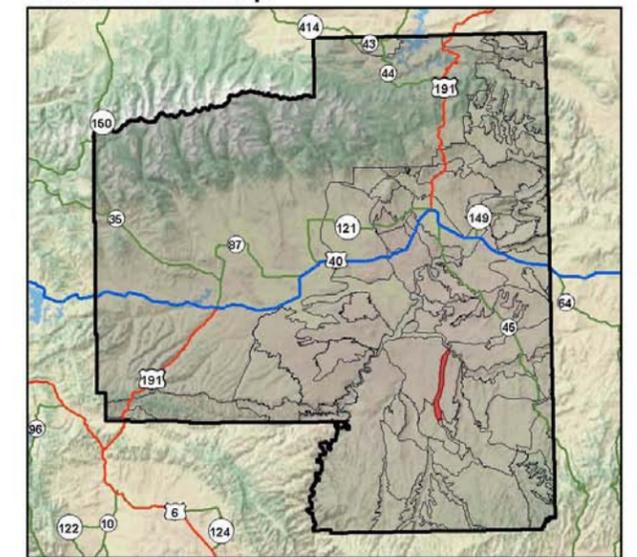
Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, Dave (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 40



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IOP #95



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                   | VEGETATION               | STRUCTURE                              |
|---------|--|--------------------------|--|
| FORM    | Low rolling hills to flat, minor butte landforms | Indistinct               | (Oil and gas) Cylindrical, rectangular |
| LINE    | Horizontal, undulating                           | Indistinct               | Vertical                               |
| COLOR   | Tan, buff  | Gray sage, green grasses | Tan/beige                              |
| TEXTURE | Smooth   | Fine                     | Dotted                                 |

## Narrative

This unit includes an open and flat to gently rolling sage grassland. Oil and gas development is extensive in some areas. There are scattered mesa landforms in the northern area of the unit.

## Photos

IOP #96



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING     | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5        | Low rolling to flat   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 1.5        | Dominant sage, some areas of grasses                                |  |
| WATER                 | 0          | Absent  |  |
| COLOR                 | 1.5        | Fairly monotone with some gray-green of vegetation.                 |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2          | Some enhancement of setting from Big Pack Mountain, Uinta Mountains |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1          | Sage flats common in Colorado Plateau                               |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -2         | Oil and gas development adds discordant features                    |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>5.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>                                    |  |

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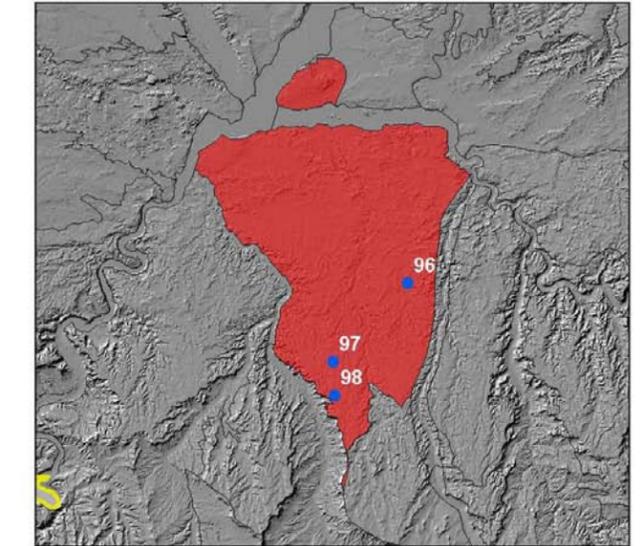
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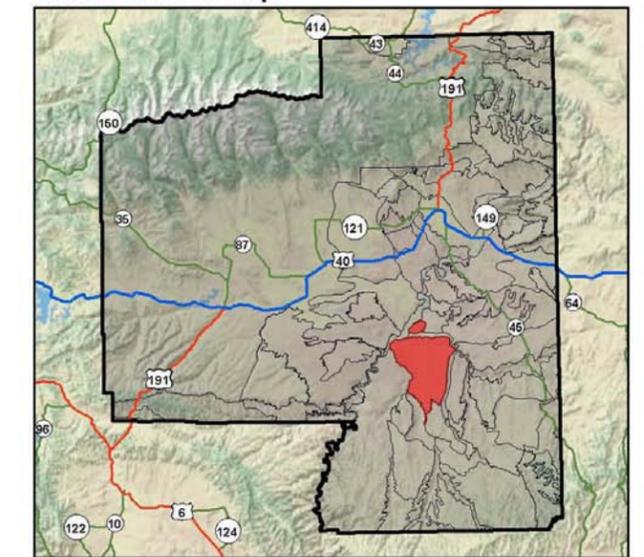
Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 41



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IOP #97



IOP #98



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                 | VEGETATION                           | STRUCTURE                              |
|---------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| FORM    | Sloped to distinctly rolling, rounded, angular | Some rounded, mostly indistinct      | (Oil and gas) Cylindrical, rectangular |
| LINE    | Horizontal, curved, angles undulating          | Irregular along patch edges          | Curved, vertical, horizontal           |
| COLOR   | Tan, buff, gray                                | Dark green pinyon juniper, gray sage | Tan, green, gray                       |
| TEXTURE | Medium   | Medium to coarse                     | Dotted                                 |

## Narrative

This unit includes pinyon juniper hills with sage covered valleys. There are some rock outcrops and mesa formations. Vegetation treatments are present in some areas.

## Photos

IOP #100



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                    | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2.5         | Rolling deep hills, some rock outcrops                      |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3           | Pinyon juniper sage mix                                     |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | Absent  |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5         | Contrast of vegetation, landform mostly muted               |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 1           | Not noticeable  |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5         | Pinyon juniper sage hills fairly common in Colorado Plateau |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Absent/no impact  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>10.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>                            |  |

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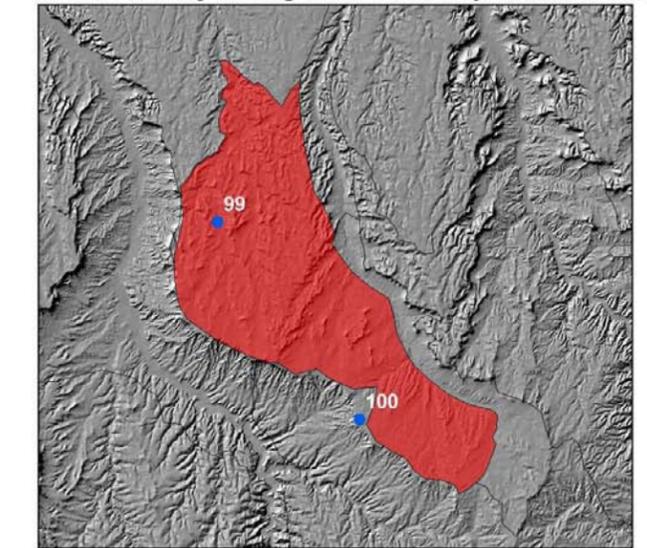
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Field Office: Vernal

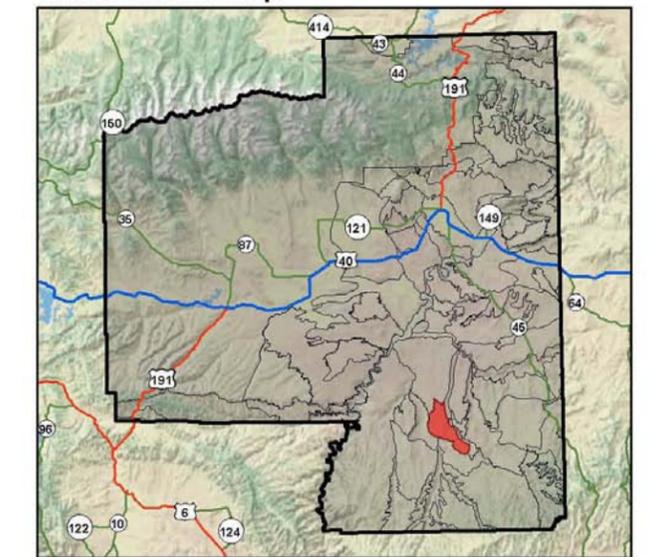
Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 41A



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IOP #99



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                       | VEGETATION                           | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Flat, gently rolling conical landforms in some areas | Indistinct                           | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, undulating, curved                       | Irregular along patch edges          |                       |
| COLOR   | Tan, buff, brown                                     | Gray sage, dark green pinyon juniper |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to medium                                     | Fine to moderate stippled            |                       |

## Narrative

This unit encompasses an area of lower, flat to gently rolling hills and valley washes. Vegetation is mostly sage and grasses with moderate to dense pinyon juniper cover in some areas.

## Photos

IOP #101



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING     | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                        | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3          | Mostly flat to rolling but interesting features |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3          | Mix of pinyon juniper and sage                  |  |
| WATER                 | 0          | Absent  |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5        | Mostly vegetation, some landform color          |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 0          | None visible/does not enhance                   |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1          | Minimal benefit from surrounding areas          |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0          | Absent/no impact                                |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>9.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>                |  |

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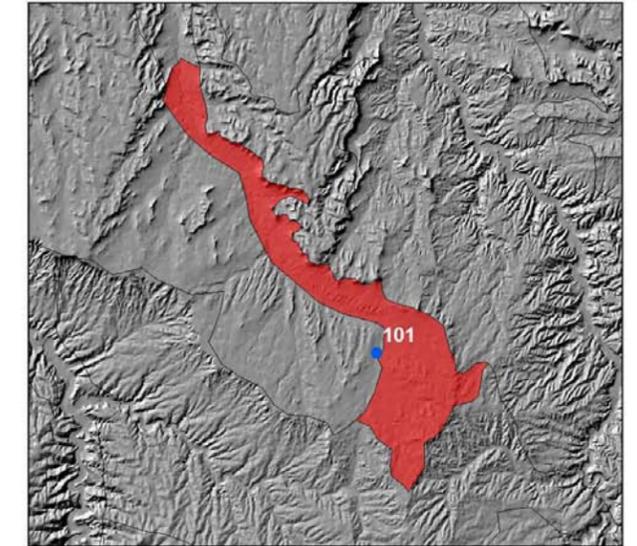
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Lower Sand Wash

Date: 6/7/2011

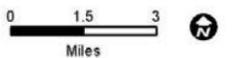
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Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 41B



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                            | VEGETATION                    | STRUCTURE                          |
|---------|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| FORM    | Gently rolling, some low buttes and mesas | Low, indistinct               | Rectangular, vertical, cylindrical |
| LINE    | Horizontal, undulating, some diagonal     | Horizontal to indistinct      | Vertical, horizontal, diagonal     |
| COLOR   | Buff to brown                             | Green, sage, buff/straw, gray | Buff, tan, green/gray              |
| TEXTURE | Somewhat smooth, some rougher mesa edges  | Even and uniform              | Clumped                            |

## Narrative

This unit includes low rolling hills, buttes and mesa forms with even sage and grass cover. There is fairly dense oil and gas development although it is mainly hidden by rolling landforms.

## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING   | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                       | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5      | Rolling hills and buttes and mesas                             |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2        | Mostly sage with some grass                                    |  |
| WATER                 | 0        | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 1.5      | Subtle variations and contrast with sage and few rock outcrops |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3        | Uinta Mountains, Blue Mountains in distance                    |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1        | Common hills/buttes and sage cover                             |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -1       | Oil and gas development are discordant                         |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>8</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>                               |  |

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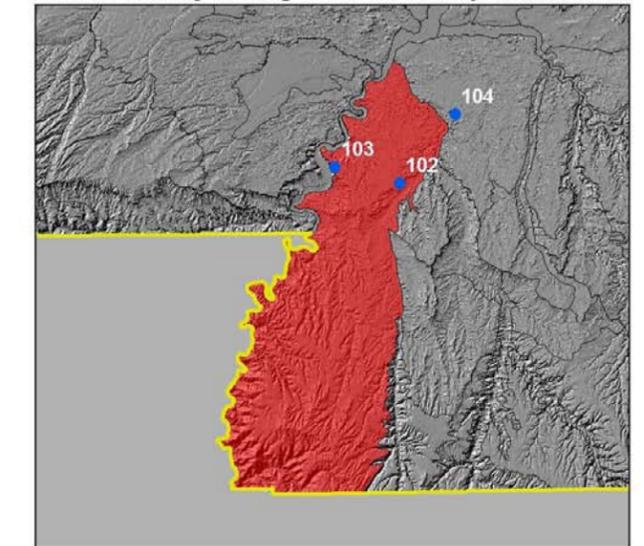
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #42 Tabaygo Canyon

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Field Office: Vernal

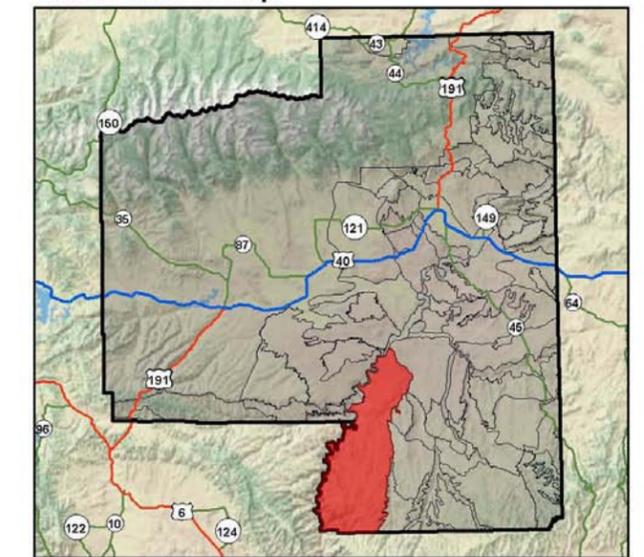
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### Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 42



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## Photos

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Photos

IOP #103



IOP #104



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|---|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Flat valley bottom, steep valley walls, moderate pyramidal buttes and mesas | Directional, linear, sinuous, horizontal following striations         | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Diagonal, horizontal, horizontal striations, serpentine/curving river form  | Curvilinear/serpentine, bold along river, horizontal along striations |                       |
| COLOR   | Buff, brown, red/brown, subtle monotone, some white                         | Green, bright green, gray   |                       |
| TEXTURE | Striated, smooth to sparse  | Sparse on slopes, directional, dense along river, finely stippled     |                       |

## Narrative

This unit includes steep canyon walls with little vegetation. There is dense vegetation in the valley bottom along the river. The Green River valley is location south of Ouram. The unit is mostly undeveloped.

## Photos

IOP #105



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4           | Steep valley walls  |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3           | Little on valley walls, but dense and varied in valley bottom           |  |
| WATER                 | 4           | Green river - not clear but dominant                                    |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5         | Fairly subtle landform colors, vegetation along river is fairly intense |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 1.5         | Some influence of adjacent landforms                                    |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3.5         | Fairly distinctive valley   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Not visible/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>18.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A</b>  |  |

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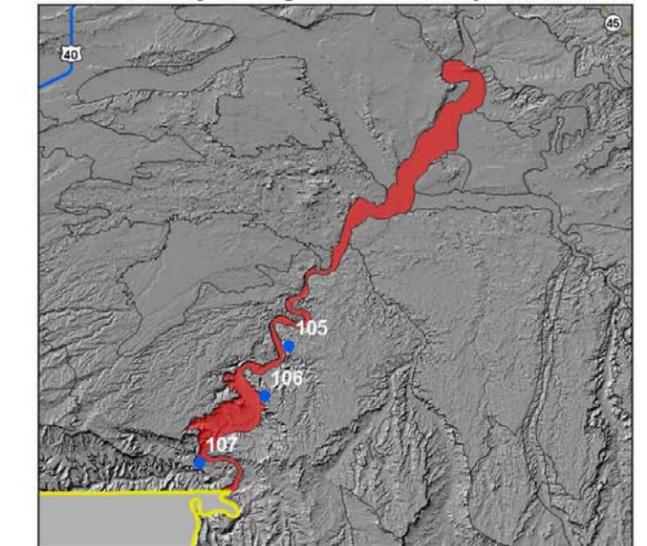
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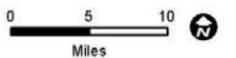
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Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, RSweeten (BLM), Jason (BLM), Brandon (BLM)

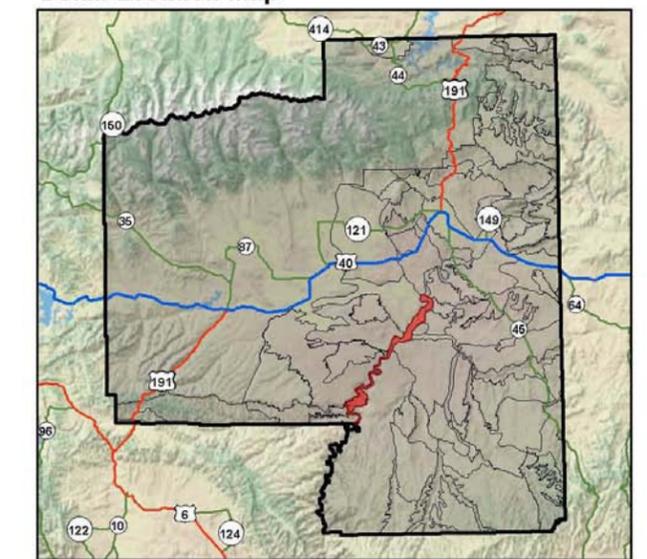
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 43



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IOP #106



IOP #107



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                   | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE                         |
|---------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| FORM    | Flat to gently rolling           | Indistinct, irregular                              | Cylindrical, rectangular, tubular |
| LINE    | Horizontal, slightly undulating  | Low diagonal, directional, weak irregular          | Horizontal, vertical              |
| COLOR   | Brownish purple, grey, red, buff | Orange (of mallow), yellow green, gray sage, green | Desert brown, green               |
| TEXTURE | Smooth                           | Fine   | Scattered                         |

## Narrative

The unit includes flat to gently rolling landforms with multiple oil and gas facilities. There is strong seasonal wildflower color from globe mallows and views of the Uinta Mnts, Leland Bench, Blue Mountain, and Dinosaur Nat'l Monument.

## Photos

IOP #108



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING   | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1        | Flat to gently rolling   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 1        | Monotone although wildflowers add seasonal interest                      |  |
| WATER                 | 0        | No water   |  |
| COLOR                 | 1.5      | Some contrast between soil and vegetation                                |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3.5      | Uinta Mountains, Leland Bench, Blue Mountain, Dinosaur National Monument |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1        | common   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -2       | Multiple oil and gas facilities  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>6</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>   |  |

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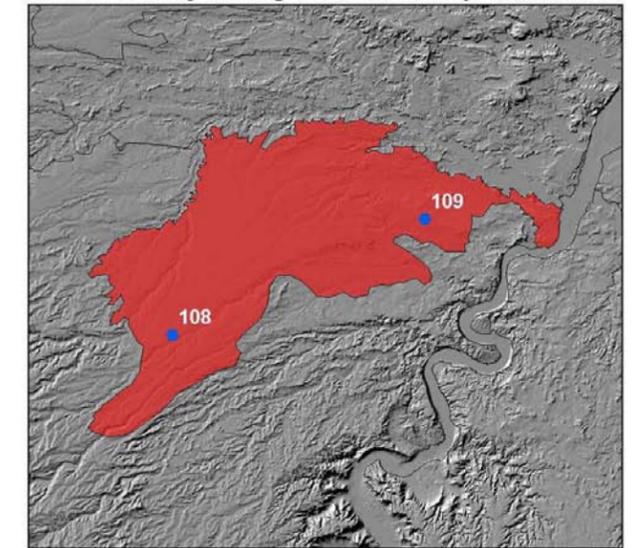
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Pariette Bench

Date: 6/8/2011

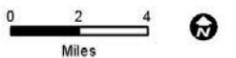
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Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead

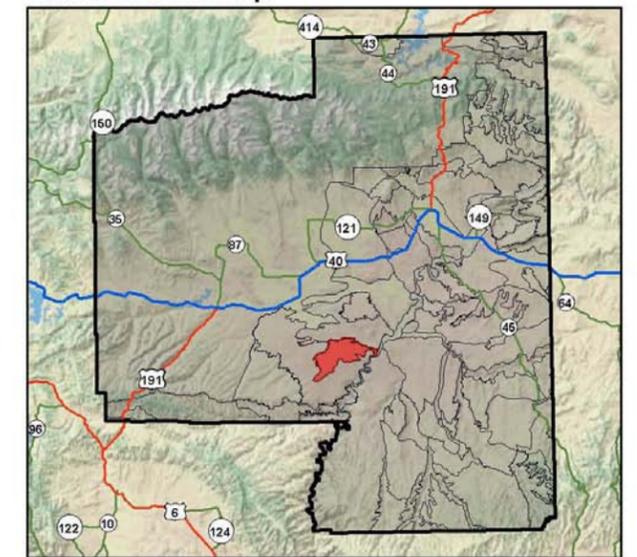
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## Detail Location Map



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Photos

IOP #109



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                        | VEGETATION                            | STRUCTURE                         |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| FORM    | Rounded, broken, some blocky rumbled  | Indistinct, amorphous                 | Cylindrical, rectangular, tubular |
| LINE    | Horizontal, undulating, some diagonal | Sinuuous with drainage, indistinct    | Horizontal, vertical              |
| COLOR   | Purple, brown, tan, red               | Light green, straw, green, gray green | Desert brown, green               |
| TEXTURE | Medium                                | Fine                                  | Scattered                         |

## Narrative

The unit includes lower, rocky drainage areas with some water and outcroppings. Salt desert shrub is present with scattered oil and gas.

## Photos

IOP #110



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING     | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2          | Some low cliffs, rock outcroppings and interesting erosional forms                      |  |
| VEGETATION            | 1.5        | Fairly monotone with some variety in drainages  |  |
| WATER                 | 1          | Somewhat present but isolated   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2          | Some color but little variation between vegetation types                                |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2          | Uinta Mountains, Blue Mountain, Dinosaur National Monument though blocked in some areas |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2          | Interesting but not very unique   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -2         | Multiple oil and gas  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>8.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>  |  |

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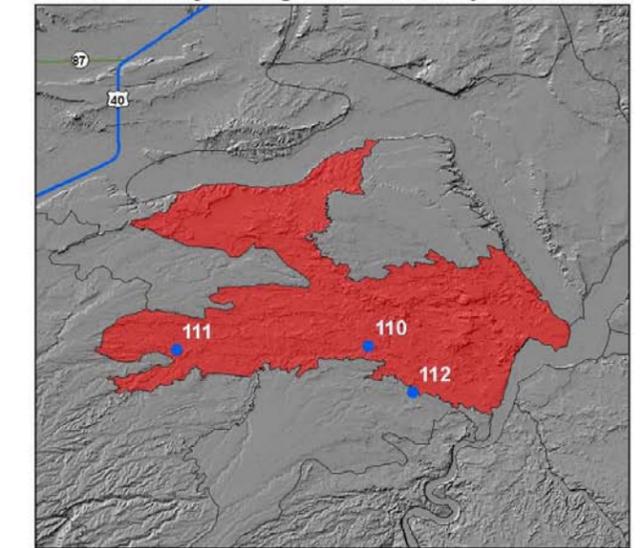
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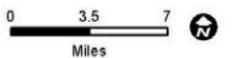
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Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead

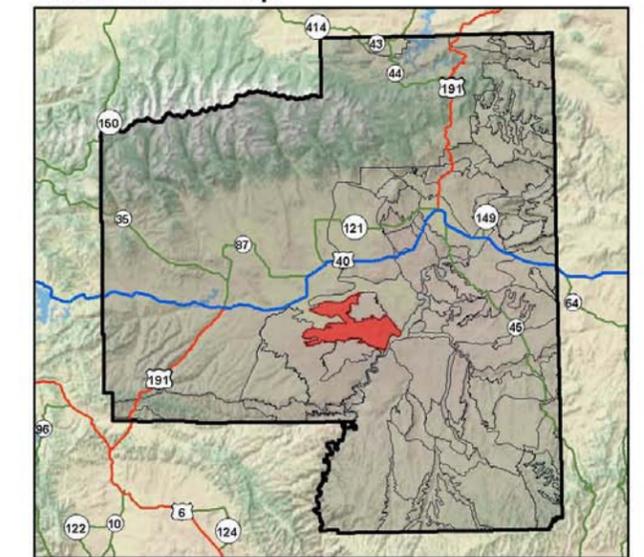
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IOP #112



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER   | VEGETATION                 | STRUCTURE                         |
|---------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| FORM    | Low rolling, some blocky outcroppings, exposed escarpments | Indistinct                 | Cylindrical, rectangular, tubular |
| LINE    | Undulating horizontal, low diagonal with some convergence  | Weak directional, diagonal | Horizontal, vertical              |
| COLOR   | Tan, brown, buff, grey                                     | Gray, sage, green          | Desert brown, green               |
| TEXTURE | Smooth   | Fine, continuous           | Scattered oil and gas facilities  |

## Narrative

This unit is within Myton Bench and is scattered with oil and gas facilities. There are open views north and east and the vegetation is predominantly sage.

## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING   | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                     | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5      | Interesting undulation with rock outcroppings                |  |
| VEGETATION            | 1.5      | Little variety   |  |
| WATER                 | 0        | Little, not visible  |  |
| COLOR                 | 1.5      | Subtle variation, some contrast with landform and vegetation |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3.5      | Open views to Uinta Mountains and Dinosaur National Monument |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1        | Interesting but similar                                      |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -2       | Multiple oil and gas facilities                              |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>7</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>                             |  |

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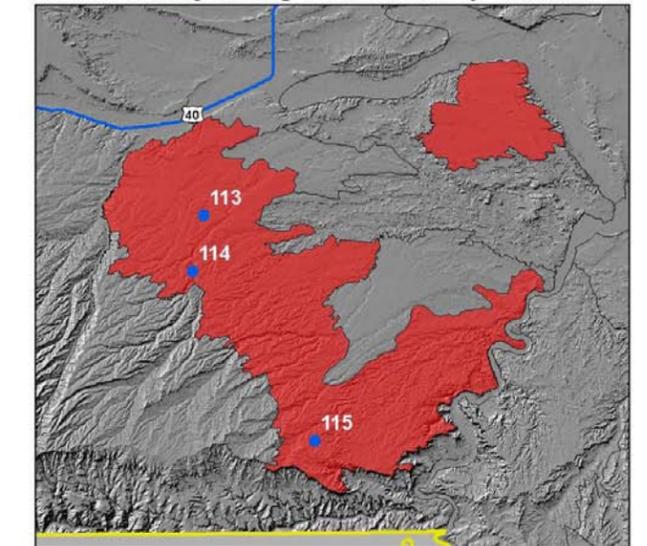
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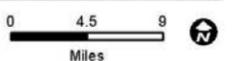
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Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead (BLM)

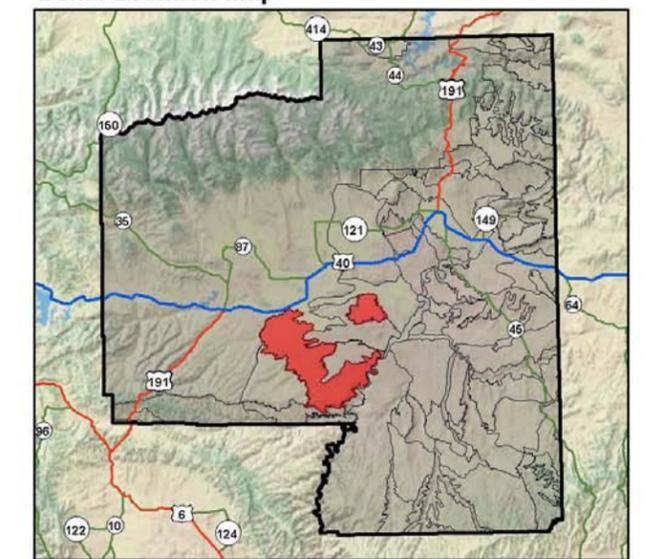
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IOP #114



IOP #115



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION                         | STRUCTURE                        |
|---------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| FORM    | Rounded pyramidal, blocky forms on slopes, rolling                  | Amorphous juniper, linear          | Geometric, rectangular           |
| LINE    | Horizontal striations, vertical, diagonal, sinuous line of drainage | Diagonal, irregular, curvilinear   | Vertical, horizontal, diagonal   |
| COLOR   | Buff, orange, tan, white  | Grey sage, dark green, grass green | Varies, white, green, brown, red |
| TEXTURE | Contrasting, smooth to moderate                                     | Patchy, stippled, medium           | Scattered structures             |

## Narrative

This includes high rolling topography with distinctive eroded slopes along the drainages. The southern edge of the unit includes badland cliffs. Vegetation is predominantly pinyon juniper and sage. There are some scattered oil facilities.

## Photos

IOP #116



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3           | Interesting, eroded slopes with a diversity of landforms             |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3           | pinyon juniper, sage, grass  |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | None present or visible  |  |
| COLOR                 | 3           | Good contrast and color combination of soil and vegetation           |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3           | Uinta Mountain peaks in distance, combination of soil and vegetation |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2.5         | Somewhat distinctive and interesting but somewhat similar            |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>14.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                                     |  |

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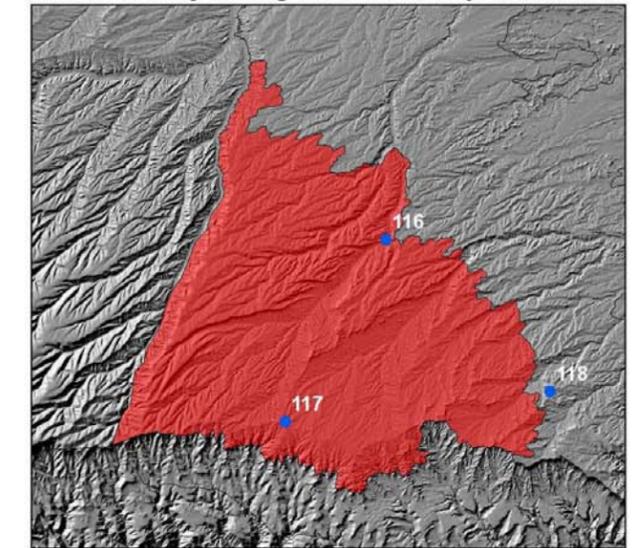
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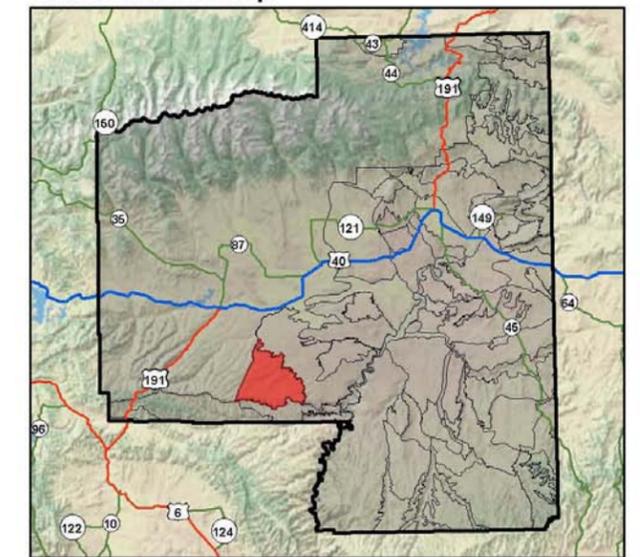
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Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 47



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Photos

IOP #117



IOP #118



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER   | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE                           |
|---------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| FORM    | Flat with rounded pyramidal forms north, steep vertical cliffs and mesas, rectangular triangular | Amorphous groupings of juniper on west end, east end indistinct and sparse triangular | Cylindrical, rectangular, geometric |
| LINE    | Horizontal, diagonal, vertical, curving  | Irregular, directional with landform  | Horizontal, vertical                |
| COLOR   | Grey, white, buff, brown   | Grey sage, grass green, dark green, pinyon juniper                                    | Desert brown, dark green            |
| TEXTURE | Smooth, plateau, medium, faces   | Gradational, patchy, fine to medium   | Dispersed, widely scattered         |

## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3           | Plateau with rounded hills and some vertical cliffs                                 |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2           | Mostly sparse sage, steep faces with no vegetation. The west end has pinyon juniper |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | None visible  |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5         | Some variety and contrast, but muted tones  |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2.5         | Views into Green River and Nine Mile enhance a little                               |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5         | Interesting but common  |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Scattered gas facilities but do not detract   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>11.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>  |  |

## Narrative

The unit includes a flat plateau above Nine Mile Canyon with faces of badland cliffs included in the unit. The west end is populated with pinyon juniper with vegetation more sparse at the east end. Seasonal wildflower color is present.

There are good views into Nine Mile Canyon and the Green River on the east end.

## Photos

IOP #119



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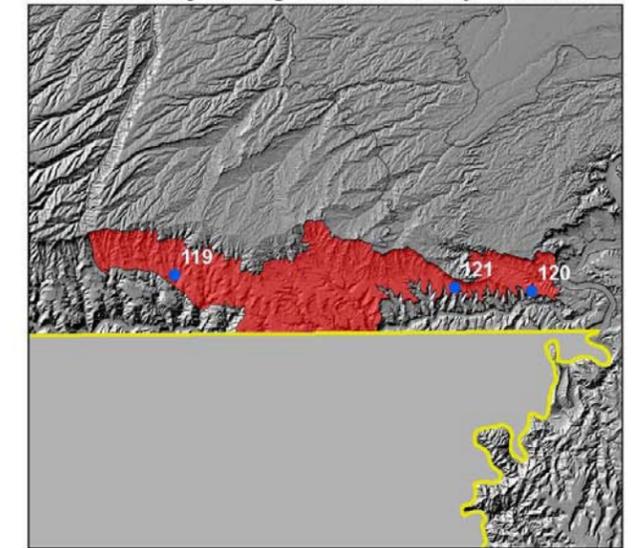
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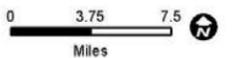
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Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 48



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IOP #120



IOP #121



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                   | VEGETATION                                | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--|---|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Blocky tops, steep canyons, pyramidal slopes     | Amorphous creek bottom, indistinct above  | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, vertical, diagonal, sinuous of creek | Sinuuous, weak, directional with landform |                       |
| COLOR   | Brown, grey, red, buff, white                    | Grey sage, light green, green             |                       |
| TEXTURE | Broken, rough                                    | Fine                                      |                       |

## Narrative

The unit includes Nine Mile Canyon within the Vernal Field Office. Cultural modifications include farmsteads, trailers, and petroglyphs.

## Photos

IOP #122



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4.5         | Steep canyons, prominent features          |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2.5         | Some diversity, riparian below             |  |
| WATER                 | 2           | Flowing creek, not dominant feature        |  |
| COLOR                 | 3           | Some intensity and variation, not dominant |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 0.5         | Green River confluence                     |  |
| SCARCITY              | 4           | Distinctive and unique                     |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 1           | Ancient cultural art                       |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>17.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>           |  |

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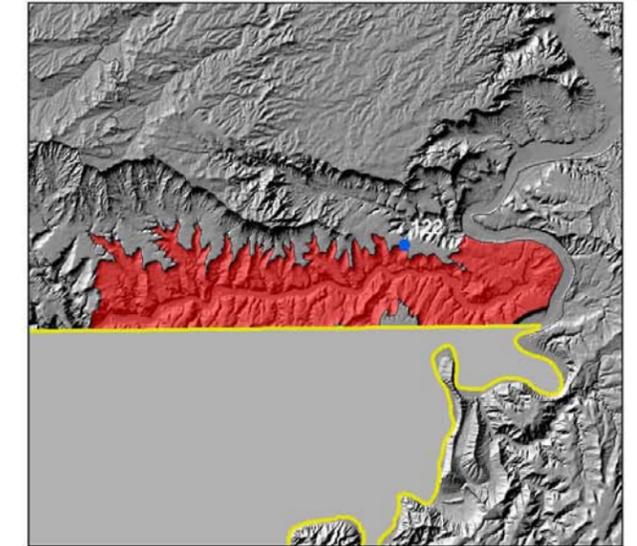
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Nine Mile Canyon VFO

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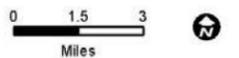
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Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOlmstead (BLM)

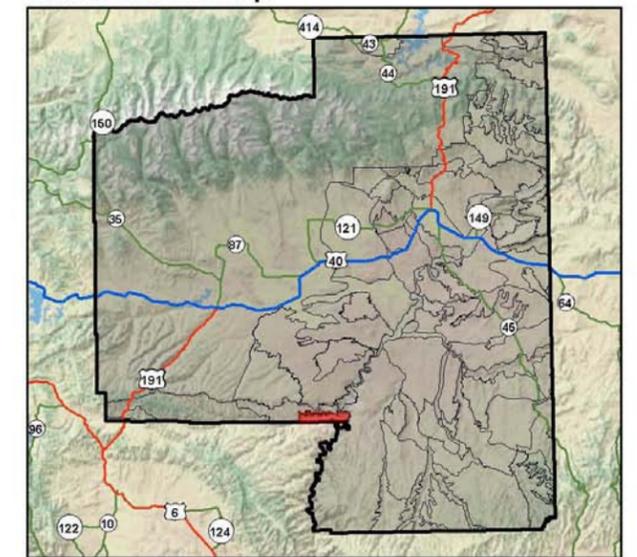
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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER   | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE                    |
|---------|--|---|------------------------------|
| FORM    | Flat to gently rolling with some areas more deeply rolling | Some rounded individual, indistinct   | Cylindrical, rectangular     |
| LINE    | Horizontal, rounded, undulating                            | Irregular along edges or pinyon juniper but mostly indistinct                         | Curved, horizontal, vertical |
| COLOR   | Tan, buff  | Gray sage, dark green pinyon juniper, evergreens at some location at higher elevation | Tan, dark green              |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to medium   | Fine, stippled  | Scattered                    |

## Narrative

The unit is an upper plateau area with extensive sage cover in some areas and pinyon juniper cover in others. There is a distant view of the Green River formation to the north.

## Photos

IOP #161



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5         | Mostly rolling hills and flat areas  |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3           | Mix of pinyon juniper, shrubs, and sage  |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2           | Mostly gray green of vegetation  |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3           | Surrounding mountains, Green River formation enhances setting                  |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5         | Sage and pinyon juniper flats and fills common but on elevated plateau less so |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -0.5        | Some effects from oil and gas development but (not?) highly noticeable         |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>10.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>   |  |

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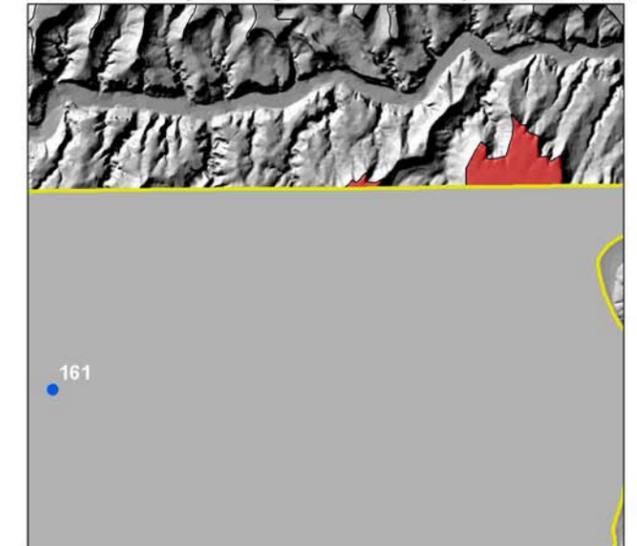
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Horse Bench

Date: 6/8/2011

Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: MMeyer, KWharton, Allan (BLM), Don S. (BLM)

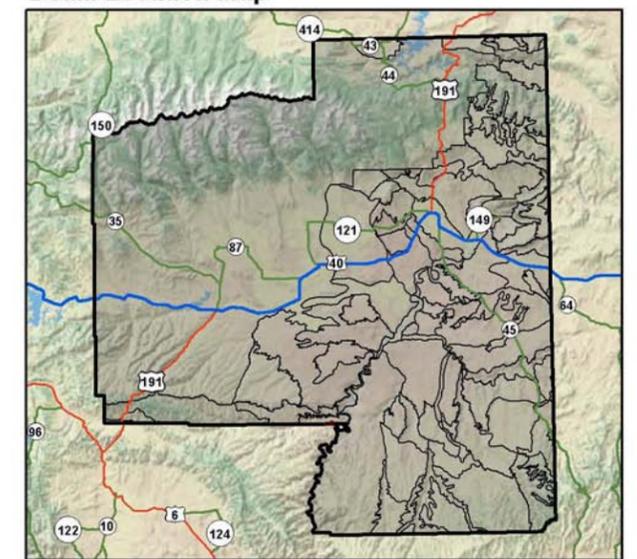
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 48B



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER   | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE                      |
|---------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| FORM    | Rounded pyramidal on south, prominent steep cliffs on north, blocky, some spire features | Indistinct, sinuous along creek, amorphous groupings                                      | Geometric, rectangular         |
| LINE    | Converging, diagonal, horizontal, vertical   | Directional with landform, sinuous with creek, weak                                       | Horizontal, vertical, diagonal |
| COLOR   | White, buff, grey, orangish-tan  | Grey sage, light green, deciduous dark green, pinyon juniper and spruce/pine, grass green | varies                         |
| TEXTURE | Smoother on south, medium to slightly rugged on north                                    | Variable, even/dense to scattered/stippled, medium to rough                               | widely scattered               |

## Narrative

The unit includes defined canyons and valley associated with Argyle Creek. At the center the north side is steep with rugged cliffs and outcroppings while the south side is more gentle with rounded slopes.

Vegetation ranges from riparian in the drainages to sage and pinyon juniper and conifer and aspen on higher slopes.

## Photos

IOP #123



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4         | Steep canyons, rock outcropping  |  |
| VEGETATION            | 4         | good range and diversity, riparian to alpine   |  |
| WATER                 | 3         | Flowing creek, visible in multiple locations though not dominant                     |  |
| COLOR                 | 3         | Good color combination/contrast between vegetation types and rock/soil, not dominant |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2         | Adjacent scenery exists but predominantly not visible from majority of unit          |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3         | Distinctive but similar  |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Some structures but very dispersed   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>19</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A</b>   |  |

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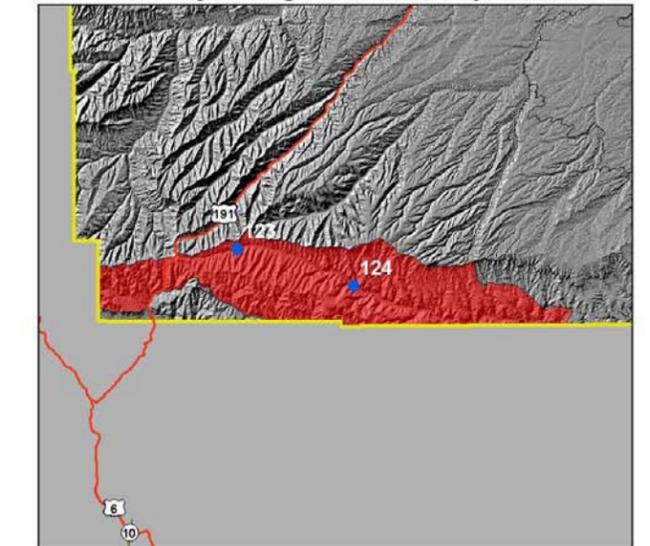
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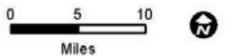
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Evaluators: RDonigan, VPfeiffer, SOImstead (BLM)

### Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 49



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IOP #124



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                             | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE                    |
|---------|--|---|------------------------------|
| FORM    | Flat to gently rolling, broad valley/bench | Indistinct  | Rectangular                  |
| LINE    | Horizontal, undulating                     | Some irregular along patch edges                          | Horizontal, vertical, angled |
| COLOR   | Tan, buff, little exposed                  | Gray sage, juniper, minimal dark green, light green aspen | Tan, white, gray             |
| TEXTURE | Smooth                                     | Fine, stippled  | Scattered                    |

## Narrative

This unit includes rolling sage and agriculture in a bench area that transitions between formations in the Book Cliffs. Some agriculture use adds to the setting. Some small areas of aspen extend down the hills into the bench at eastern end.

## Photos

IOP #169



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2         | Gently rolling with some hills                                    |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2         | Mostly sage with some pinyon juniper, evergreen along the fringes |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | Not visible   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5       | Mostly gray-green of sage and pastures                            |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3.5       | Book Cliffs provide dramatic backdrop                             |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5       | Sage flat areas somewhat common                                   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0.5       | Pastoral setting with agriculture use                             |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>12</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                                  |  |

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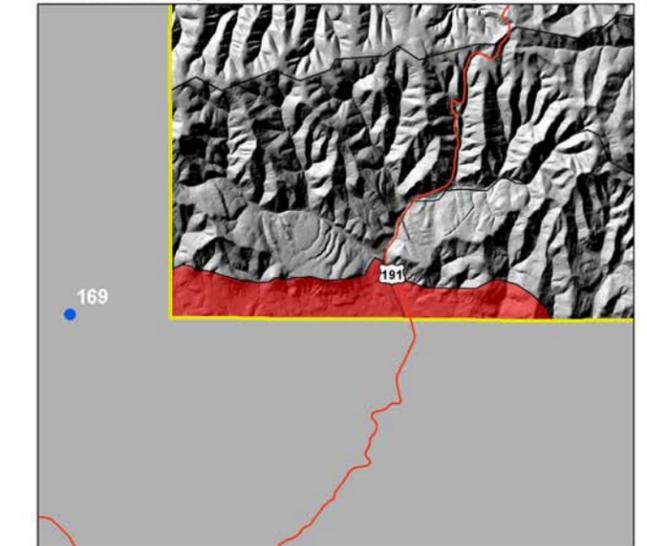
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Emma Park

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Field Office: Vernal

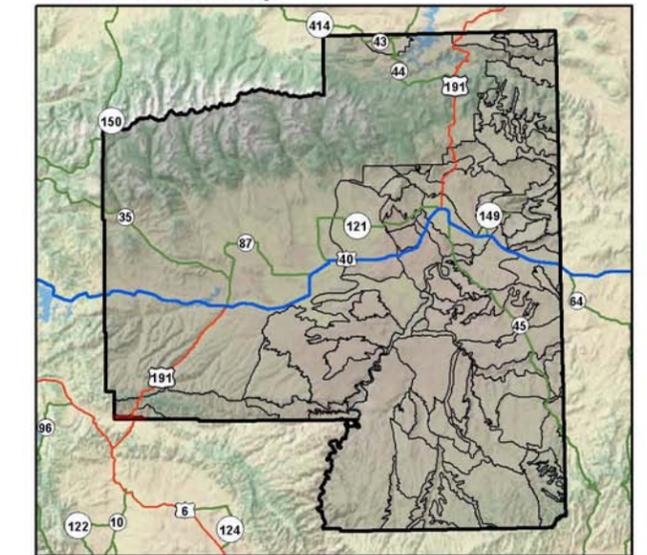
Evaluators: MMeyer, KWharton

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 49A



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION                               | STRUCTURE                                       |
|---------|---|--|---|
| FORM    | Vertical escarpment, alluvial drainage, undulating valley | Indistinct                               | Cylindrical, rectangular, curvilinear pipelines |
| LINE    | Angular alluvial, vertical cliff faces, horizontal        | Indistinct in directional                | Vertical and horizontal                         |
| COLOR   | Buff, brown, gray   | Gray/green, dark green, pinyon juniper   | Beige, rust                                     |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to moderate, some rugged escarpments               | Stippled to gradational smooth to medium | Clustered, smooth                               |

## Narrative

This unit includes a large mesa broken by drainage into multiple mesas and buttes. Vegetation includes sage, grass, scattered pinyon juniper. There is some oil and gas development scattered in some areas.

## Photos

IOP #125



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3           | Steep mesas and buttes; not exceptional                                   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2.5         | Mostly sage and grass mix; some pinyon juniper                            |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | Absent  |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5         | Some variety with sage and pinyon juniper contrasting with landform color |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3           | Uinta Mountains, Blue Mountain, Split Mountain in distance                |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2           | Fairly common mesa/butte forms with sage and pinyon juniper mix           |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -0.5        | Some oil and gas development  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>12.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>  |  |

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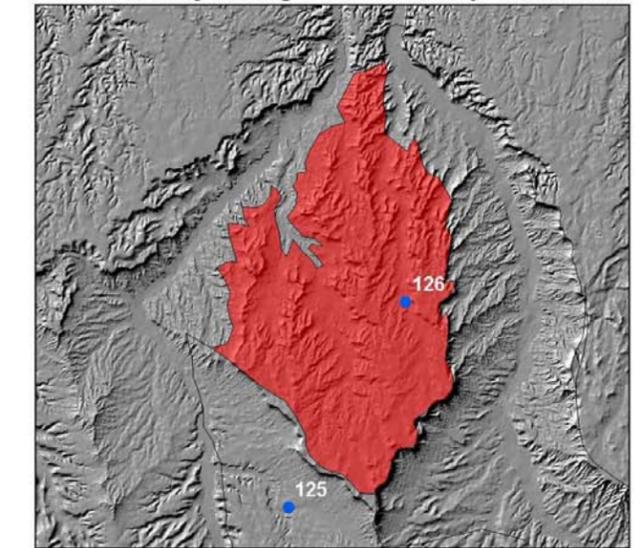
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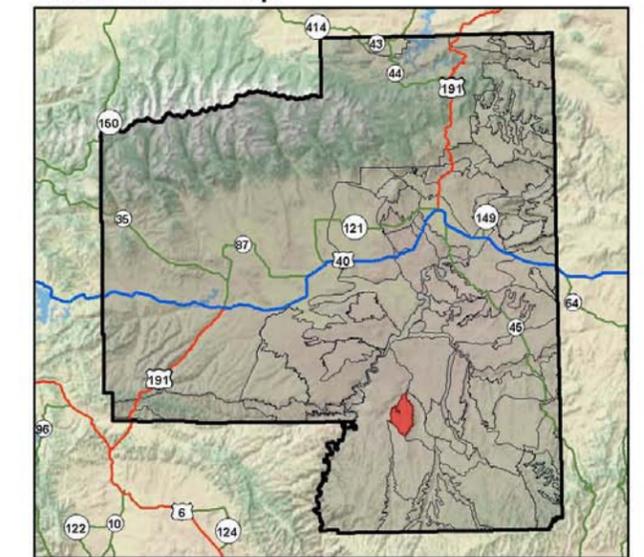
Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, RSweeten (BLM), Jason (BLM), Brandon

### Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 50



### Detail Location Map



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IOP #126



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                        | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Horizontal with rolling hills         | Indistinct with solid sage patches                            | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, some rounded and diagonal | Indistinct  |                       |
| COLOR   | Brown, beige                          | Dark green pinyon juniper, gray/green sage, brown/tan grasses |                       |
| TEXTURE | Fairly uniform and smooth             | Uniform sage stippled, directional                            |                       |

## Narrative

This unit consists of rolling hills and drainage ways draining north and northwest toward Bitter Creek and Hill Creek. Vegetation is mostly even sage and grass cover with scattered to clumped pinyon juniper.

There are a few oil and gas wells.

## Photos

IOP #127



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2           | Rolling hills and drainages  |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2.5         | Sage, grasses, pinyon juniper  |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5         | Some intensity/contrast with pinyon juniper and sage/landforms       |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3           | Big Pack Mountain and Seep Ridge nearby; Uinta Mountains in distance |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2           | Fairly common rolling hills with sage and pinyon juniper             |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -0.5        | Some oil and gas development   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>11.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                                     |  |

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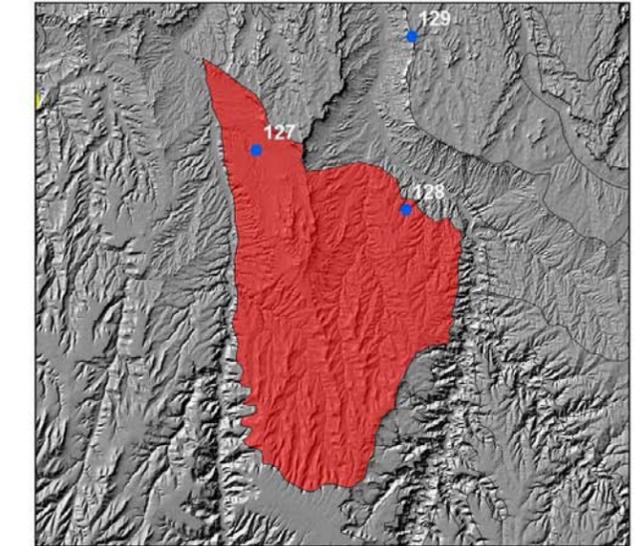
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #51 Johnson Draw

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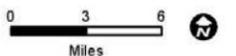
Field Office: Vernal

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

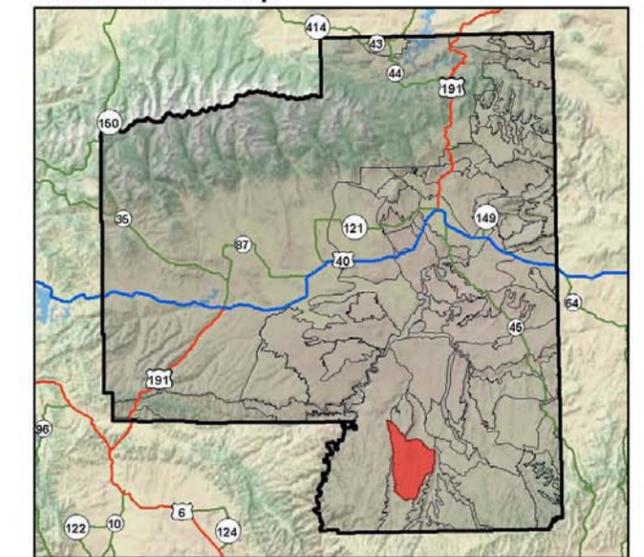
### Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 51



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IOP #129



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE                     |
|---------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| FORM    | Flat valley bottom, vertical side escarpment, talus slopes                                    | Solid curvilinear greasewood mass in valley, sparse on escarpment            | Cylinders, rectangular        |
| LINE    | Horizontal striations, curvilinear valley bottom, angled talus slopes, some vertical outcrops | Broken, curvilinear between riparian and slopes                              | Vertical, horizontal, angular |
| COLOR   | Tan, dark brown, gray   | Gray/green, green  | Green/brown, olive, tan       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth in valley, moderate to rough vertical escarpments                                      | Directional up washes, smooth to moderate, smooth uniform, greasewood bottom | Clustered                     |

## Narrative

This unit is a valley bottom with vertical walls and escarpments. There is dense greasewood on valley floor with some tamarisk and cottonwood along the creek. The valley walls have little vegetation - mostly horizontal striations of sage.

There is some oil and gas development, pipelines, and ranches. The development contributes movement to the landscape.

## Photos

IOP #130



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5       | Broad valley with dominant vertical valley walls                                |  |
| VEGETATION            | 2.5       | Mostly greasewood and sparse sage   |  |
| WATER                 | 2         | Present but not visible from most locations                                     |  |
| COLOR                 | 3         | Some intensity/contrast with valley walls and dense greasewood in valley bottom |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2         | Uinta Mountains to north in distance  |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2         | Fairly common valley form   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -1        | Oil and gas development   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>14</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>  |  |

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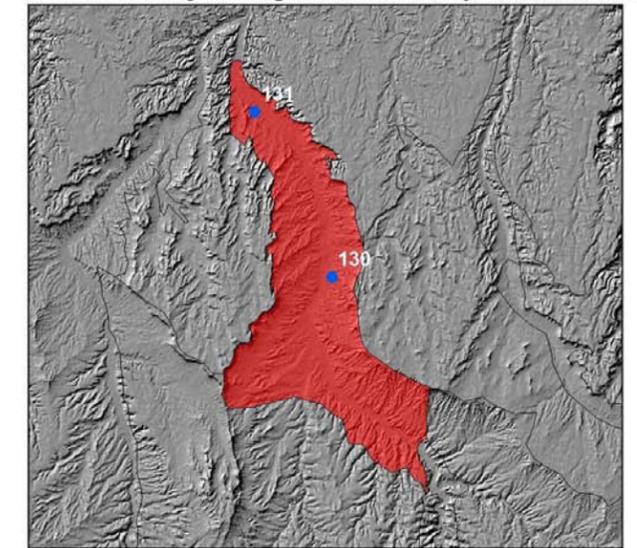
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #51A North Willow Creek

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Field Office: Vernal

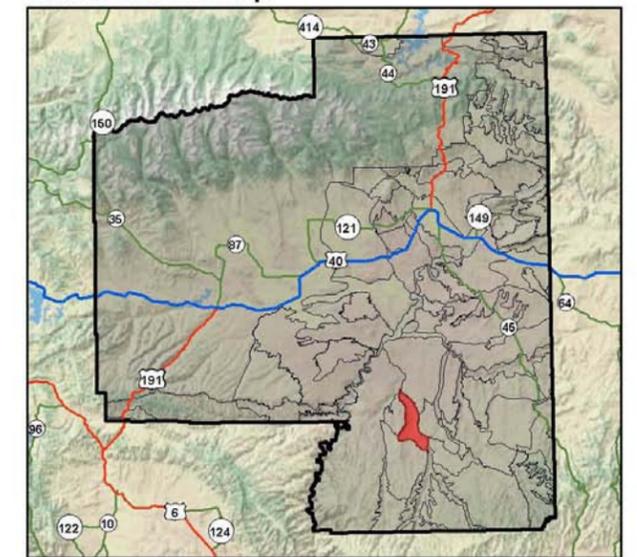
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## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 51A



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IOP #131



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Terraced, bench with short escarpments and rock outcrops          | Large irregular, amorphic sage patches, dense pinyon juniper patches | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Sloped/angled, horizontal, terraces                               | Irregular, curvilinear, between pinyon juniper and sage patches      |                       |
| COLOR   | Gray, brown, tan, beige   | Dark green pinyon juniper, sage gray, light green to gold grasses    |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth with some rough outcropping, fairly uniform, medium coarse | Uniform smooth to moderate   |                       |

## Narrative

This unit is a terraced bench on the west side of willow creek above the valley. Vegetation is fairly dense pinyon juniper with large patches of dense sage. The unit is mostly undeveloped.

## Photos

IOP #132



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                      | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2.5         | Benched, sloped, rock outcrops                                |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3           | Pinyon juniper, grasses, sages                                |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | Absent  |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5         | Some variation/contrast between pinyon juniper and beige soil |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2.5         | Primarily adjacent willow creek valley                        |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2           | Fairly common rolling/terraced with pinyon juniper cover      |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Not visible/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>12.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                              |  |

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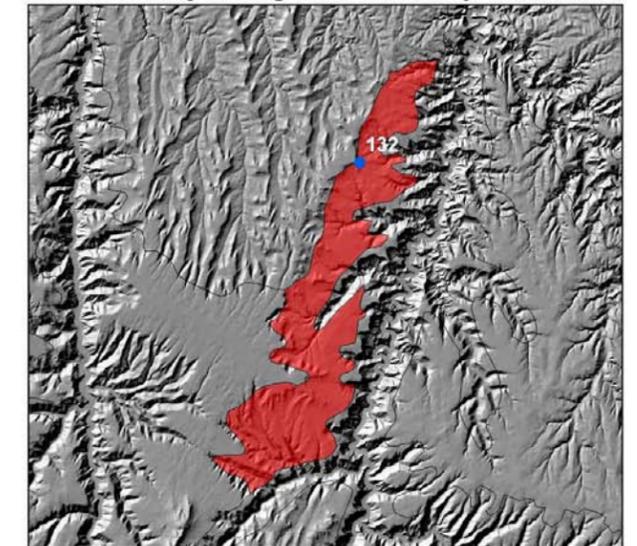
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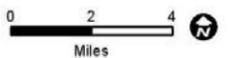
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Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, RSweeten (BLM), Jason W. (BLM), Brandon

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## 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            |

## 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.

## Photos

IOP #133



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| 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   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>19</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A</b>   |  |

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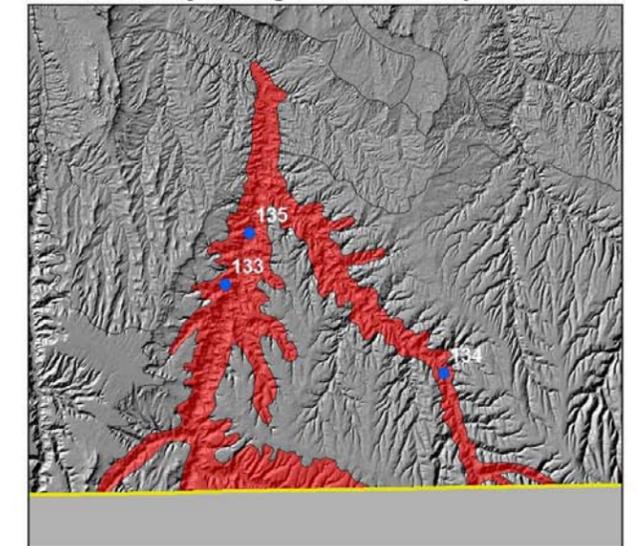
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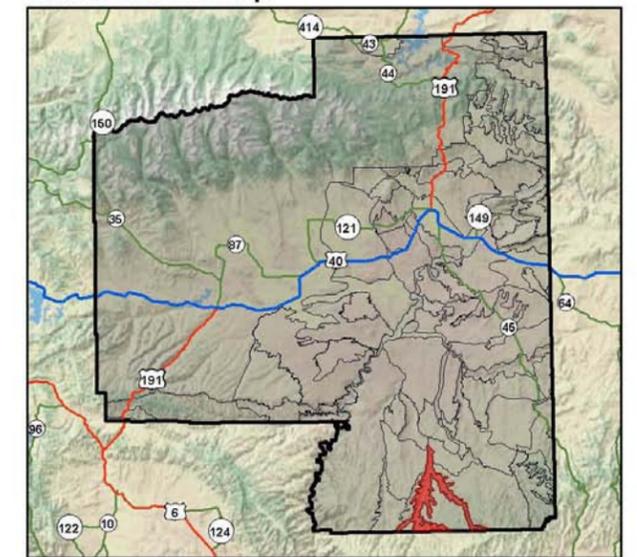
Field Office: Vernal

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

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 53



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IOP #135



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## 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.

## Photos

IOP #168



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| 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 |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>16</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>   |  |

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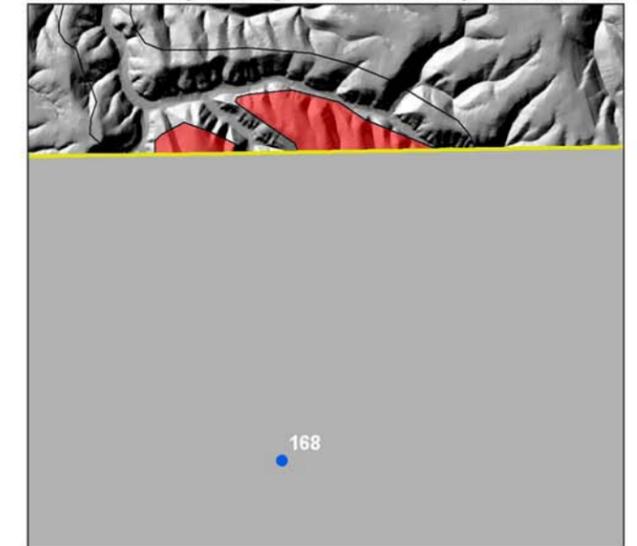
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Horse Ridge

Date: 11/4/2010

Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: CJohnson, JKeller, JJames, TMurdock

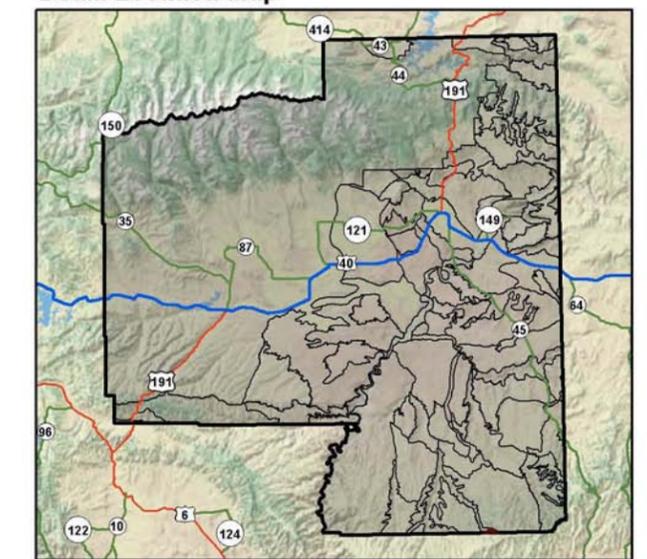
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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                      | VEGETATION                                       | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Flat to rolling                     | Indistinct                                       | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, undulating, some curves | Irregular along patch edges                      |                       |
| COLOR   | Tan to reddish, little exposed      | Gray sage, dark green of pinyon juniper dominant |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to medium                    | Fine to coarse, stippled                         |                       |

## Narrative

The unit includes extensive pinyon juniper, The topography is rolling with some steeper hills and flat areas. Vegetation treatments have been done in some areas outside WSA which has resulted in large sage expanses.

A fire has occurred previously in the WSA.

## Photos

IOP #136



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING     | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                       | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5        | Mostly rolling, flat in some areas                             |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3          | Good mix of pinyon juniper and sage throughout                 |  |
| WATER                 | 0          | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2          | Gray green vegetation colors are dominant                      |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 1          | Distant views of Uinta Mountains don't add much to the setting |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2          | Pinyon juniper hills somewhat common in Colorado Plateau       |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0          | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>9.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>                               |  |

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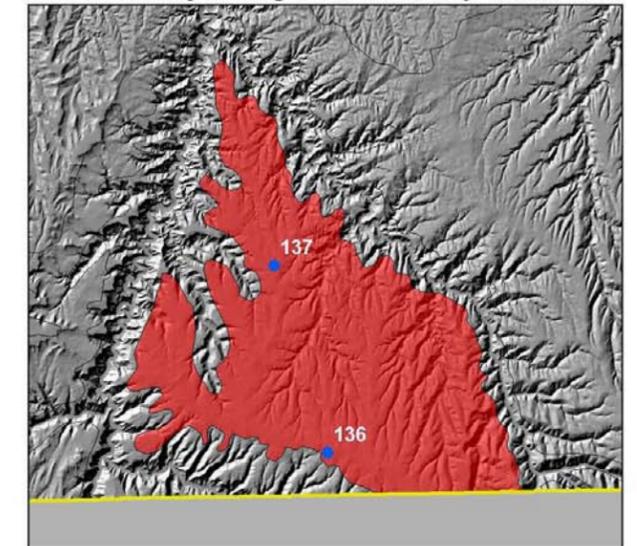
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Date: 6/7/2011

Field Office: Vernal

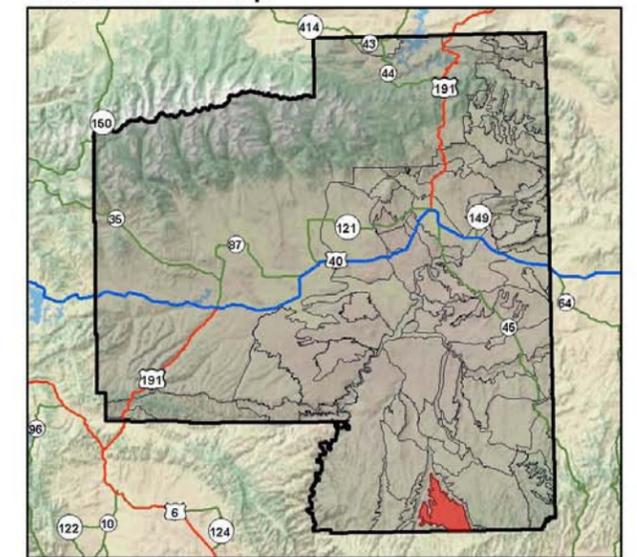
Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 54



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Photos

IOP #137



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                            | VEGETATION                               | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Rolling, sloped, conical, some mesa forms | Rounded individual, indistinct           | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Angled, rounded, undulating               | Indistinct, some irregular along patches |                       |
| COLOR   | Light buff, tan, gray                     | Dark green of pinyon juniper, gray       |                       |
| TEXTURE | Smooth                                    | Medium                                   |                       |

## Narrative

This unit includes a sloped, broad and open rolling canyon with moderate pinyon juniper cover on slopes. Horizontal banding in light buff gray is present on landforms.

## Photos

IOP #138



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5       | Prominent canyon forms   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3         | Good mix of pinyon juniper, sage in bottoms plus shrub/scrub diversity |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 3         | Mix of dark greens and light buff                                      |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 1.5       | Not prominent from more locations                                      |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3         | Canyons somewhat common, similar to other canyons                      |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>14</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                                       |  |

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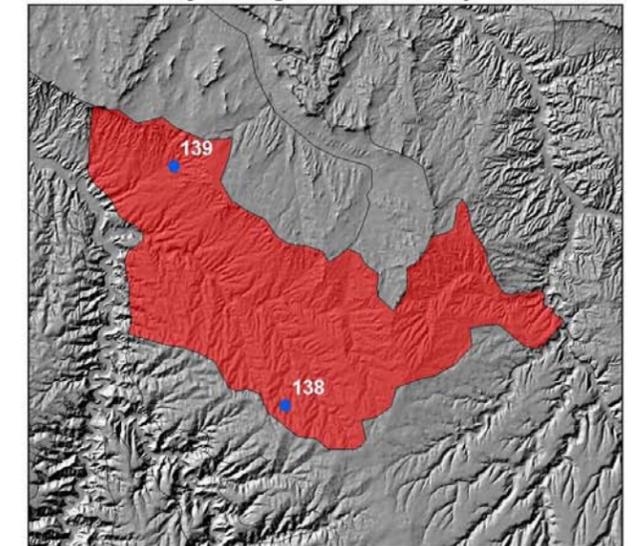
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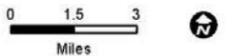
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Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames

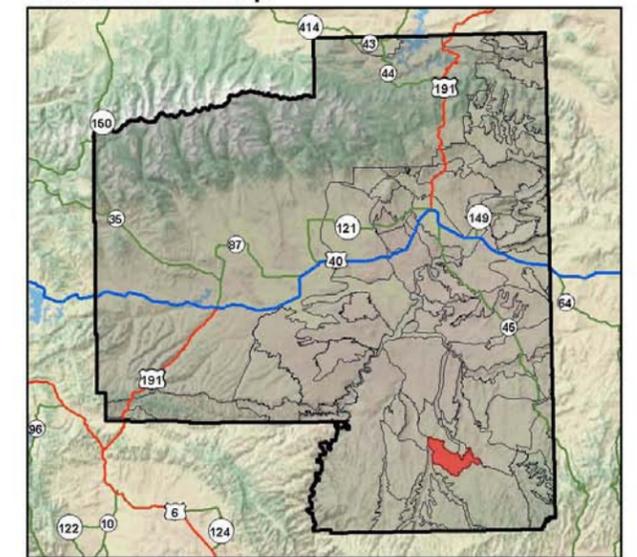
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 55



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IOP #139



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                   | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE                     |
|---------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| FORM    | Flat valley bottom, steep to vertical side walls | Amorphous in bottom, indistinct on slopes   | Rectangular, cylindrical      |
| LINE    | Horizontal bands, angled to rounded, vertical    | Horizontal, undulating horizontal, diagonal to indistinct   | Horizontal, vertical, angular |
| COLOR   | Brown, beige, gray, white, red/brown             | Dark green, sage green, green greasewood  | Tan/green, beige              |
| TEXTURE | smooth valley bottom, rough to rugged sides      | Smooth and dense in bottom, clustered to scattered pinyon juniper on slopes, sparse in steep openings | Clustered                     |

## Narrative

The unit is a deep valley which is narrow at the north end and widens considerably towards the south. The unit drains north toward the White River. There are steeply sloped valley walls with sparse to scattered pinyon juniper and sage.

The flat valley bottom is dense with greasewood and sage cover. There are oil and gas developments but overall they are minimal throughout the unit.

## Photos

IOP #140



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5         | Interesting valley with steeply sloped walls                       |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3.5         | Good variety of vegetation forms, pinyon juniper, greasewood, sage |  |
| WATER                 | 0.5         | Present but not visible from most locations                        |  |
| COLOR                 | 3           | Not dominant; some variety in vegetation and rock color            |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 0           | Not visible/no impact  |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3           | Distinctive valley though somewhat similar to others               |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Absent/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>13.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                                   |  |

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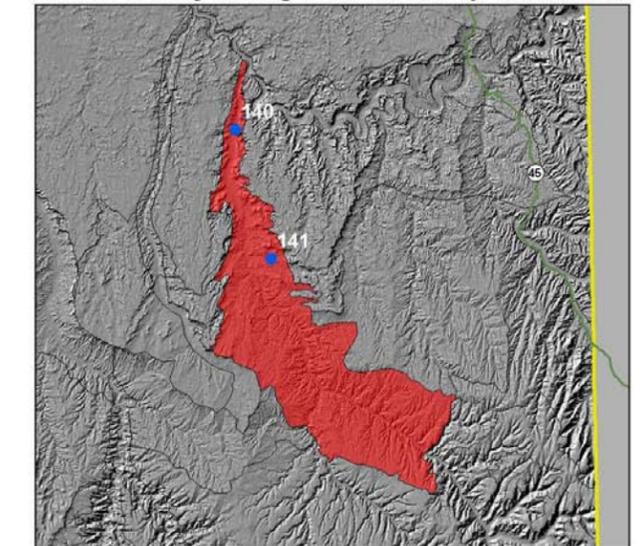
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #56 Bitter Creek Canyon

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Field Office: Vernal

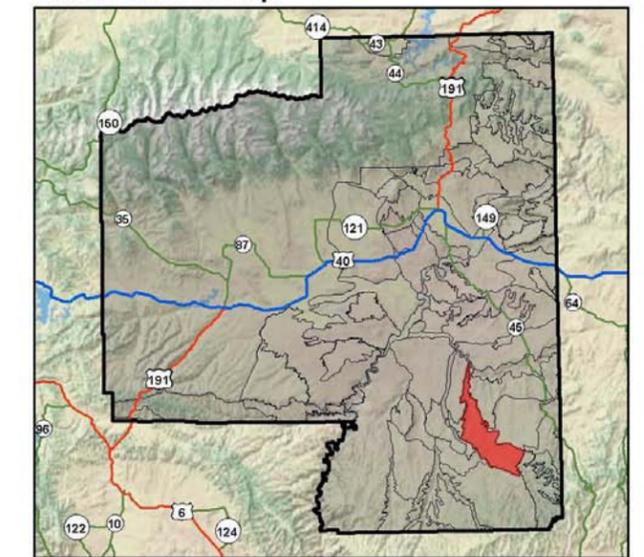
Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, Dave (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 56



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IOP #141



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                             | VEGETATION                                    | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|--|---|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Rolling, flat in some areas, rounded hills | Indistinct                                    | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal, curved, angular, undulating    | Irregular along patch edges                   |                       |
| COLOR   | Tall, buff, not much exposed               | Gray sage, dark green pinyon juniper dominant |                       |
| TEXTURE | Medium                                     | Fine to coarse, stippled                      |                       |

## Narrative

This unit includes rolling hills and has abundant pinyon juniper. There are extensive vegetation treatments in some areas which have increased the open sage areas.

## Photos

IOP #142



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2           | Gently rolling, sloped, some flat areas  |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3           | Intermixed sage, pinyon juniper in large to small patchy patterns                    |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | No water visible   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2           | Dark green pinyon juniper, gray sage, not much color from landform                   |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2           | Some benefit from distant mountains, canyons adjacent offer some setting enhancement |  |
| SCARCITY              | 1.5         | Sage, pinyon juniper, rolling hills are fairly common                                |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Some oil and gas development but not discordant over the vast unit                   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>10.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = C</b>   |  |

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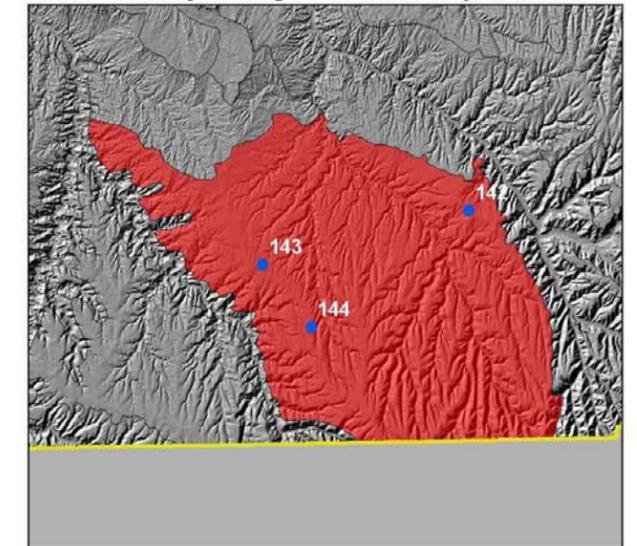
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #57 East Seep Ridge

Date: 6/7/2011

Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: MMeyer, JJames, Dave (BLM), Evan (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 57



## Detail Location Map



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IOP #143



IOP #144



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                    | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE             |
|---------|---|--|-----------------------|
| FORM    | Flat to rolling bottom, vertical steep side walls | Indistinct to amorphic conical fir                     | No structures visible |
| LINE    | Horizontal banding, converging, undulating        | Indistinct to directional                              |                       |
| COLOR   | Brown, red/brown, tan, gray                       | Dark green, green and white of aspen, gray, green, tan |                       |
| TEXTURE | Moderate with rough exposed tock faces            | Medium, patchy, varied                                 |                       |

## Narrative

The unit encompasses a deep valley with steep to vertical valley walls. There is dense sage and greasewood in valley bottoms. Pinyon juniper, sage, fir, oak, and aspen are present on slopes.

## Photos

IOP #145



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4         | Dominant valley form with steep to vertical walls.              |  |
| VEGETATION            | 4.5       | Good variety, fir, oak, pinyon juniper, aspen, sage, greasewood |  |
| WATER                 | 1         | Seasonal water  |  |
| COLOR                 | 4         | Vegetation contrast with rock outcrops                          |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 0         | Not visible   |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3.5       | Distinctive valley with rich vegetation                         |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Not present/no impact   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>17</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                                |  |

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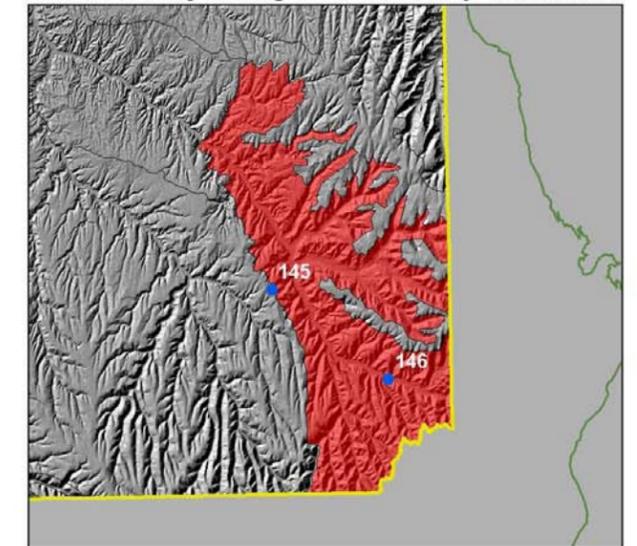
Scenic Quality Rating Unit #58  
Upper Bitter Creek

Date: 6/8/2011

Field Office: Vernal

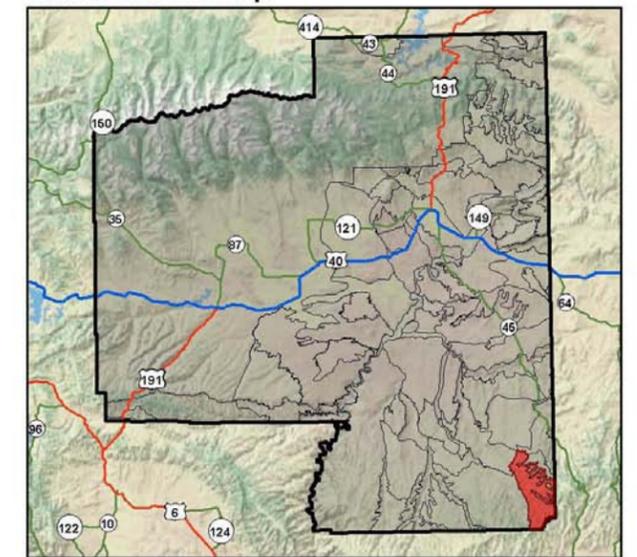
Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, Dave (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 58



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IOP #146



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                 | VEGETATION                                     | STRUCTURE                      |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| FORM    | Rolling, gentle                | Even to indistinct, some patches of sage       | Rectangular, cylindrical       |
| LINE    | Softly rounded, and undulating | Indistinct                                     | Vertical, horizontal, diagonal |
| COLOR   | Not often visible, tan         | Dark green, sage/fray-green, grass green/straw | Beige, green, tan              |
| TEXTURE | Smooth/fine                    | Smooth to medium                               | Clustered                      |

## Narrative

The unit consists of rolling uplands with few large burn areas. Vegetation includes sage, pinyon juniper, some fir, oak, seasonal wildflowers. There is some oil and gas development.

## Photos

IOP #147



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 1.5         | Rolling uplands  |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3.5         | Good variety, mostly pinyon juniper and sage, also fir, oak, and grasses |  |
| WATER                 | 0           | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5         | Some intensity/contrast in sage and evergreen vegetation                 |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3           | Uinta Mountains, Blue Mountain in distance                               |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2           | Fairly common except for fir and oak vegetation                          |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           | Not present/no impact  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>12.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>   |  |

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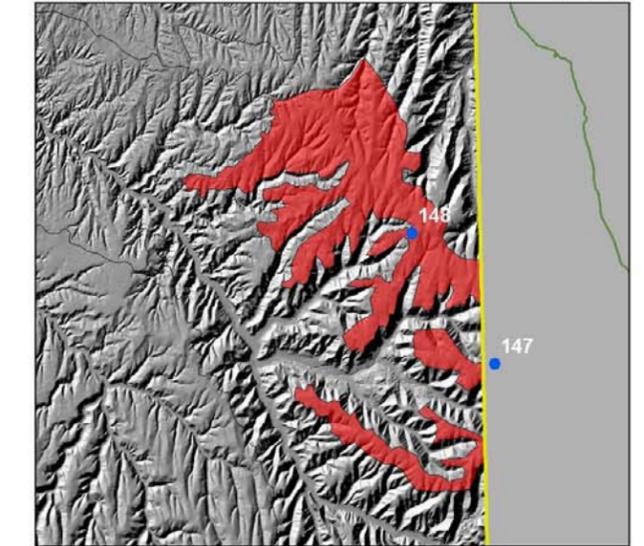
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #59 Achee Uplands

Date: 6/8/2011

Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, Dave (BLM)

### Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 59



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Photos

IOP #148



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION  | STRUCTURE                      |
|---------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| FORM    | Rolling to moderately rugged, rock forms and outcrops | Amorphic, flowing to patchy   | Rectangular, cylindrical       |
| LINE    | Soft/flowing to broken and angular                    | Curvilinear at edges of pinyon juniper, sage and grasses              | Vertical, horizontal, diagonal |
| COLOR   | Red/brown, beige, gray/tan                            | Dark green, gray/green, light brown, green grasses, tan/straw grasses | Tan/green                      |
| TEXTURE | Moderate to slightly rugged                           | Moderate, gradational, clumped  | Clustered                      |

## Narrative

This unit includes rolling to moderately rugged landforms with some oil and gas development. Pinyon juniper, sage, and grasses are present with some patchiness.

## Photos

IOP #149



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE   | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2.5       | Rolling to moderately rugged   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 4         | Good variety with dense patches of pinyon juniper, grasses, and sage |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | Absent   |  |
| COLOR                 | 3.5       | Dense patches of vegetation are contrasting and dominant             |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 1.5       | Adjacent landforms visible from some areas                           |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3         | Distinctive vegetative patches although somewhat similar to others   |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -0.5      | Some oil and gas although not visible from most locations            |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>14</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                                     |  |

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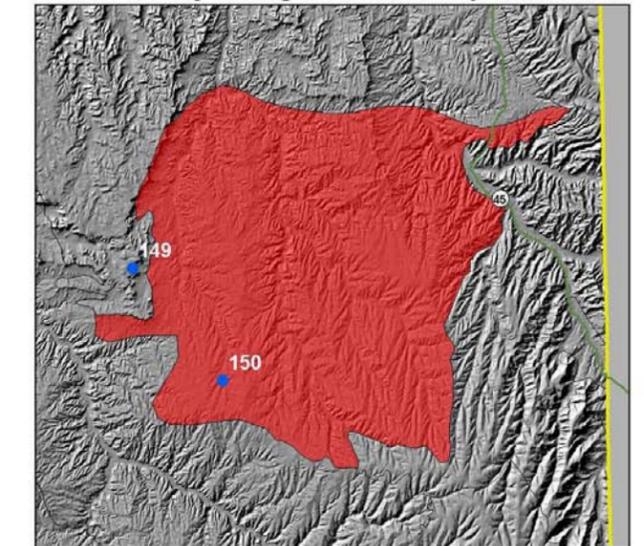
Scenic Quality Rating Unit #60  
Long Draw

Date: 6/8/2011

Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, Dave (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 60



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IOP #150



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION                     | STRUCTURE                      |
|---------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FORM    | Large desert buttes and canyons, towers/fins, multiple canyons, intermittent            | Indistinct, landform dependent | Rectangular, cylindrical       |
| LINE    | Broken/undulating, horizontal/vertical, curvilinear in canyons, sharp/rugged rock forms | Indistinct, striated           | Vertical, horizontal, diagonal |
| COLOR   | Brown, tan, desert varnish  | Dark green, sage grey green,   | Beige, green                   |
| TEXTURE | Rough, rugged   | Moderate to fine               | Clustered                      |

## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4         | Desert buttes and towers                                |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3.5       | Sage, greasewood, pinyon juniper, grasses               |  |
| WATER                 | 0         | Absent  |  |
| COLOR                 | 3         | Contrast with pinyon juniper and sage, soil, rock color |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2         | Uinta Mountains, Blue Mountain in distance              |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2.5       | Interesting desert buttes                               |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0         | Absent/not visible                                      |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>15</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                        |  |

## Narrative

This unit includes large buttes and canyons in a rugged landscape. Vegetation includes sage, greasewood, pinyon juniper, grasses, and seasonal wildflowers. Development includes pipelines, which are mostly hidden, and some oil and gas.

## Photos

IOP #151



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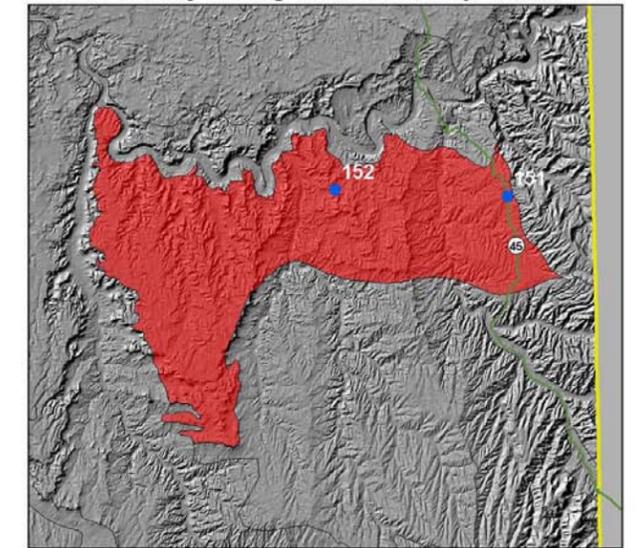
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Date: 6/9/2011

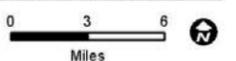
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Evaluators: CJohnson, JJames, Jason W.

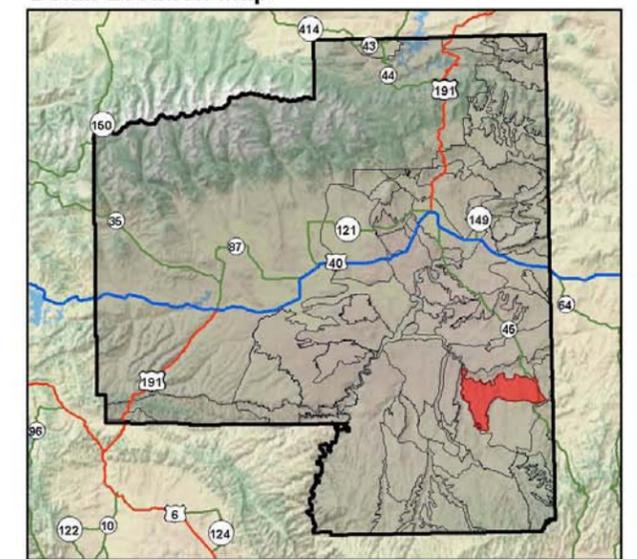
### Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 61



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Photos

IOP #152



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION                         | STRUCTURE  |
|---------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| FORM    | Flat to rolling valley, rounded, steep escarpments, pyramidal | Indistinct to directional          | Rectangular, cylindrical                           |
| LINE    | Horizontal, angular, short vertical rock outcrops             | Horizontal striations, angular     | Vertical, horizontal, diagonal, curving, pipelines |
| COLOR   | Tan, yellow, brown, red/brown, orange, gray                   | dark green, sage gray-green, green | Beige, green, tan                                  |
| TEXTURE | Smooth to moderate with rough outcrops                        | Smooth to moderate                 | Clustered  |

## Narrative

The unit includes flat to rolling valleys with steeply sloped walls. Vegetation is pinyon juniper, sage, grass, tamarisk, a few cottonwoods and greasewoods. Features included in the unit are Park Canyon, Evacuation Creek and Missouri Creek.

Development in the area includes telephone poles, small oil and gas structures, and pipelines. The area is mostly undeveloped in the uplands. There is some development in the valley bottoms.

## Photos

IOP #153



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE                                | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 3.5         | Steep valley walls                                      |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3.5         | Good variety, pinyon juniper, sage, grasses, cottonwood |  |
| WATER                 | 1.5         | Present but not visible from some locations             |  |
| COLOR                 | 4           | Good contrast with vegetation and landform colors       |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 0           | Not visible/no impact                                   |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3.5         | Fairly distinctive valleys                              |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -0.5        | Oil and gas in valley bottoms                           |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>15.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>                        |  |

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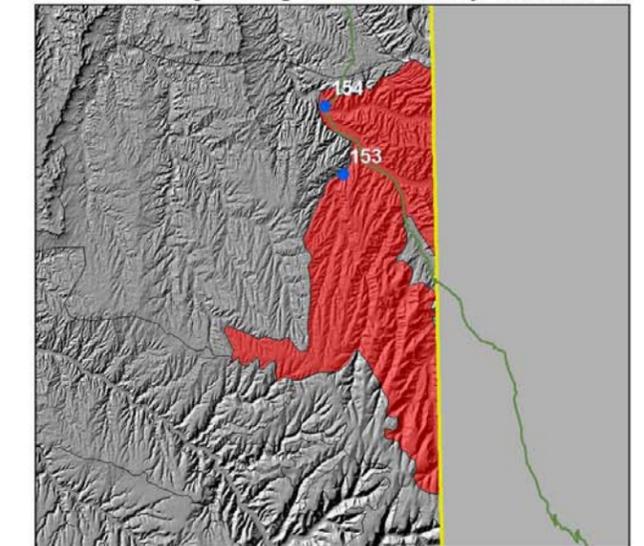
## Scenic Quality Rating Unit #62 Park Canyon

Date: 6/8/2011

Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: CJohnson, KWharton, Dave (BLM)

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 62



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IOP #154



## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER  | VEGETATION   | STRUCTURE                               |
|---------|---|--|---|
| FORM    | Rolling, blocky, rounded, pyramidal, rock outcroppings  | Indistinct, irregular, amorphous   | Rectangular, cylindrical of oil and gas |
| LINE    | Undulating, broken, horizontal, vertical, some diagonal | Undulating, irregular between pinyon juniper and sage, directional with landform | Horizontal, vertical                    |
| COLOR   | Buff, brown, tan  | Sage green, dark green, straw  | Grey, green, white, etc.                |
| TEXTURE | Medium with rugged areas                                | Clumped, patchy, medium  | Smooth                                  |

## Narrative

This unit encompasses the irregular and broken, expansive landscape south of Rangely. Vegetation is predominantly pinyon juniper and sage, numerous rock outcroppings throughout the rolling topography.

Oil and gas development seems to be along CR 23 east of Rabbit Mtn.

## Photos

IOP #164



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING    | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 2.5       | Rolling, broken landforms with numerous rock outcroppings                         |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3         | Pinyon juniper and sage   |  |
| WATER                 | 0.5       | Isolated reservoirs and seasonal water  |  |
| COLOR                 | 2.5       | Contrast between rock outcroppings and vegetation                                 |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 3         | Surrounded by larger landforms, Rabbit Mountain, Cathedral Bluffs, Texas Mountain |  |
| SCARCITY              | 2         | Interesting but common  |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | -0.5      | Minimal oil and gas   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>13</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = B</b>  |  |

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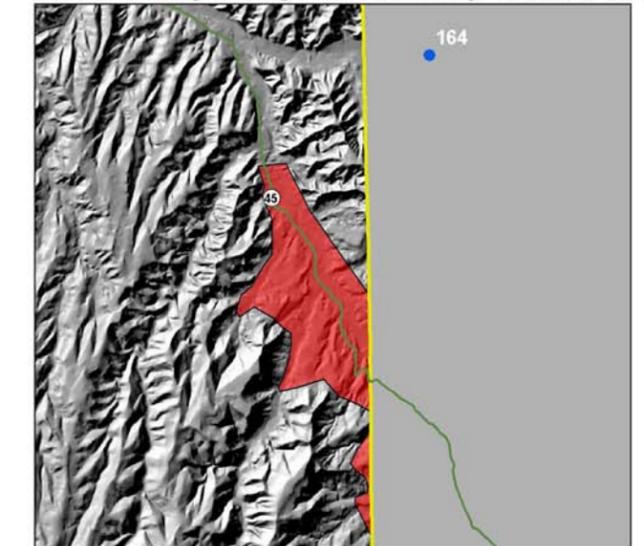
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Education Creek

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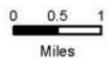
Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: RDonigan, JJames, TTedford

## Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 62A



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## Landscape Character *(Feature)*

|         | LANDFORM/WATER                                    | VEGETATION        | STRUCTURE |
|---------|---|-------------------|-----------|
| FORM    | Steep, rugged, angled walls, conical, flat topped | Indistinct        | N/A       |
| LINE    | Angled, horizontal, undulating, curved            | Indistinct        | N/A       |
| COLOR   | Grey, tan, brown                                  | Light green, grey | N/A       |
| TEXTURE | Medium to rough                                   | Fine to medium    | N/A       |

## Narrative

Large expansive unit that encompasses a large portion of the Roan and Book Cliffs. Vegetation is varied from sage and grasses at lower elevations to pine and aspen at higher elevations. Based on location within unit views can be enclosed to expansive.

The east side of the unit contains numerous drainages that lead to the Green River.

## Photos

IOP #171



## Scenic Quality Rating Score

|                       | RATING      | EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE  | Scenic Quality Classification<br>A = 19 or more<br>B = 12-18<br>C = 11 or less |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| LANDFORM              | 4           | Steep canyon walls with sloped terraces   |  |
| VEGETATION            | 3.5         | Mix of sage on lower slopes and riparian along River. Uplands with pinyon/juniper and deciduous species |  |
| WATER                 | 2.5         | Green River is primary dominant feature on east side  |  |
| COLOR                 | 3.5         | Mix of tan, brown, grey some red but not dominant element with good contrast of vegetation              |  |
| ADJACENT SCENERY      | 2           | Minimal distant views from some locations, other viewpoints moderately benefit from surrounding scenery |  |
| SCARCITY              | 3           | Large rivers, canyon settings not common in Colorado Plateau  |  |
| CULTURAL MODIFICATION | 0           |   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>18.5</b> | <b>SCENIC QUALITY RATING = A</b>  |  |

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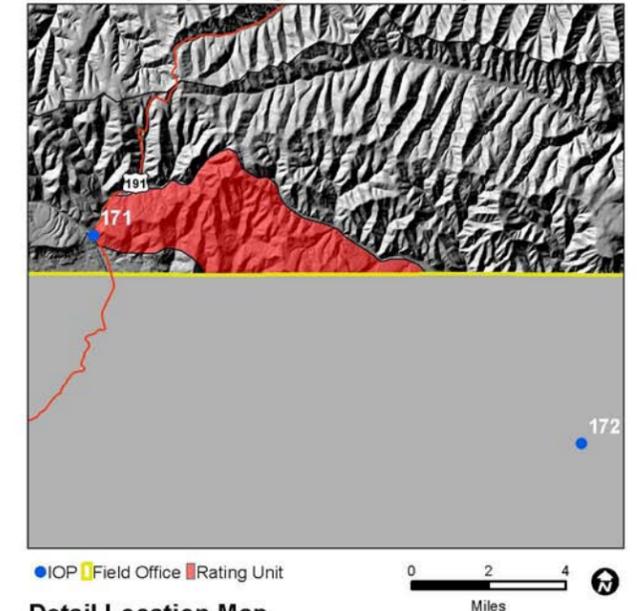
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Green River/Book Cliffs

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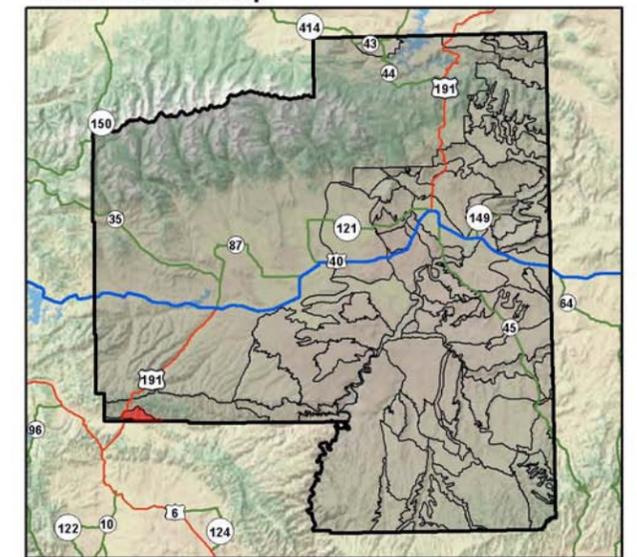
Field Office: Vernal

Evaluators: MMeyer, KWharton, APerry, Dstephens

### Scenic Quality Rating Unit Detail Map SQRU # 64



### Detail Location Map



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Photos

IOP #172





**Field Office:** **Name:** Dinosaur NM  
Vernal  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

SLRU Number  
**1**

**Explanation Text**

**Use Type Rating:** H National to international visitors.

**Amount of Use Rating:** H Tourism and visitor use is high

**Public Interest Rating:** H Interest in Monument

**Adjacent Lands Rating:** H Sustain land use objectives

**Special Areas Rating:** H National Monument

**Other Factors Rating:** N/A

**Overall Unit Rating:** H Adjacent to Dinosaur and important to visitors

**Unit Narrative:** SLRU includes Dinosaur National Monument and surrounding areas that are important to Monument use and objectives.

**Field Office:** **Name:** Desolation Canyon  
Vernal  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

SLRU Number  
**2**

**Explanation Text**

**Use Type Rating:** H Permit use (SRP allocated use); river runners

**Amount of Use Rating:** H As much as permitted

**Public Interest Rating:** H National significance

**Adjacent Lands Rating:** H Whitewater and visuals are the important factors

**Special Areas Rating:** H National Historic Landmark

**Other Factors Rating:** N/A

**Overall Unit Rating:** H High demand as a river running area

**Unit Narrative:** SLRU extends from Sand Wash to Nine-Mile. Powell photographed extensively and area is National Historic Landmark.

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** Green River Lower Segment  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 3  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

|                                  | <b>Explanation Text</b>   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Use Type Rating:</b> H        | National boat runners   |
| <b>Amount of Use Rating:</b> L   | Isolated area results in low use  |
| <b>Public Interest Rating:</b> L | Limited/remote access   |
| <b>Adjacent Lands Rating:</b> L  | Already heavily altered adjacent land   |
| <b>Special Areas Rating:</b> H   | Wild/scenic eligible section  |
| <b>Other Factors Rating:</b> H   | Wild and scenic tentatively classified  |
| <b>Overall Unit Rating:</b> H    | Lower use because of isolation but sensitivity similar to Desolation Canyon for users   |
| <b>Unit Narrative:</b>           | SLRU covers Green River north of Desolation Canyon and is isolated with limited access. |

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** John Jarvic Park/Brown's Park  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 4  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

|                                  | <b>Explanation Text</b>   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Use Type Rating:</b> H        | Campers, horsemen, hikers, tourism (historic), fishermen, river runners                               |
| <b>Amount of Use Rating:</b> H   | Popular area for wide variety of users  |
| <b>Public Interest Rating:</b> H | Major concern for the area (outlaw trail system)  |
| <b>Adjacent Lands Rating:</b> L  | Bordered by mountain ranges that are part of park (enclosed)  |
| <b>Special Areas Rating:</b> H   | SRMA, ACEC. Historic Site, wild and scenic river segment  |
| <b>Other Factors Rating:</b> N/A |   |
| <b>Overall Unit Rating:</b> H    | Second highest use area in the Field Office.  |
| <b>Unit Narrative:</b>           | SLRU contains Blue Ribbon Trout Fishery (International use) and the most prominent outlaw trail site. |

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** Fantasy Canyon  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 5  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

**Explanation Text**

**Use Type Rating:** H International tourism; hikers--geology use

**Amount of Use Rating:** L Specific tourist groups--not casual visitors

**Public Interest Rating:** M Unique geologic features and historic Native American story telling

**Adjacent Lands Rating:** L Surrounded by oil and gas completely

**Special Areas Rating:** H SRMA

**Other Factors Rating:** N/A

**Overall Unit Rating:** H International geologic status--no room to alter anything without losing character.

**Unit Narrative:** SLRU limited to area right around Fantasy Canyon and is surrounded by oil and gas development

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** Red Mountain/Dry Fork  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 6  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

**Explanation Text**

**Use Type Rating:** H Mountain bikers, hikers, horsemen, OHV, tourist

**Amount of Use Rating:** M General recreation area for local and regional users

**Public Interest Rating:** M More interest toward northern end

**Adjacent Lands Rating:** L (Enclosed Canyon), mixed farmland, forest surrounding

**Special Areas Rating:** H SRMA, ACEC

**Other Factors Rating:** N/A Uintah Mountain Club, Buck County Horsemen, International Mountain Bike Association, NE Mountain Bike Association

**Overall Unit Rating:** H Area contains many special areas, activities and attractions

**Unit Narrative:** SLRU encompasses area of general recreation for a wide variety of activities.

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** White River  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 7  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

**Explanation Text**

**Use Type Rating:** H River runners (seasonal); raft, canoe

**Amount of Use Rating:** L Small group with concern for use

**Public Interest Rating:** M Not much public interest, some interest from SUWA and other special groups

**Adjacent Lands Rating:** L Oil and gas

**Special Areas Rating:** M SRMA

**Other Factors Rating:** N/A

**Overall Unit Rating:** M Mostly river runners and other water activities

**Unit Narrative:** SLRU encompasses the White River including some areas that are in a SRMA. Some NSO stipulations on oil and gas in river corridor.

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** Nine Mile Canyon  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 8  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

**Explanation Text**

**Use Type Rating:** H Historic/cultural tourism

**Amount of Use Rating:** M Moderate use in comparison to surrounding

**Public Interest Rating:** H Well known and sensitive to local area

**Adjacent Lands Rating:** L Some concern about rim development

**Special Areas Rating:** H SRMA, ACEC, National Historic Site, Back Country byway

**Other Factors Rating:** H Nine Mile Canyon coalition (BLM partnership)

**Overall Unit Rating:** H Well known cultural/historic resource area that attracts wide range of visitors

**Unit Narrative:** SLRU includes portion of Nine-Mile Canyon and scenic byway

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** Pariette  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 9  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

**Explanation Text**

**Use Type Rating:** M Bird watching, hunting, wetland tourism, interpretive/educational tourism

**Amount of Use Rating:** L Remote environment, mostly local use

**Public Interest Rating:** L Area attracts little local attention

**Adjacent Lands Rating:** L Oil and gas around it

**Special Areas Rating:** M Significant wetland ACEC

**Other Factors Rating:** H Significant wetland/riparian desalination for Green River Project

**Overall Unit Rating:** H Important for bird watching, wetlands and interpretive tourism

**Unit Narrative:** SLRU encompasses an Audubon Society important birding area and important wetland area.

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** Bull Canyon WSA  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 10  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

**Explanation Text**

**Use Type Rating:** L Hunters

**Amount of Use Rating:** L Low level use - seasonal

**Public Interest Rating:** M SUWA and Wilderness Society highly concerned; low general public interest

**Adjacent Lands Rating:** L Not important to surrounding area

**Special Areas Rating:** H Part of WSA that extends into Colorado

**Other Factors Rating:** N/A

**Overall Unit Rating:** H Unit is WSA that mostly sees hunting use in mostly undisturbed setting

**Unit Narrative:** SLRU encompasses the west end of a WSA that extends from Colorado

**Field Office:** Name: Winter Ridge  
Vernal  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

SLRU Number  
**11**

**Explanation Text**

**Use Type Rating:** L Hunters

**Amount of Use Rating:** L Seasonal

**Public Interest Rating:** L Somewhat isolated area with limited public concern

**Adjacent Lands Rating:** L Surrounded by oil and gas - some within

**Special Areas Rating:**H Area contains WSA

**Other Factors Rating:** N/A

**Overall Unit Rating:** H Unit includes WSA that sees mostly hunting use

**Unit Narrative:** SLRU encompasses WSA within area of oil and gas development

**Field Office:** Name: Flume Canyon (off map)  
Vernal  
**Evaluation Date:**  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

SLRU Number  
**12**

**Explanation Text**

**Use Type Rating:** 1 Mostly hunting, some back country use

**Amount of Use Rating:** 1 Seasonal

**Public Interest Rating:** 1 Little public concern because of remoteness

**Adjacent Lands Rating:** 1 Some oil and gas development to east

**Special Areas Rating:**3 Area contains WSA

**Other Factors Rating:** N/A

**Overall Unit Rating:** 3 Unit includes WSA that mostly sees hunting use

**Unit Narrative:** SLRU encompasses Flume Canyon WSA within Moab Field Office but within Vernal Management Area

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** Asphalt Wash  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 13  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

|                                  | <b>Explanation Text</b>  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Use Type Rating:</b> L        | Primitive unconfined recreation, some hunting                        |
| <b>Amount of Use Rating:</b> M   | Seasonally higher, moderate most of year                             |
| <b>Public Interest Rating:</b> L | SUWA has major interest  |
| <b>Adjacent Lands Rating:</b> H  | Adjacent to WSAs   |
| <b>Special Areas Rating:</b> H   | Designated natural areas   |
| <b>Other Factors Rating:</b> H   | Special interest area  |
| <b>Overall Unit Rating:</b> H    | Wilderness character/potential special designation                   |
| <b>Unit Narrative:</b>           | Non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics; managed as wilderness |

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** Pelican Lake  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 14  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

|                                  | <b>Explanation Text</b>  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Use Type Rating:</b> H        | Fishing exclusive; BLM Recreation Campgrounds supports fishermen |
| <b>Amount of Use Rating:</b> M   | Year round use with ice fishing                                  |
| <b>Public Interest Rating:</b> L | Development surrounds much of Lake                               |
| <b>Adjacent Lands Rating:</b> M  | None are BLM adjacent uses                                       |
| <b>Special Areas Rating:</b> H   | SRMA   |
| <b>Other Factors Rating:</b> N/A |  |
| <b>Overall Unit Rating:</b> M    | Blue Ribbon Fish Hatchery attracts anglers from regional area    |
| <b>Unit Narrative:</b>           | SLRU encompasses Pelican Lake and general surrounding area       |

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** McCoy Flats  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 15  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

**Explanation Text**

**Use Type Rating:** H Recreational Trail use, mountain biking

**Amount of Use Rating:** M Spring, summer, fall

**Public Interest Rating:** L Low interest to general public

**Adjacent Lands Rating:** L Oil and gas development to west and south, Vernal to northeast

**Special Areas Rating:** H Managed as SRMA but not identified as SRMA

**Other Factors Rating:** N/A

**Overall Unit Rating:** M Attracts recreation users from regional area

**Unit Narrative:** Unit encompasses popular recreation area close to Vernal

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** Vernal and adjacent communities  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 16  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

**Explanation Text**

**Use Type Rating:** M Residential local, real estate interface, OHV use surrounding

**Amount of Use Rating:** H Urban use

**Public Interest Rating:** M Some interest in local setting, especially mountains to northeast

**Adjacent Lands Rating:** L Largely disturbed landscapes adjacent, some undisturbed areas

**Special Areas Rating:** M Steinbaker State Park, Red Fleet State Park

**Other Factors Rating:** L Large transient population predominant majority, due to oil and gas, not as concerned

**Overall Unit Rating:** M Some concern from local residents but area is moderately developed with urban and agricultural uses

**Unit Narrative:** SLRU encompasses the development area of Vernal and surrounding communities

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** Book Cliffs  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 17  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

|                                  | <b>Explanation Text</b>  |
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| <b>Use Type Rating:</b> M        | Hunters, oil and gas, industry   |
| <b>Amount of Use Rating:</b> L   | Seasonal for hunting   |
| <b>Public Interest Rating:</b> M | Wildlife interest  |
| <b>Adjacent Lands Rating:</b> L  | WSAs and high sensitive areas  |
| <b>Special Areas Rating:</b> L   | None in area   |
| <b>Other Factors Rating:</b> M   | Regionally significant geological significance -- historic, wildlife   |
| <b>Overall Unit Rating:</b> M    | Large area contains substantial oil and gas development as well as diverse landscapes of regional significance   |
| <b>Unit Narrative:</b>           | SLRU encompasses broad area of southern portion of Field Offices and includes oil and gas development in some areas as well as rugged undisturbed areas. |

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** Full-Field Development Area  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 18  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

|                                  | <b>Explanation Text</b>   |
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| <b>Use Type Rating:</b> L        | Oil and gas, grazing  |
| <b>Amount of Use Rating:</b> H   | Oil and gas use throughout year   |
| <b>Public Interest Rating:</b> L | Already developed   |
| <b>Adjacent Lands Rating:</b> L  | Current high level of development--changes won't affect area                      |
| <b>Special Areas Rating:</b> L   | None in area  |
| <b>Other Factors Rating:</b> N/A |   |
| <b>Overall Unit Rating:</b> L    | Extensive oil and gas development in many areas                                   |
| <b>Unit Narrative:</b>           | SLRU contains areas of extensive oil and gas development south and west of Vernal |

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** Hoy Mountain  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 19  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

|                                  | <b>Explanation Text</b>  |
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| <b>Use Type Rating:</b> M        | Hunters, camping, fishing  |
| <b>Amount of Use Rating:</b> L   | Comparative to other areas. Most users going to Browns Park or Dinosaur  |
| <b>Public Interest Rating:</b> M | Some general interest from public as access route to Browns Park   |
| <b>Adjacent Lands Rating:</b> M  | Dinosaur National Monument, Browns Park  |
| <b>Special Areas Rating:</b> M   | Scenic Backway (Cross Canyon)  |
| <b>Other Factors Rating:</b> N/A |  |
| <b>Overall Unit Rating:</b> M    | Area sees general recreation use but is mostly a pass through area for visitors to Dinosaur and Browns Park          |
| <b>Unit Narrative:</b>           | SLRU includes Cross Canyon Scenic Backway; outlaw trail crosses through; historic travel routes, pony express trail. |

**Field Office:** Vernal  
**Name:** Clay Basin  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number:** 20  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

|                                  | <b>Explanation Text</b>  |
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| <b>Use Type Rating:</b> L        | Oil and gas  |
| <b>Amount of Use Rating:</b> H   | High level use does not increase visual sensitivity  |
| <b>Public Interest Rating:</b> L | Travel route--not a destination--not a concern to see oil and gas  |
| <b>Adjacent Lands Rating:</b> L  | Already developed  |
| <b>Special Areas Rating:</b> L   | N/A  |
| <b>Other Factors Rating:</b> L   | Oil and gas  |
| <b>Overall Unit Rating:</b> L    | High level of oil and gas development  |
| <b>Unit Narrative:</b>           | SLRU is generally a pass through area that encompasses high oil and gas development and National Energy Policy could lead to more development. |

**Field Office:** **Name:** Three Corners  
Vernal  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number**  
**21**  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, APerry

**Explanation Text**

**Use Type Rating:** H Geographic tourists, hunters, remote recreation

**Amount of Use Rating:** L Remoteness minimizes use

**Public Interest Rating:** L Remote, not much local interest because it is remote and lacks destination activities

**Adjacent Lands Rating:** M Browns Park

**Special Areas Rating:**L None in area

**Other Factors Rating:** N/A

**Overall Unit Rating:** M Primitive and remote, area does not attract much use.

**Unit Narrative:** SLRU encompasses remote area in corner of Field Office that sees little use.

**Field Office:** **Name:** Eightmile Flat  
Vernal  
**Evaluation Date:** 8/8/2011  
**SLRU Number**  
**22**  
**Evaluators:** JWest, EGlenn, RSweeten, MMeyer, Aperry

**Explanation Text**

**Use Type Rating:** 2 oil and gas, some hunting and recreation

**Amount of Use Rating:** 1 minimal - somewhat remote with no real attraction

**Public Interest Rating:** 1 minimal general interest

**Adjacent Lands Rating:** 2 somewhat important to Green River and Ninemile Canyon

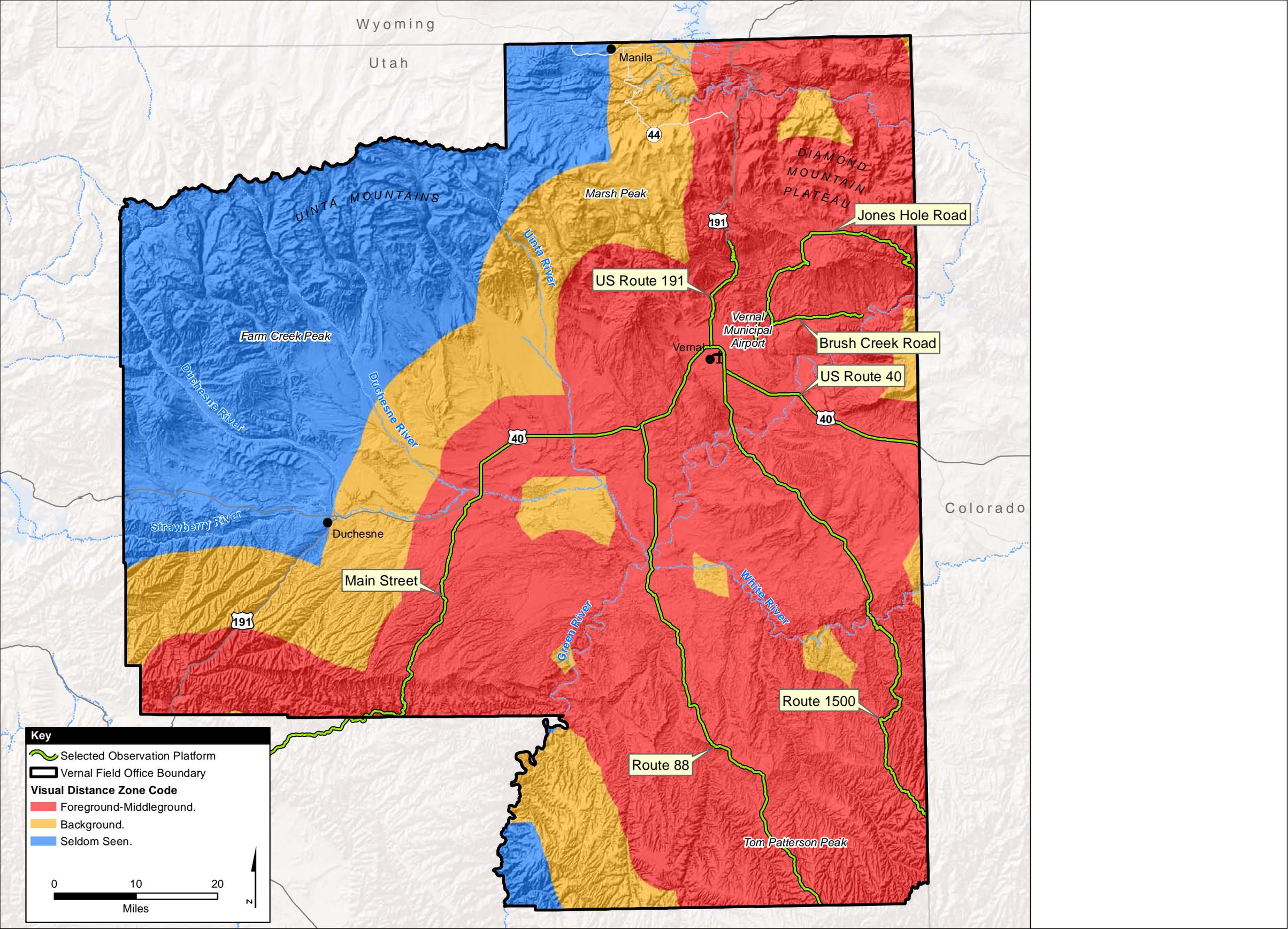
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**Other Factors Rating:** 4 N/A

**Overall Unit Rating:** 1 Relatively non-descript area with oil and gas development

**Unit Narrative:** Unit covers a generally uninteresting landscape north of Ninemile Canyon and West of Green River that sees minimal use except for oil and gas development.





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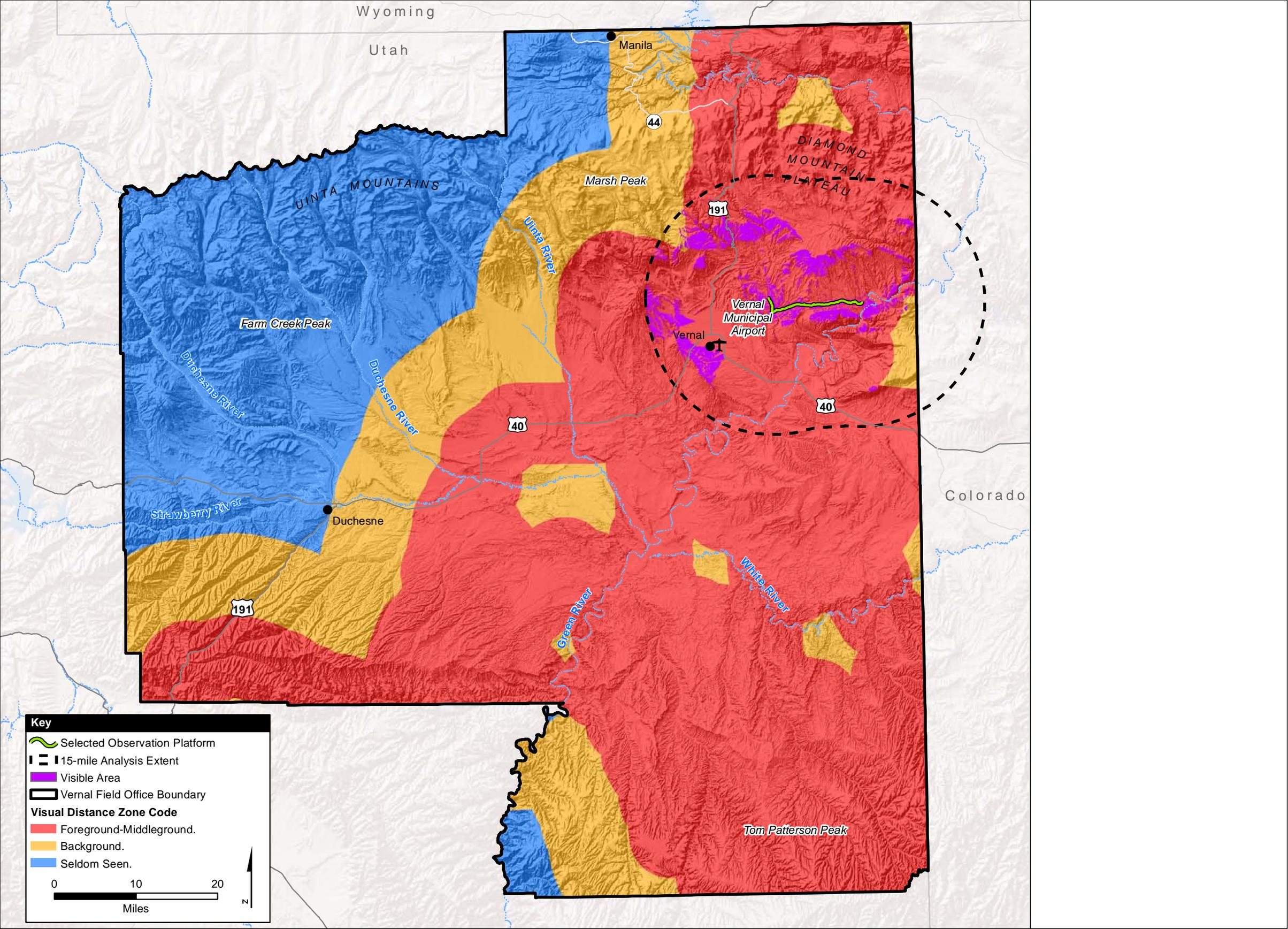
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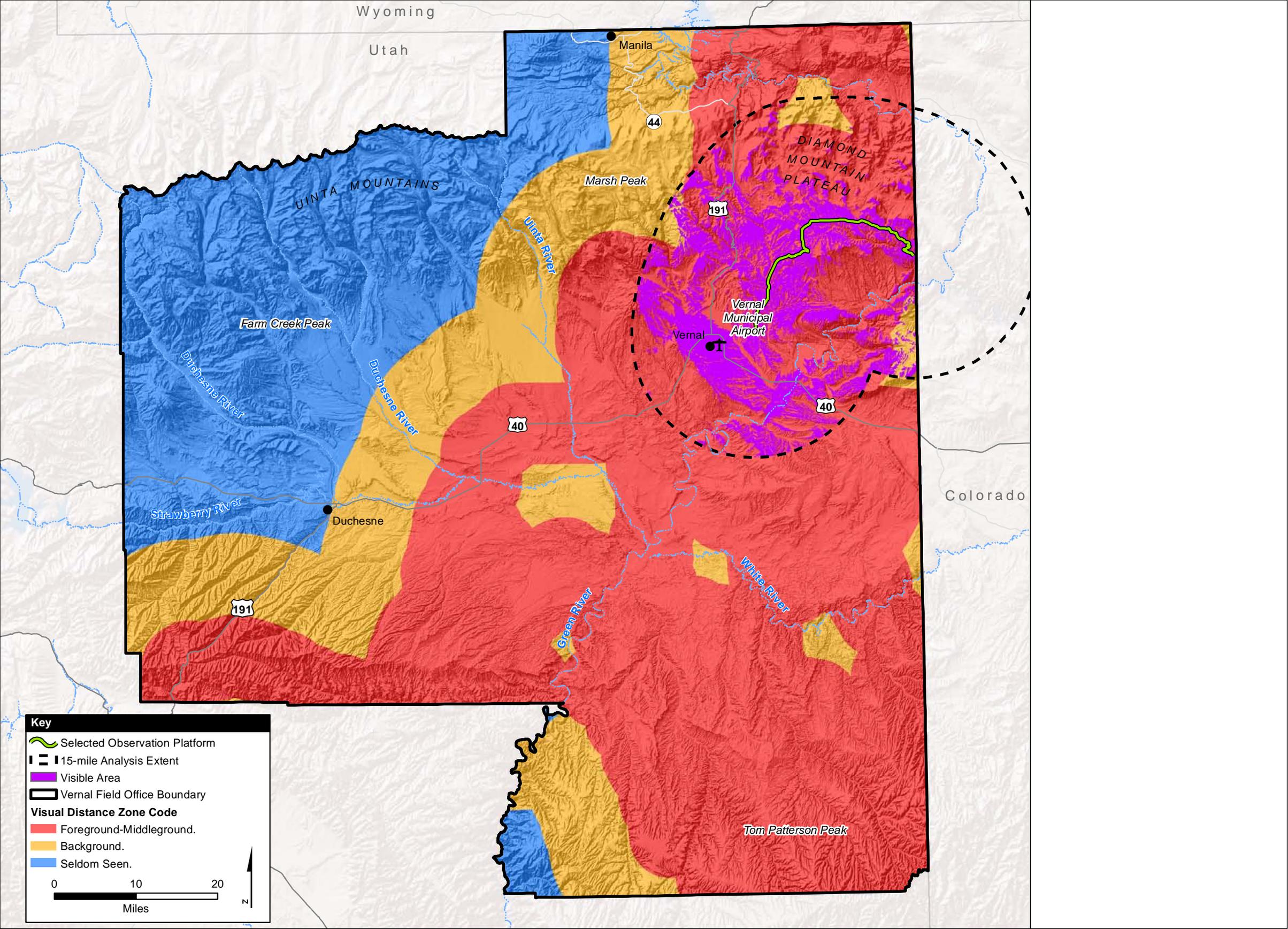
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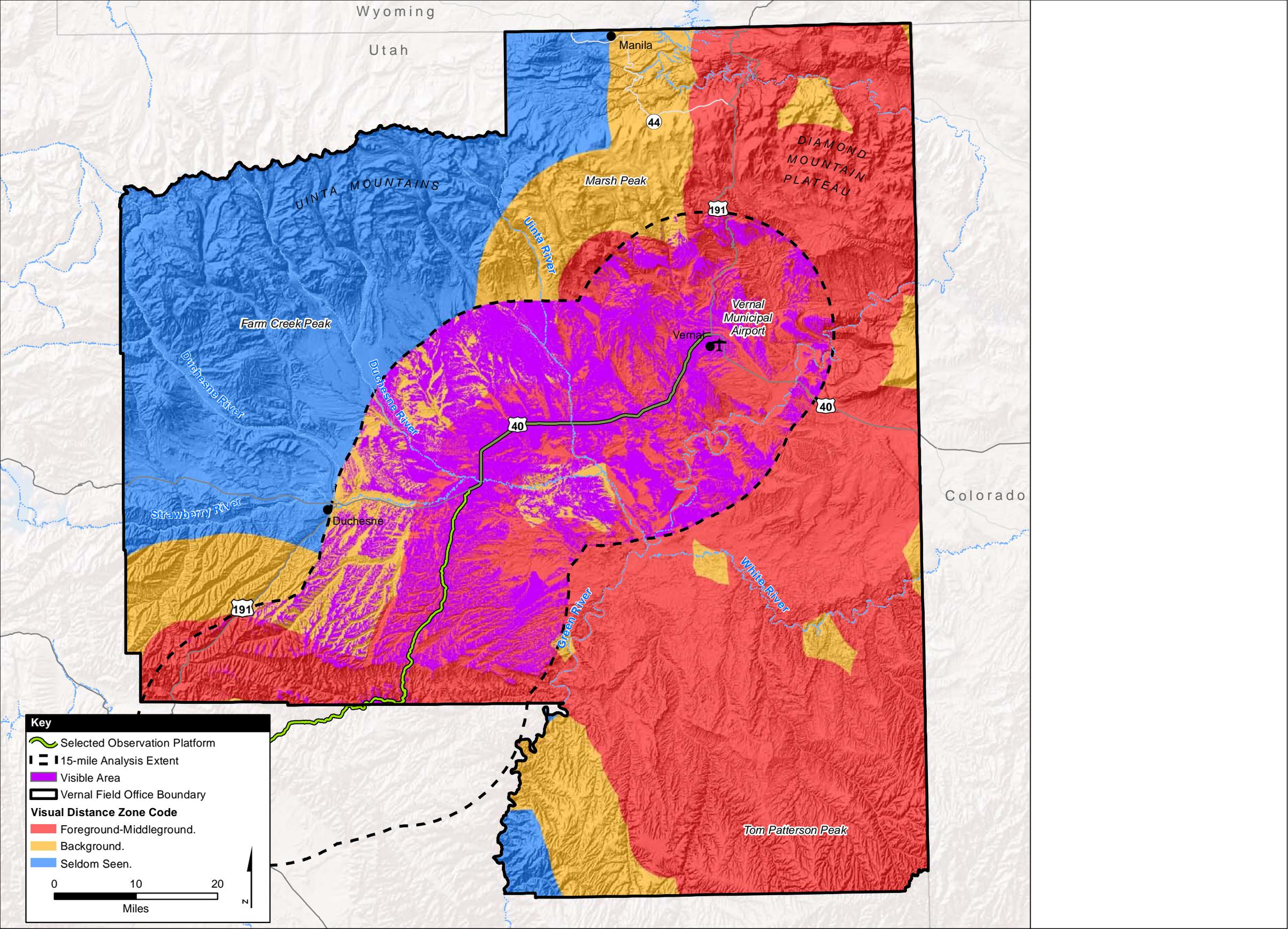
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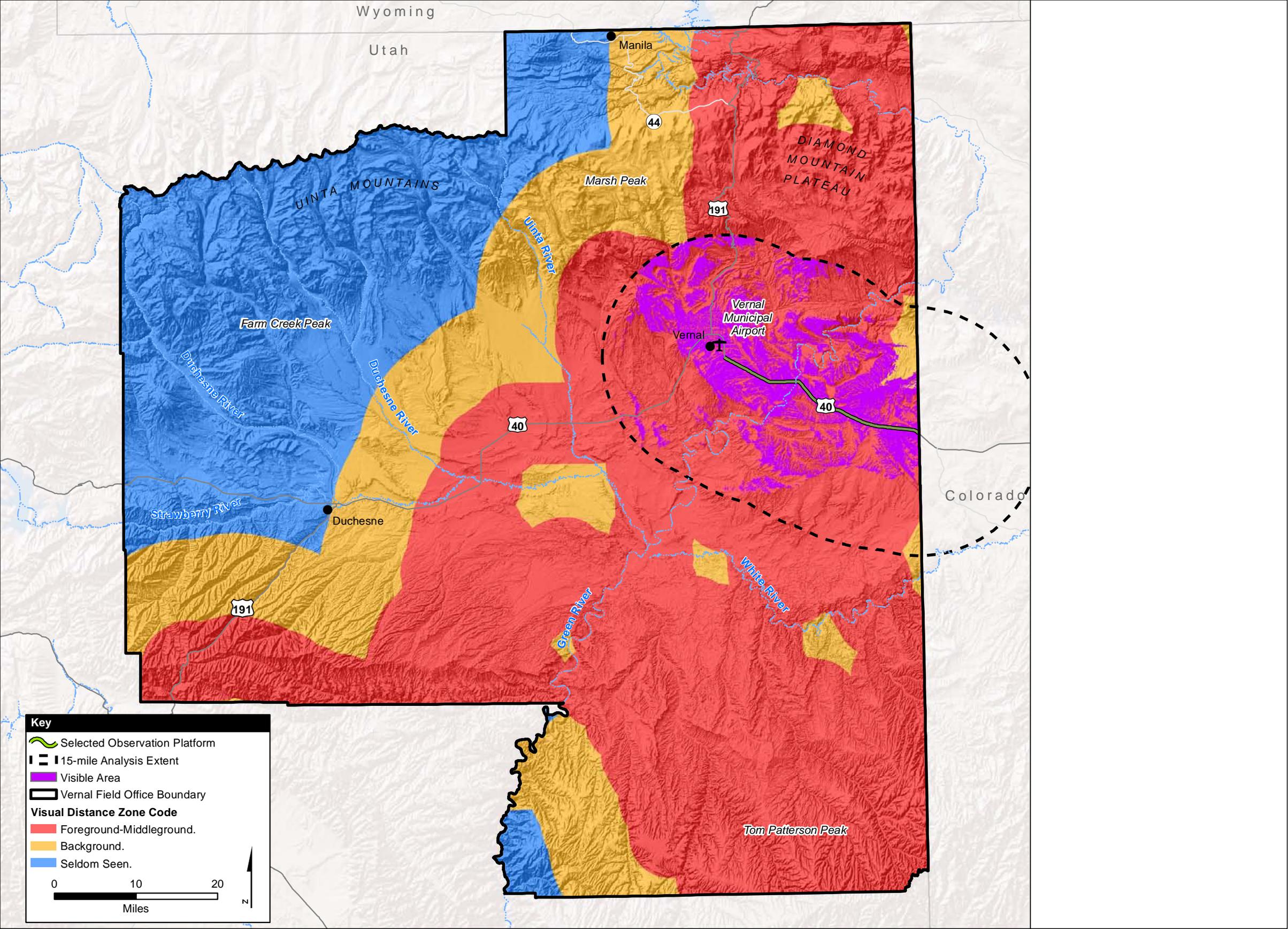
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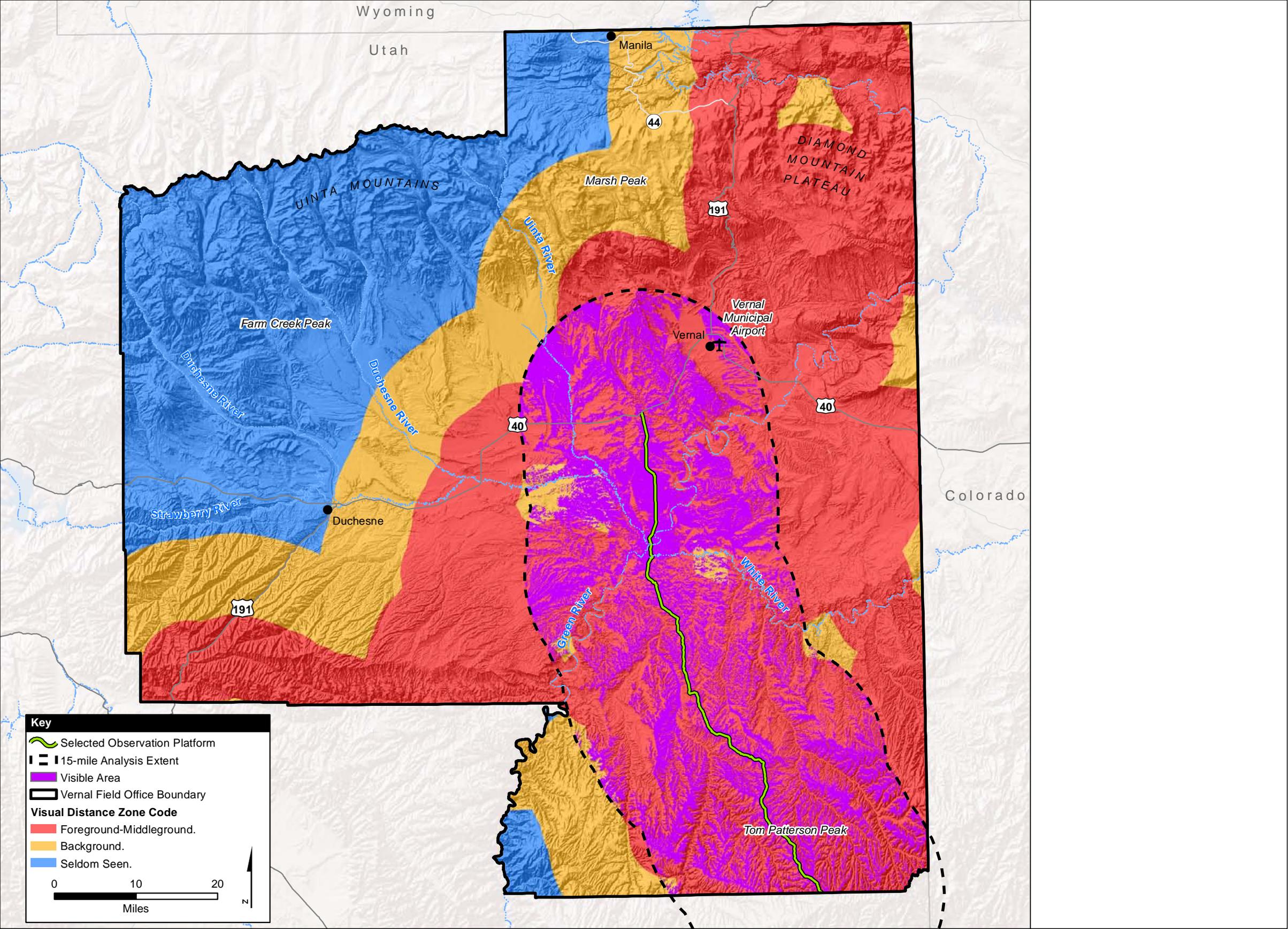
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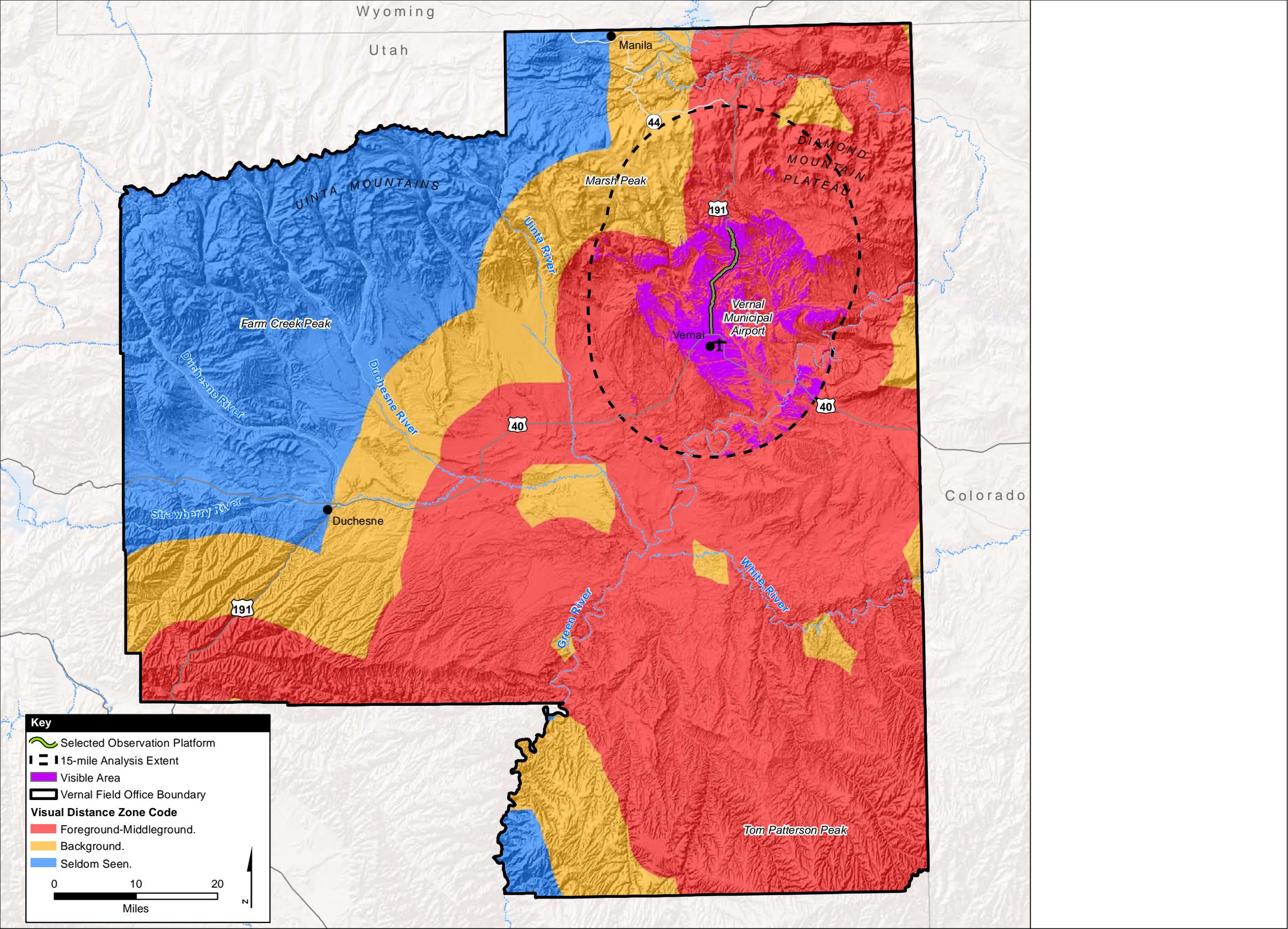
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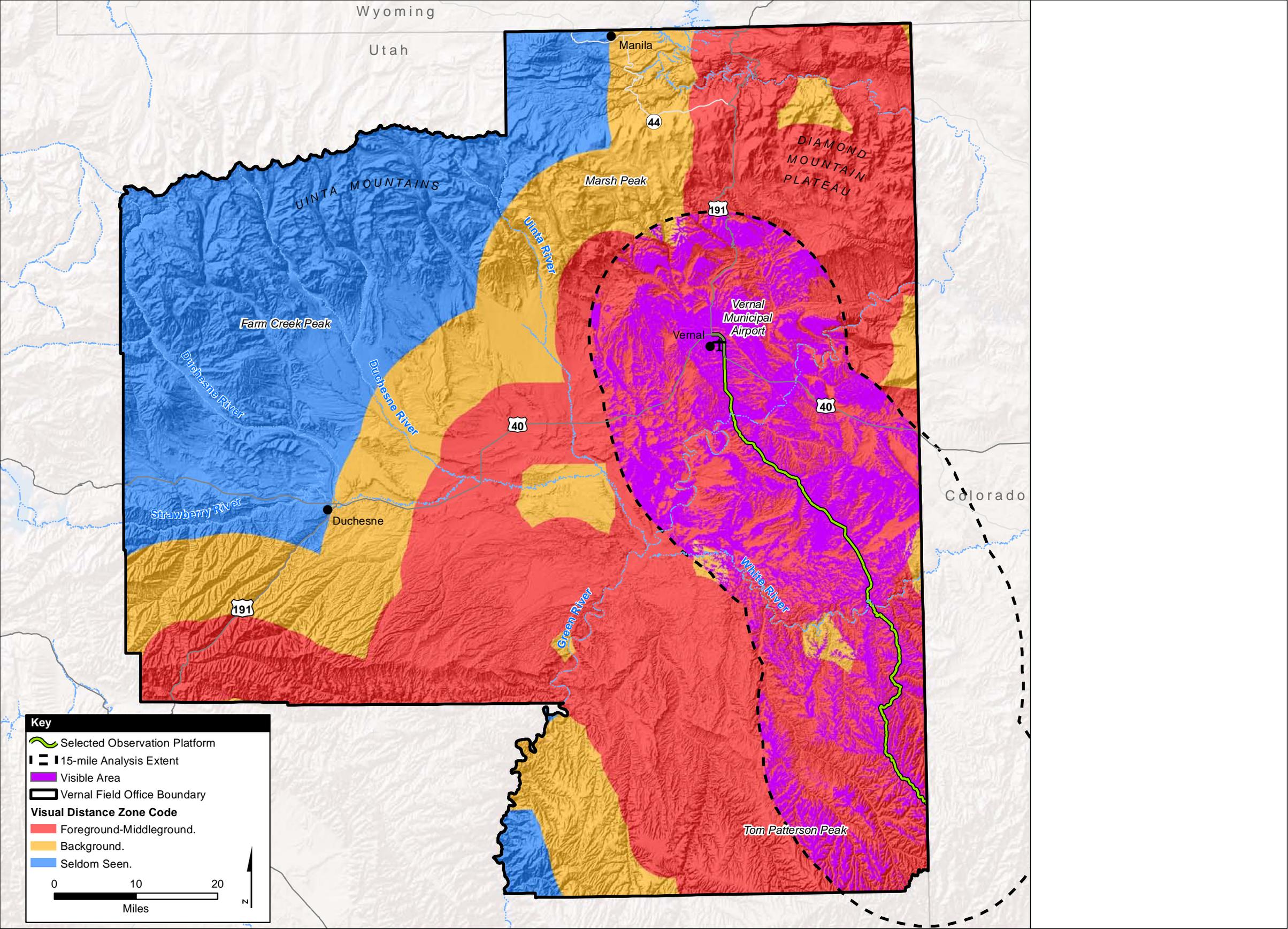
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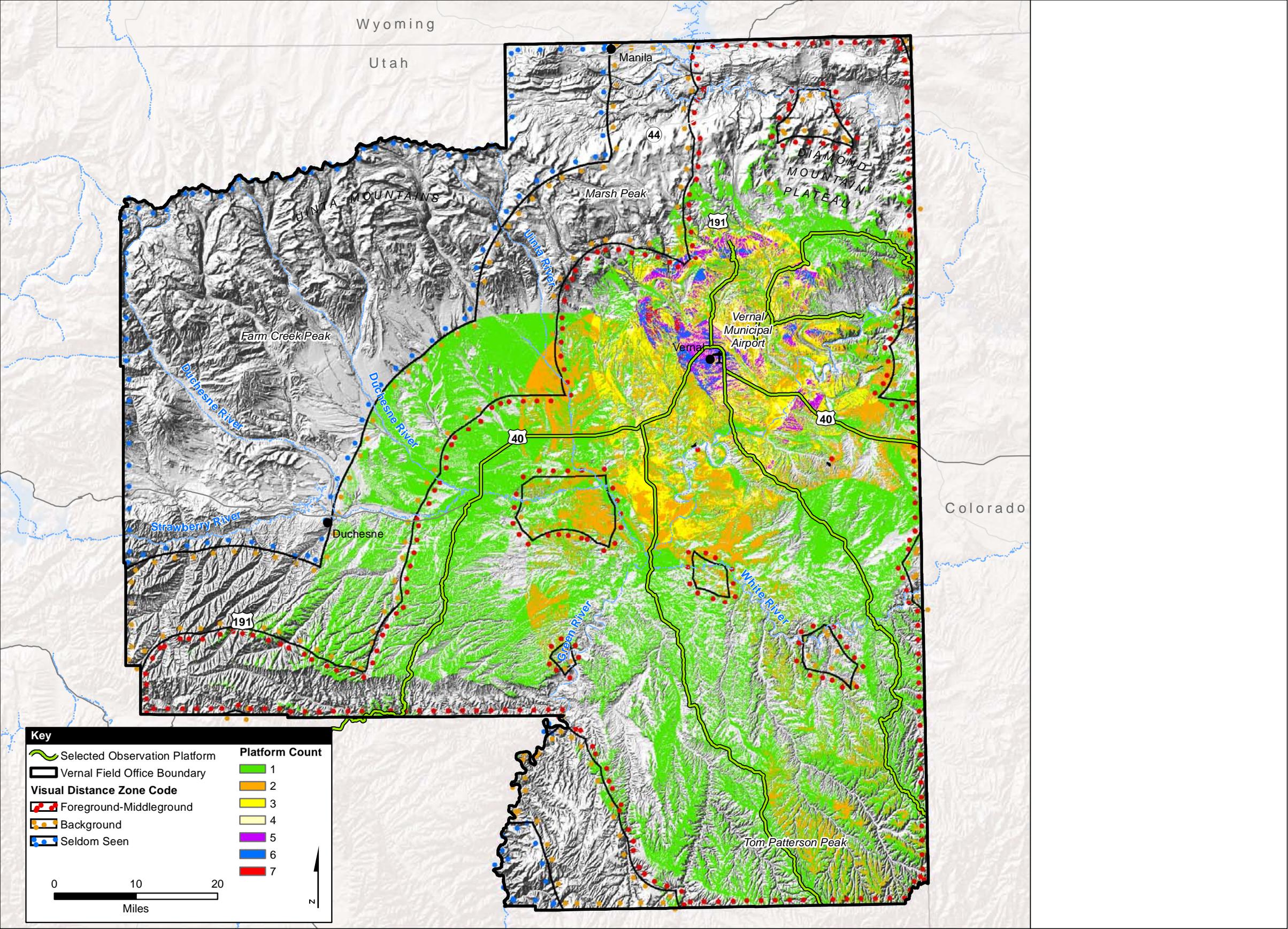
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