



## PRELIMINARY DRAFT ALTERNATIVES VISUAL RESOURCES

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### No Action Alternative

- No areas would be managed as Visual Resource Management (VRM) Class I. (However, recent BLM policy directs Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) to be managed as Class I.)
- Southern portion of Steamboat Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), WSAs, and all other ACECs would be managed as VRM Class II.
- Northern portion of Steamboat Mountain ACEC, portions of White Mountain, Split Rock, Eden Valley, and Red Desert Watershed would be managed as VRM Class III.
- Remainder of the JMH planning area would be managed as VRM Class IV.

### Alternative 1

- No areas would be managed as Visual Resource Management (VRM) Class I.
- Reclassify VRM Class II areas as VRM Class III, wherever possible.
- Reclassify VRM Class III areas as VRM Class IV, wherever possible.
- Areas of high mineral development potential and remainder of the JMH planning area would be managed as VRM Class IV.

### Alternative 2

- All WSAs, ACECs, unique geological features and landforms including Boar's Tusk, Freightier Gap, Indian Gap, Split Rock, portions of White Mountain, and the Red Desert Watershed would be managed as VRM Class I.
- All remaining sensitive resource areas (including viewsheds), all recreation areas, and all NHRP-eligible sites would be managed as VRM Class II.
- Remainder of the JMH planning area would be managed as VRM III.
- No areas would be managed as VRM Class IV, unless specifically excepted.

### Alternative 3

- All WSAs and South Pass Historic Landscape would be managed as VRM Class I.
- All ACECs, Indian Gap, Boar's Tusk, Split Rock, the Red Desert, and all contributing portions of NHRP-eligible sites would be managed as VRM Class II.
- Northern portion of Steamboat Mountain ACEC, portions of White Mountain, Split Rock, Eden Valley, and the remainder of the JMH planning area not under current active leases would be managed as VRM Class III.
- Current active lease areas and the remainder of the JMH planning area would be managed as VRM Class IV.