

Rawlins Resource Management Plan Amendment

VRM Class Management Objectives



VRM Class	Management Objective	Examples of Compatible Projects
I	Preserves the existing character of the landscape.	
	Provides for natural ecological changes.	
	Does not preclude very limited management activity.	
	Level of change to the characteristic landscape should be very low and must not attract attention.	
II	Retains the existing character of the landscape.	
	Management activities may be seen, but should not attract the attention of the casual observer.	
	Level of change to the characteristic landscape should be low.	
	Any changes must repeat the basic elements of form, line, color, and texture found in the predominant natural features of the characteristic landscape.	
III	Partially retains the existing character of the landscape.	
	Management activities may attract attention, but should not dominate the view of the casual observer.	
	Level of change to the characteristic landscape should be moderate. Changes should repeat the basic elements found in the predominant natural features of the characteristic landscape.	
IV	Provides for management activities that require major modification of the existing character of the landscape.	
	Management activities may dominate the view and be the major focus of viewer attention.	
	Level of change to the characteristic landscape can be high.	
	Every attempt should be made to minimize the impact of these activities through careful location, minimal disturbance, and repeating the basic elements.	

Low profile, low impact, or short-term projects that can be fully reclaimed.

Low profile, low impact projects that can be screened, minimized through design, or set at a distance from viewers.

Moderate to tall profile or widespread projects that do not dominate because of their design, distance, or visibility.

Large scale projects that are a major focus of attention over long distances.

Source: BLM Manual 8431, Visual Resource Contrast Rating.

