

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SCENIC QUALITY FIELD INVENTORY

Date
District
Resource Area
Scenic quality rating unit

1. Evaluators (names)

2. LANDSCAPE CHARACTER (Feature)

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

3. Narrative

4. SCORE (Circle Appropriate Level)\*

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE	SCENIC QUALITY CLASSIFICATION
a. Landform	5	3	1		
b. Vegetation	5	3	1		
c. Water	5	3	0		
d. Color	5	3	1		
e. Adjacent Scenery	5	3	0		
f. Scarcity	5+	3	1		
g. Cultural Modification	2	0	-4		
<b>TOTALS</b>	+	+	=		

## INSTRUCTIONS

Following are the instructions for completing the form. The numbers correspond with the item numbers on the form.

1. **Evaluators.** List the names of the persons involved in the rating.
  2. **Landscape Character.** Briefly describe the major features and elements in the landscape. Refer to illustrations 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the BLM Handbook 1-8431-1 for guidelines on the terminology to be used to describe the elements.
  3. **Narrative.** Briefly describe the general character of the landscape as it relates to the immediate surroundings and to similar landscape features within the physiographic province.
  4. **Scores.** Rate the scenic quality using the criteria and guidelines in the BLM Handbook 1-8410-1 Section II. Record the scores by circling the appropriate numbers. If the rating more appropriately falls between the listed numbers, write in the desired number and circle it. For example, if the desired number for "color" falls between 3 and 5, write in the number 4 and circle it. Explain any unusual factors affecting a rating under the "explanation and rationale" column. If more space is needed, continue the explanation on this page. After the ratings are completed total the scores and check the appropriate classification block.
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