



NPS Visual Resources Inventory
Scenic Quality Individual Rating Data

Viewpoint No.:

NPS Unit:	Date:	Time:	Your Name:
Viewpoint Name:		Viewed Landscape Name (if needed):	
Landscape Character Type:			

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER INTEGRITY

Landscape Character Elements	Identify the degree to which the full range of important desirable landscape character elements, e.g., natural features, land use types, structures, is plainly visible in the view.			
	Few elements are plainly visible and/or many elements are missing. <div style="text-align: right;">(1)</div>	Some elements are present, but some elements are missing. <div style="text-align: right;">(3)</div>	Most or all elements are plainly visible. <div style="text-align: right;">(5)</div>	RATING

Rationale:

Inconsistent Elements	Identify the degree to which inconsistent elements, e.g., agricultural fields in an urban landscape or industrial facilities in a natural landscape, are plainly visible in the view.			
	Many or major inconsistent elements are plainly visible and may be dominant features. <div style="text-align: right;">(1)</div>	Some inconsistent elements are plainly visible. <div style="text-align: right;">(3)</div>	Only a few, minor inconsistent elements are plainly visible. <div style="text-align: right;">(5)</div>	RATING

Rationale:

Quality and Condition of Elements	Assess the quality and condition of all landscape elements, including natural and human-made features. Do not lower the rating for historic structures, if their condition is appropriate to setting.)			
	Most elements are of poor quality and/or are in poor condition. Natural appearing elements look very unhealthy, seriously damaged, or in poor condition from pollution, or the presence of debris or litter. Built elements appear to be of poor quality, or are in an advanced state of disrepair. <div style="text-align: right;">(1)</div>	Most elements are of fair quality and/or in fair condition. Some natural appearing elements do not look healthy, have some damage visible, or have some pollution, debris, or litter evident. Some built elements may be of lower quality, are of unfinished construction, or not well cared for. <div style="text-align: right;">(3)</div>	Most elements are of high quality and in good condition. Most natural appearing elements look healthy, undamaged, clean, and free of debris. Built elements are of high quality with appropriate materials, designs, and finishes; and appear to be well cared for. <div style="text-align: right;">(5)</div>	RATING

Rationale:

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER INTEGRITY TOTAL RATING	
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VIVIDNESS

Focal Points	Identify the degree to which focal points attract visual attention.			RATING
	The view has weak focal points, or does not have any features that attract and hold attention. (1)	The view has a moderately strong focal point, or has multiple focal points and attention is focused on each one roughly equally. (3)	The view has one very strong focal point that attracts and holds visual attention. (5)	
Rationale:				
Forms & Lines	Identify the degree to which landforms, lines, structures, or water elements add interest to the view.			RATING
	Landforms, lines, structures, and water elements are weak, poorly defined, or insignificant. These elements add little interest. (1)	There are one or more moderately bold and distinct landforms, lines, structures, or water elements that add interest. (3)	There are very bold and distinct landforms, lines, structures, or water elements that add strong visual interest. (5)	
Rationale:				
Color Vividness	Identify the degree to which the view includes bold colors, and prominent textures or moving elements. Texture and movement are secondary considerations for this component.			RATING
	Colors are generally muted and there are minimal textures or moving elements. (1)	There are moderately bold colors, textures and/or prominent moving elements. (3)	There are very bold or striking colors, textures, and/or moving elements. (5)	
Rationale:				
Are seasonal/ephemeral effects (e.g., wildflower displays, snow, haze) affecting the scenic quality of the view? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
If yes, please describe:				
VIVIDNESS TOTAL RATING				

VISUAL HARMONY

Spatial Relationship	Identify the degree to which the spatial arrangement of landscape elements makes the view seem structured, ordered, and balanced.			RATING
	The arrangement of elements appears random or chaotic, and the view has little evident order, discernable pattern, or balance between elements. (1)	The arrangement of elements shows some structure or discernable pattern, but one or more elements seem out of place, making the view appear somewhat disordered or unbalanced. (3)	The arrangement of elements appears to have an easily discernable structure, pattern, and organization that make the view seem well ordered and balanced. (5)	
Rationale:				
Scale Relationship	Identify the degree to which the sizes of landscape elements, relative to each other and to the view as a whole, make the view seem well-proportioned and balanced.			RATING
	One or more elements appear substantially larger or smaller than desirable, and seem significantly out of scale with other elements or the view as a whole. (1)	One or more elements appear somewhat larger or smaller than desirable, and seem out of scale with other elements or the view as a whole. (3)	The elements are in excellent size proportion to one another and to the view as a whole, making the view seem well-proportioned and balanced. (5)	
Rationale:				
Color Harmony	Identify the degree to which the view includes a range of compatible colors and pleasing color contrasts where they occur.			RATING
	One or more major colors clash strongly and unpleasantly with the overall color scheme of the landscape, and /or there is a very limited range of colors. (1)	One or more major colors is somewhat incompatible with the overall color scheme of the landscape, and /or there is a somewhat limited range of colors. (3)	The visual elements of the landscape display a wide range of compatible colors or pleasing color contrasts. (5)	
Rationale				
VISUAL HARMONY TOTAL RATING				
SCENIC QUALITY TOTAL RATING				