

*NPS Visual Resource Inventory*  
**Viewpoint Identification Worksheet**



Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number:** Assign each viewpoint a number.

**Name:** Give the viewpoint a name. This can be the same name that is used on maps or interpretive material or more informal name that is commonly known to staff and visitors such as a nearby landform or other feature.

**Rationale:** Provide a brief description of the reason(s) for selecting the viewpoint.

**Access:** Provide the general level of access to the viewpoint according to the ratings below. Generally the level of access should be considered from the point at which you would stop a standard vehicle.

1. Access is very easy such as a scenic pullout or a short hike—about 5 minutes or less—to an overlook
2. Getting to the viewpoint will require about 10 -20 minutes of hiking along maintained trails of easy to moderate difficulty.
3. Getting to the viewpoint will require at least 30 minutes—and possibly up to a couple of hours—of hiking on trails that could range from easy to difficult.
4. Backcountry access. Getting to these points would require at least a couple hours each way of hiking on moderate to difficult trails or on a cross-country route with no trail – such as in a wilderness area.

**Priority:** Prioritize the viewpoint according to the following general criteria. The purpose of assigning priority is to help you determine the most effective use of limited staff and stakeholder/volunteer resources. It is not an assignment of the importance of the viewpoint. It is anticipated that all viewpoints will be inventoried.

- A. The highest priority points are those where there may be an immediate threat to the view from a proposed project or from land management or development decisions.
- B. These points are not likely subject to changes in the view in the near future but land management or development could affect the view.
- C. These are points that you feel are currently somewhat protected from visual intrusions and if needed could be included in the inventory at a later time.

| No. | Name | Rationale | Access | Priority |
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