

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING SHEET

Date:

District Office:

Field Office:

1. Evaluators (*names*)

For instructions on how to complete this form, please refer to page 2.

SENSITIVITY LEVEL RATING UNITS (1)	(2)Type of User	(3)Amount of Use	(4)Public Interests	(5)Adjacent Land Uses	(6)Special Areas	(7)Other Factors	(8)Overall Rating	EXPLANATION (9)

INSTRUCTIONS

Steps in the Sensitivity Level Analysis

1. Divide the inventory area into logical sensitivity rating units.
2. Analyze the factors which indicate visual sensitivity.
3. For each rating, rate each factor as high, moderate, or low using the following outline as a general guide:
 - a. *Type of Users*. Maintenance of visual quality is
 - a major concern for most users.....High
 - a moderate concern for most users.....Moderate
 - a low concern for most users.....Low
 - b. *Amount of use*. Maintenance of visual quality becomes more important as the level of use increases (see table below):
 - high level of use.....High
 - moderate level of use.....Moderate
 - low level of use.....Low
 - c. *Public Interest*. Maintenance of visual quality is:
 - a major public issue.....High
 - a moderate public issue.....Moderate
 - a minor public issue.....Low
 - d. *Adjacent Land Uses*. Maintenance of visual quality to sustain adjacent land use objectives is:
 - very important.....High
 - moderately important.....Moderate
 - slightly important.....Low
 - e. *Special Area*. Maintenance of visual quality to sustain Special Area management objectives is:
 - very important.....High
 - moderately important.....Moderate
 - slightly important.....Low
4. Determine the over-all sensitivity level for each rating unit. This is a judgmental process which requires a careful analysis of all the above factors. Review the ratings given to each factor and analyze the relationship between factors. A high rating in any one factor does not necessarily mean that the over-all sensitivity level rating should be high. For example, the rating for “type of users” might be high but the “amount of use” might be low. Consequently, the over-all rating could be low or moderate. Management should be involved in this process.
5. Record the ratings and explanation on the sensitivity level rating sheet.

TABLE FOR CLASSIFYING AMOUNT OF USE			
TYPE	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW
Roads & Highways	Greater than 45,000 visits/ yr.	5,000-45,000 visits/ yr.	Lesser than 5,000 visits/ yr.
Rivers & Trails	Greater than 20,000 visits/ yr.	2,000-20,000 visits/ yr.	Lesser than 2,000 visits/ yr.
Recreation Sites	Greater than 10,000 visitor days/ yr.	2,000-10,000 visitor days/ yr.	Lesser than 2,000 visitor days/ yr.