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Comments: The proposed plan needs to provide more guidance and emphasis on how the Forest Service would emphasize the "conservation of scenic values." When projects are proposed on the Flaming Gorge NRA, the Forest needs to ensure that scenic values will be conserved and protected.

I propose the following changes be made to the scenic integrity objective areas in the draft plan.

In Figure 3-3 of the EA, please change the scenic integrity objectives for Red Canyon area to have a "very high" scenic rating to meet the FGNRA purpose to "conserve scenic values."

The Red Canyon and the Green River canyons are the premier scenic areas within the FGNRA and should be managed as having "very high" scenic integrity objectives.

I also think that other areas of the FGNRA warrant "very high" scenic integrity such as the Firehole chimney outcrops, bluffs, and other amazing geological features.

Have language in the plan that ensures that the scenery in areas with very high scenic integrity objectives are conserved as follows:

In areas designed with a "very high" scenic category, conservation and protection of the natural scenery is given the highest priority during project planning and implementation.

"Projects, activities, or permits will not be authorized within areas with the "very high" scenic category if the activity would produce a noticeable change to the natural or geological scenery that would last more than 1 year."