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Comments: I recommend you change Figure 3.3 to label the entire Red Canyon area as having the highest scenic value. The Red Canyon area has amazing scenic beauty and is one of the reasons why visitors come from long distances to visit.

The only way to conserve this scenic wonder, is to have rules that ensure its protection.

Right now, the plan does not have many rules for how to protect the scenery. The first Desired Condition is not strong enough, it only suggests that the Forest "consider" scenic attributes.

I recommend having the Desired Condition 01 state, "Management activities across all disciplines do not impair or impact the scenic attributes associated with the FGNARA."

I am not sure why Figure 8 shows Bear Top Mountain as having "Moderate" scenic integrity objectives. I recommend changing the scenic integrity objective on Bear Top Mountain to be high or very high. Bear Top Mountain is the scenic backdrop for the Red Canyon area and can be seen from many trails, visitor use areas, and overlooks.

Please change the Bear Top Mountain area to having either high or very high scenery objectives.

If the scenic integrity objectives data is from the recently finalized Ashley National Forest land management plan, then I recommend making the changes as part of the Flaming Gorge management plan because it will be an amendment to the Ashley Land Management Plan. Amend the scenic integrity objectives based on the importance of scenery within the Flaming Gorge NRA.

I recommend that the Forest use viewshed modeling to determine the viewsheds that are visible from public observation points and trails. The viewshed and scenery of the Red canyon should be protected. For example, the views from Dowd Mountain Overlook, the views from the Red Canyon Rim Trail, the views from Greendale overlook, and the views from the Dam should all be protected.

Please add protective language such as, "Areas with Very High Scenic Integrity Objectives will be protected from projects or activities that could change or modify the natural setting and scenery."

Because everyone floating the river or boating the Red Canyon loves the view, the scenery and views inside the Red Canyon and Green River should be protected as well.

The areas in Wyoming that include sandstone cliffs and other geological or natural scenic features, such as those at Firehole, should be protected. We don't want more massive pipelines crossing the National Recreation Area.