



Visual Mitigation Color Study- Request for Information



The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is entrusted with preserving the scenic quality of over 262 million acres of public lands while managing these lands for multiple uses which benefit present and future generations. As part of on-going efforts for effective visual resource management, the BLM Wyoming Office has contracted with O.T.A.K. to develop a visual mitigation reference guide. This guide is focused on the use of color to reduce contrast in facility development across BLM-managed lands in the greater western United States.

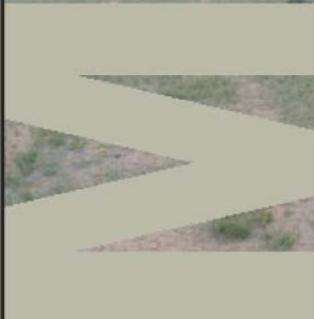


The BLM and OTAK **request your help and participation** in this study by providing input and examples of visual mitigation. While the focus of this study is on color, examples and feedback illustrating mitigation of form, line, and texture are welcome.

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING:

Information we need:

- Do you have any examples (scanned photographs, slides or digital images) of facilities and development that illustrate visual impacts on the landscape (good, bad, and ugly)?
- Do you have any photographic examples or recommendations demonstrating the use of paint textures (powder coating/sand), fabric screens and covers, or camouflage techniques for visual mitigation?
- Can you suggest any information sources related to the use of color or painting techniques applicable to the use of color for visual mitigation?



Color:

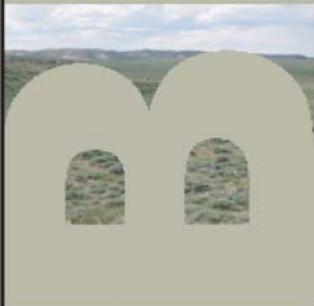
- What color(s) would you consider to be the most dominant in the landscapes you have experience working in? How do vegetation, soils, and seasons influence this?
- What color(s) have you found to be the most effective in visual mitigation and why?
- What color(s) have you found to be the least effective and why?
- Regarding BLM's Standard Environmental Color Chart, which of these 10 colors have been most successfully used in visual mitigation and why?
- In your estimation, how does light, shade/shadow, reflectivity, and seasonal changes influence efforts of visual mitigation of facilities?
- Overall, please share what lessons you have learned in using color for mitigation- What works? What costs are involved? Specific Examples?



Finally:

- Should we decide to update our Environmental Color Chart, what other colors would you recommend we consider adding, deleting, or modifying?

Please provide responses by: March 31, 2004.



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