

Scenery Management System Inventory Components – Concern Levels

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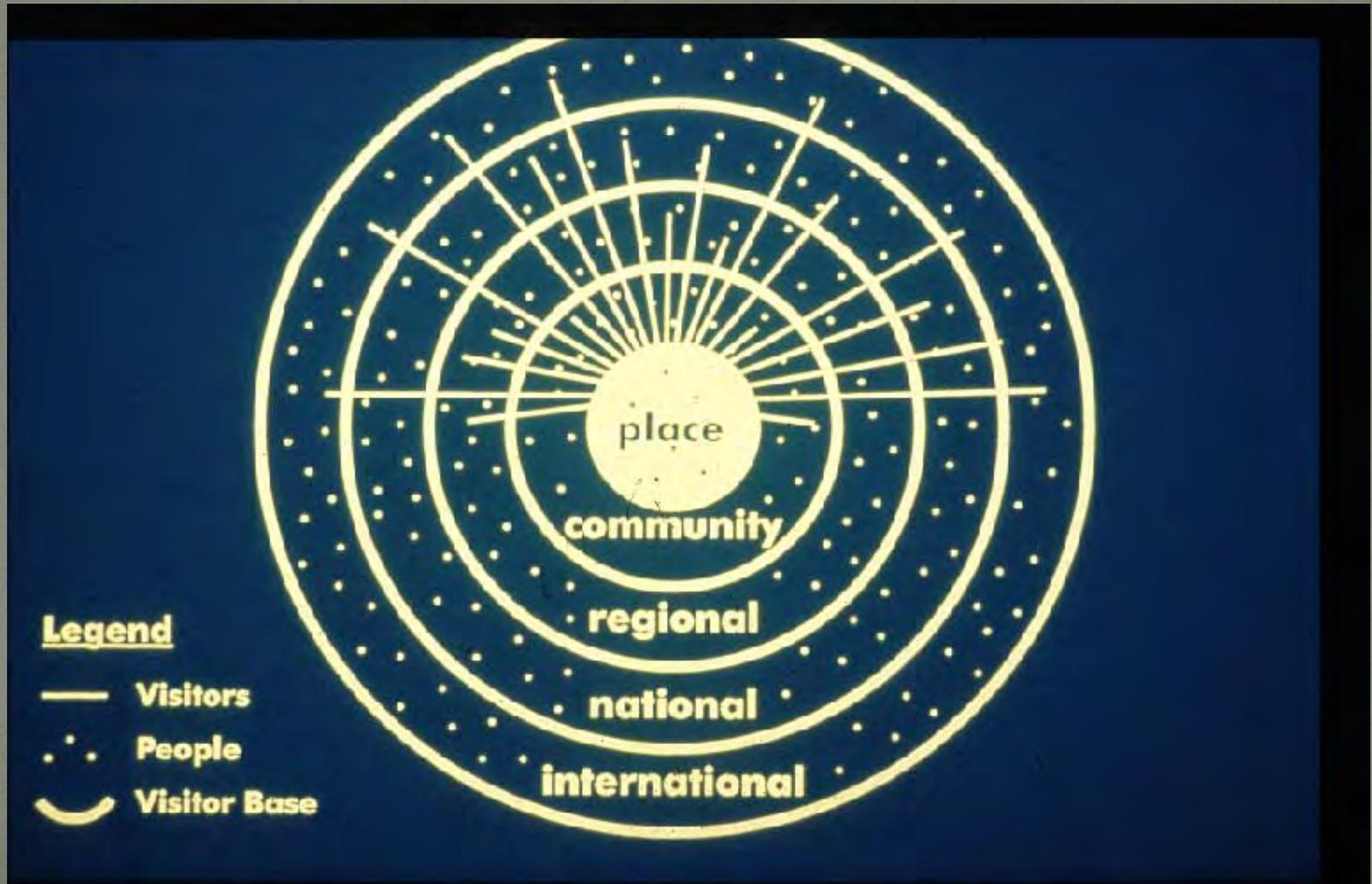
Constituent Information



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- Identify people's values for scenery
 - Expectations
 - Desires
 - Behaviors
 - Preferences
 - Acceptable levels of quality
 - Spiritual connections

Constituent Information – Visitor Base



Constituent Information - Methodologies

- User Surveys (National Visitor Use Monitoring)
- Recreation Facility Analysis
- Social Assessments
- NEPA Scoping – Travel Management
- Public Meetings
- Forest Personnel Knowledge and Experience
 - Recreation Planners
 - Public Affairs Staff
 - Front line staff
 - Sociologists
 - Archaeologists

Concern Levels

- “public importance placed on landscapes viewed from travel ways and use areas”
- Based on use level and interest in scenery
- Concern Levels 1, 2 and 3
- Concern Level 1 has the highest concern for scenery.

Concern Levels

- Concern Levels are assigned to:
 - Travel ways (roads, trails, water ways)
 - Recreation areas
 - Concentrated use areas
- Guidelines in SMS handbook (pages 4-8 to 4-10)



Concern Levels: Sample Methodology

- Review constituent information
- Review Visual Management System sensitivity levels
- Map Concern Level 1 and 2 roads, trails, and recreation points on Forest Visitor Map

	Interest in Scenery		
	High	Moderate	Low
Primary Travel way/Use Area - High Use	1	2	2
Primary Travel way/Use Area - Moderate Use	1	2	2
Primary Travel way/Use Area - Low Use	1	2	3
Secondary Travel way/Use Area - High Use	1	2	2
Secondary Travel way/Use Area - Moderate Use	1	2	3
Secondary Travel way/Use Area - Low Use	1	2	3

Concern Levels: Sample Methodology

- Concern Level 1 - High interest in scenery
 - primary travel routes, use areas, and water bodies where forest visitors have a high interest in scenery
 - secondary travel routes, use areas and water bodies where forest visitors have a high interest in scenery

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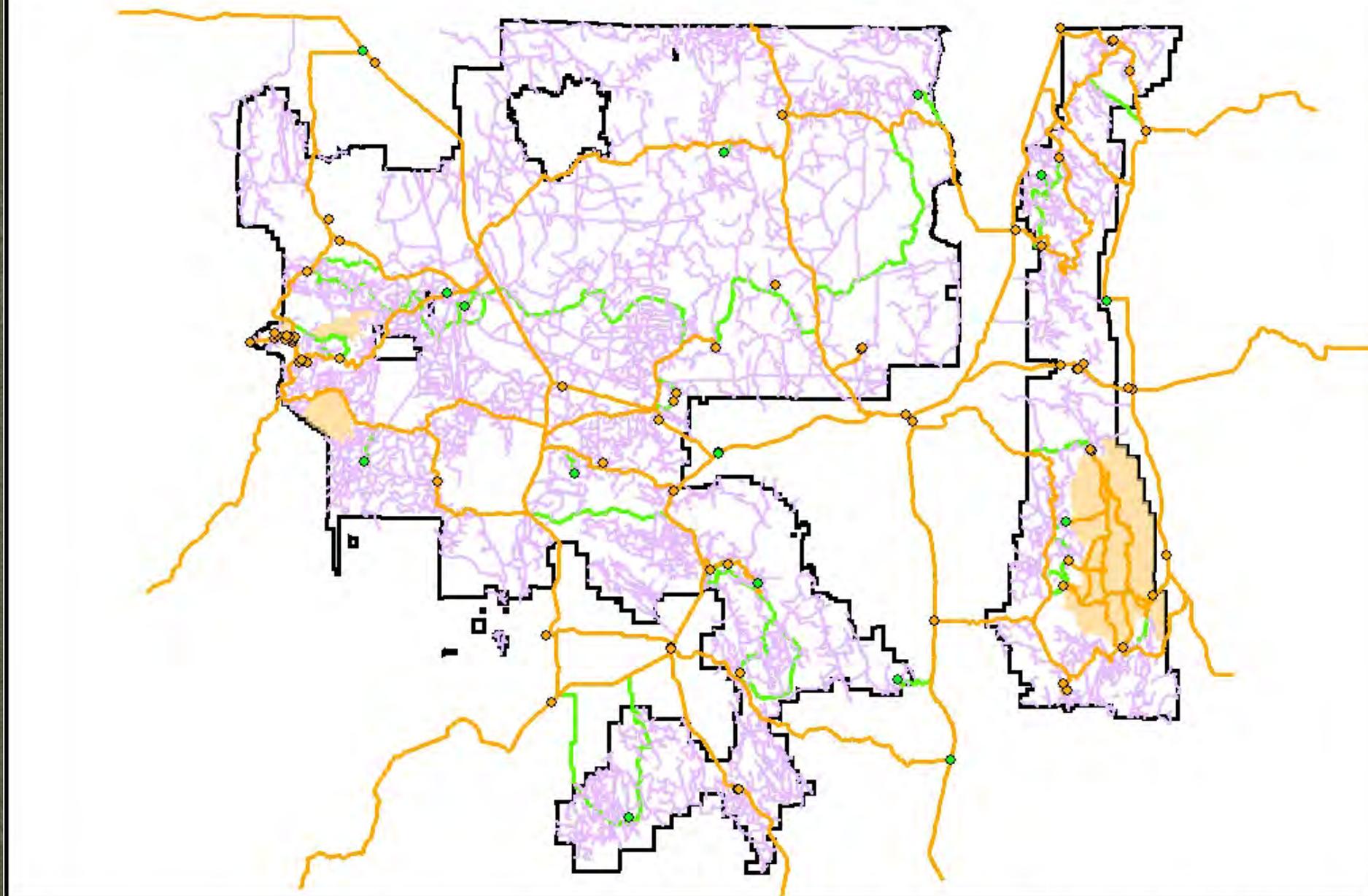
- Concern Level 1 - High interest in scenery
 - Major highways
 - Scenic Byways
 - Primary National Forest System Roads
 - Nationally designated trails
 - Wilderness Areas
 - Wild and Scenic Rivers
 - Other special designation areas
 - Vista points, campgrounds, etc.
 - Cabin rentals
 - Sensitive communities
 - Major historic sites

Concern Levels: Sample Methodology

- Concern Level 2 – Moderate interest in scenery
 - primary travel routes, use areas, and water bodies where forest visitors have a moderate interest in scenery
 - secondary travel routes, use areas and water bodies where forest visitors have a moderate interest in scenery

Concern Levels: Sample Methodology

- Concern Level 2 – Moderate interest in scenery
 - Secondary highways
 - Secondary National Forest System Roads
 - Secondary trail systems
 - Secondary Campgrounds, trailheads, etc.
 - Any travel route that accesses a Concern Level 2 use area
- Concern Level 3 would be any open roads not already assigned Concern 1 or 2
- Concern Levels should be reviewed and approved by Line Officers



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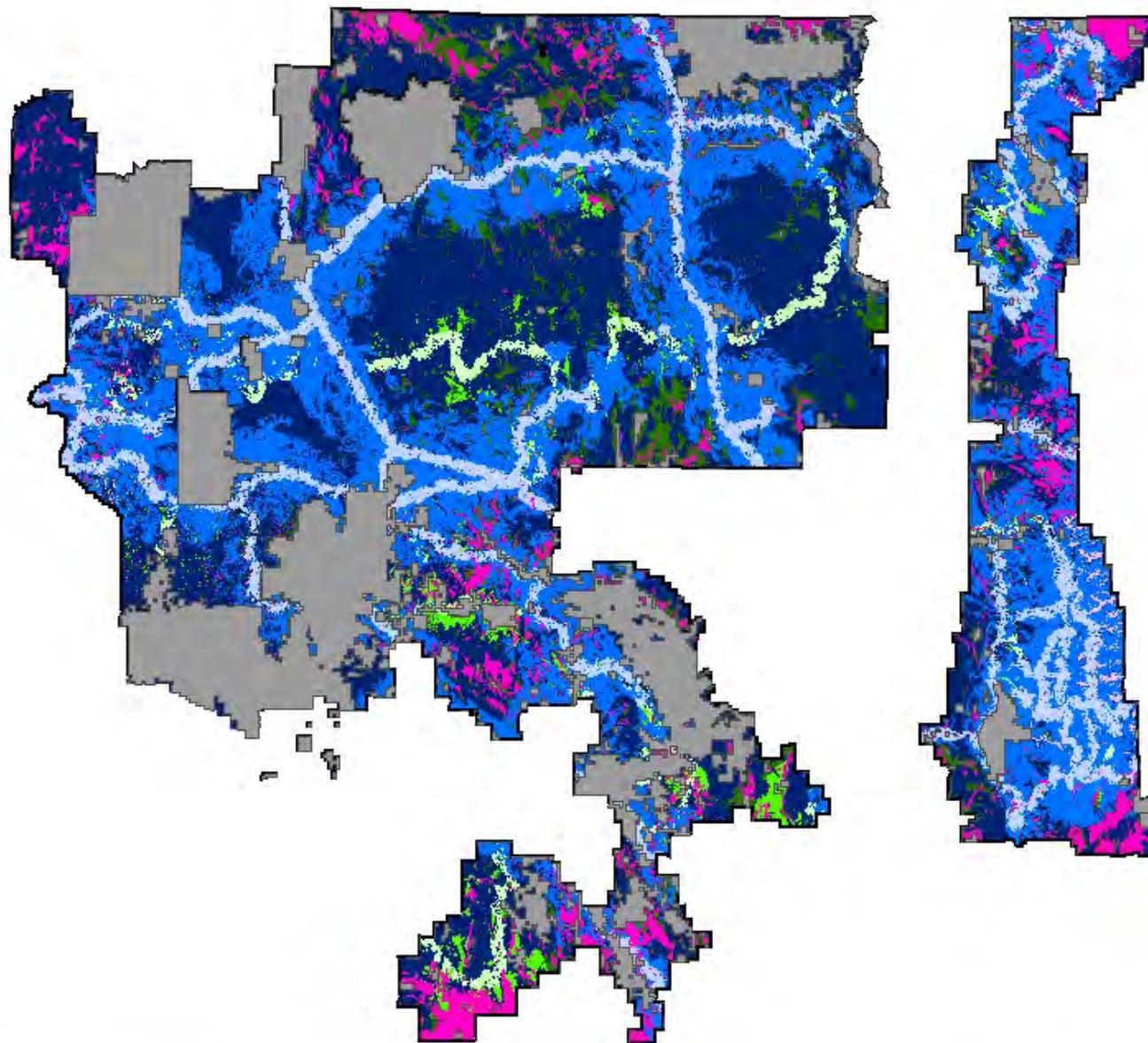
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| Concern Level | Travelways | Use Areas for Seldom Seen |
| ● One | — One | ■ One |
| ● Two | — Two | |
| | — Three | |

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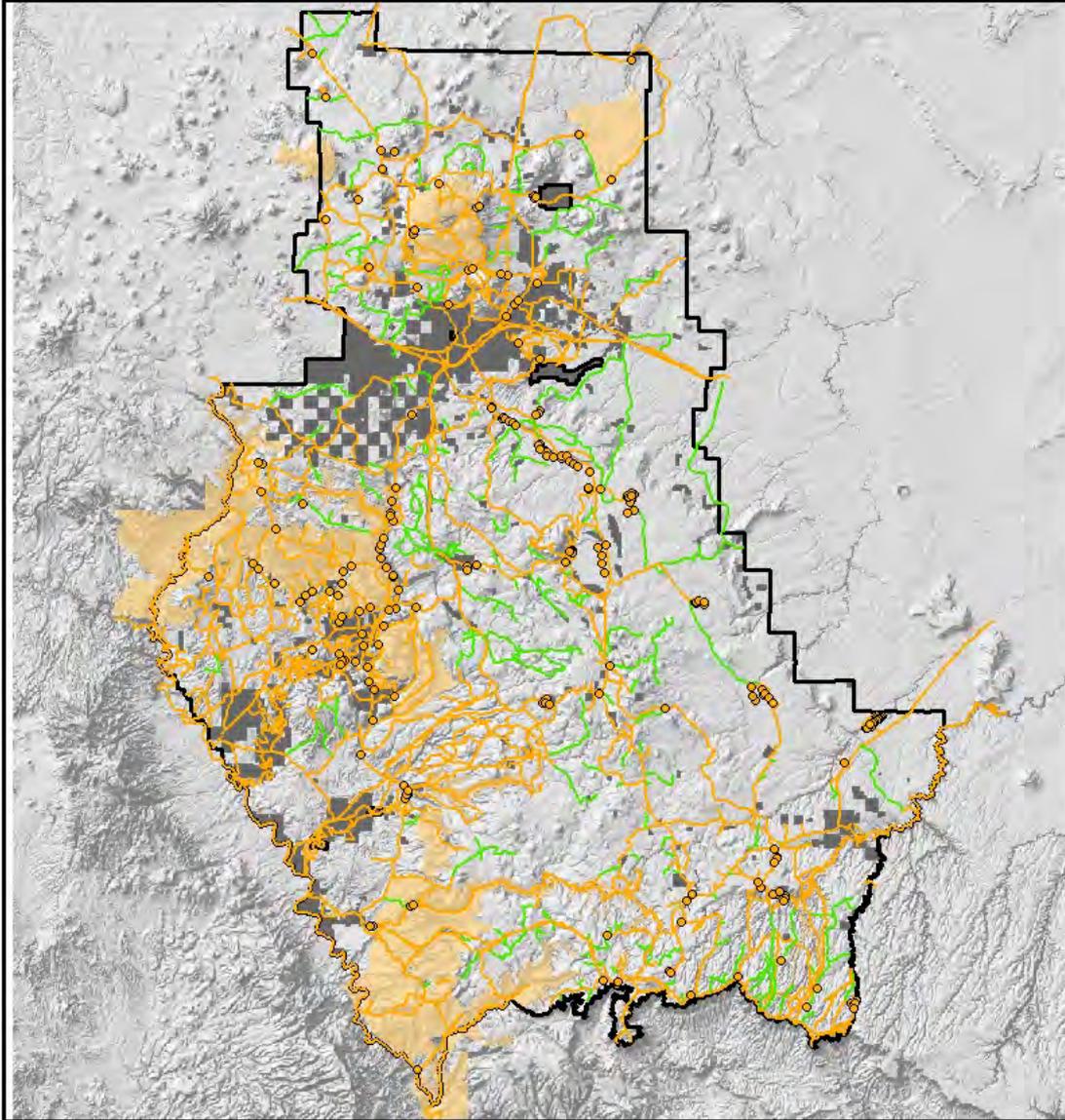
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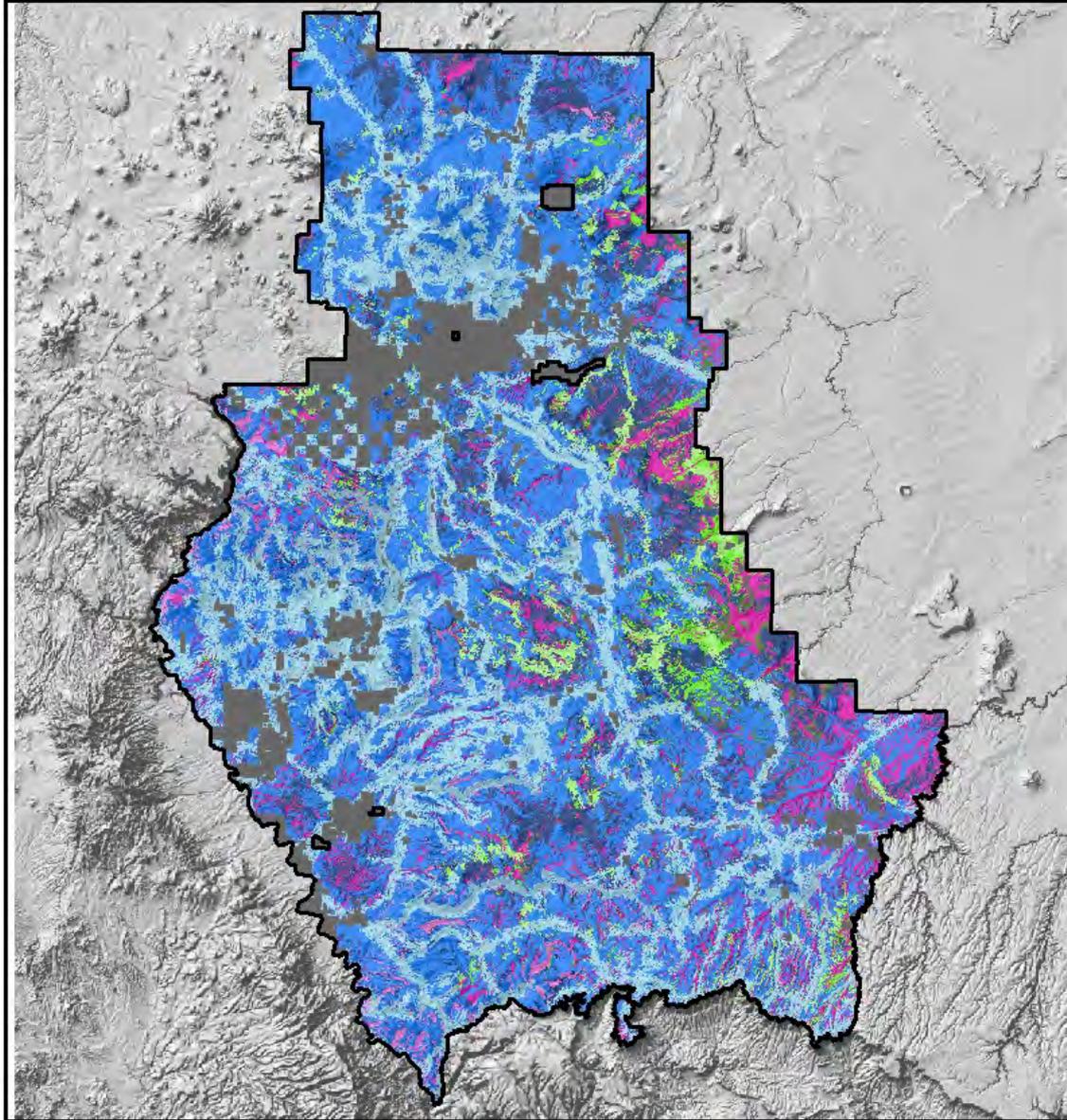


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| Concern Level | Use Areas for Seldom Seen |
| Use Points | one |
| one | Forest Boundary |
| Travelways | Other Ownership |
| one | |
| two | |



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| Visibility |  | Mg2 |  | Forest Boundary | |
|  | Fg1 |  | Bg2 |  | Other Ownership |
|  | Mg1 |  | ss1 | | |
|  | Bg1 |  | ss2 | | |
|  | Fg2 | | | | |



Questions?

Concern Level	Travel Routes, Use Areas & Water Bodies	Level of Interest in Scenery			Level of Use		
		High	Moderate	Low	High	Moderate	Low
1	Primary	X			X	X	X
1	Secondary	X			X	X	X
2	Primary		X	X		X	X
2	Secondary		X	X	X		
2	Secondary		X			X	
2	Secondary		X				X
3	Primary			X			X
3	Secondary			X		X	X