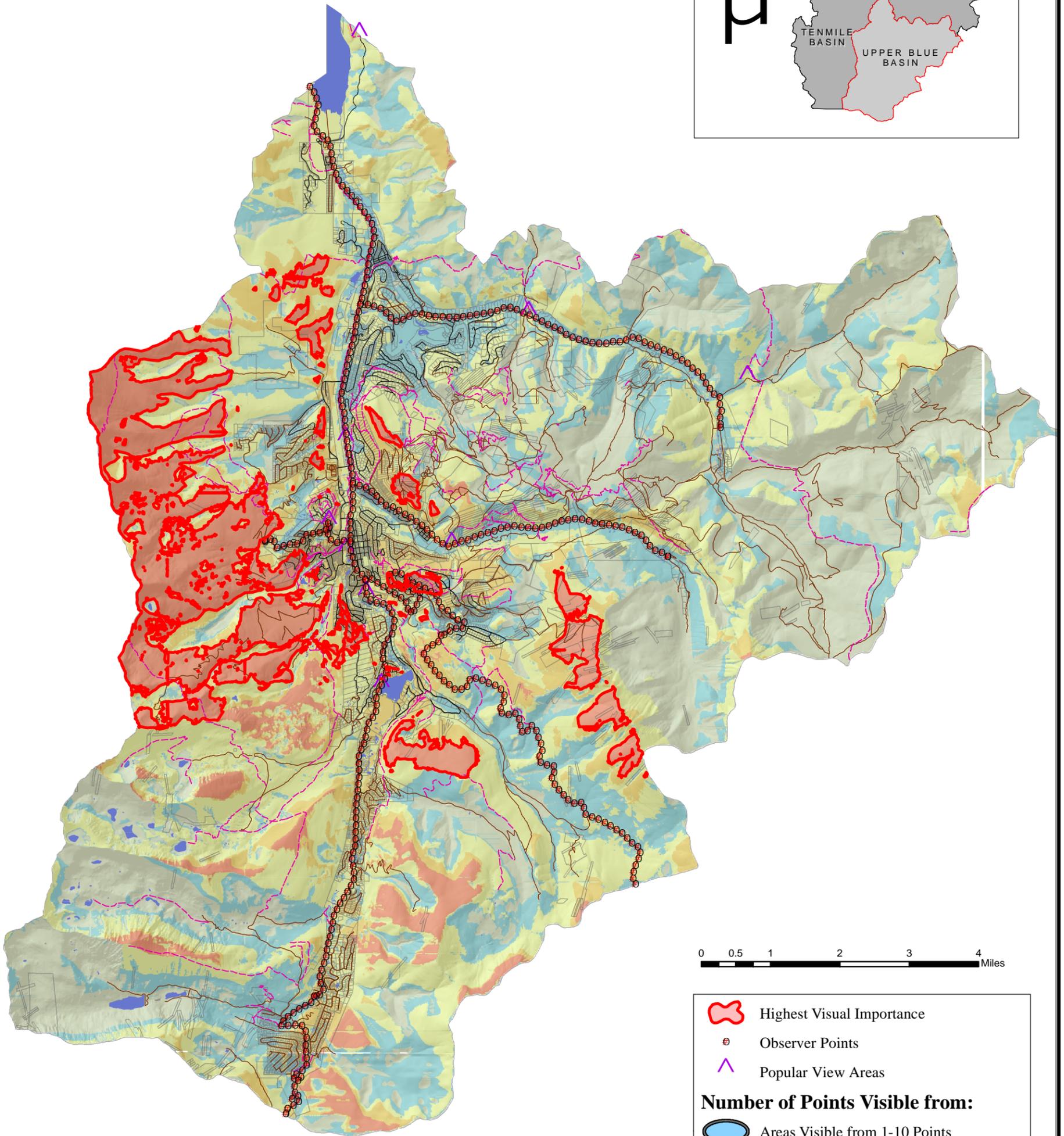
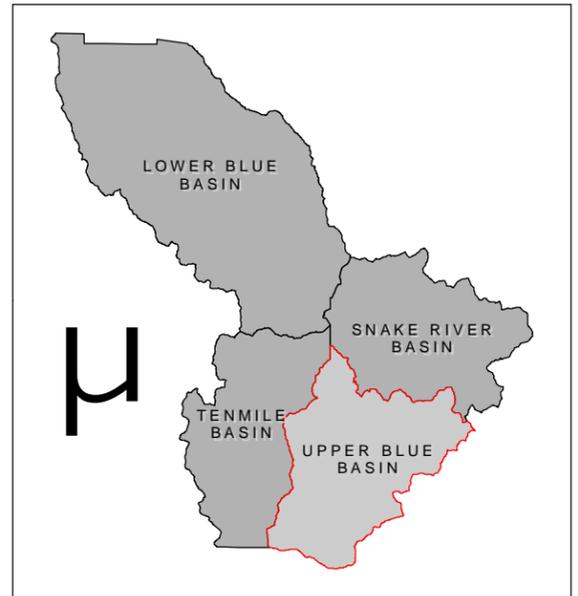


Upper Blue Basin Summit County, Colorado *Visually Important Lands Map*



0 0.5 1 2 3 4 Miles

- Highest Visual Importance
 - Observer Points
 - Popular View Areas
- Number of Points Visible from:**
- Areas Visible from 1-10 Points
 - Areas Visible from 10-60 Points
 - Areas Visible from 60-100 Points
 - Areas Visible from 100+ Points
 - Areas not Visible from Observer Points

The Purpose: To determine areas in the Upper Blue Basin of Summit County, Colorado which are visbly important.

Methodology: The observer points were derived by using Summit County road centerline data. Roads which are considered major roads in the basin were broken into tenth-mile segments. At each tenth-mile segment a point was created to be used as an observer. These points were given a 4 foot offset from ground to represent the view from a car or standing. Popular View Area points are based on areas that are popular locations for people to stop and admire the views. These points are considered to be more important viewing areas and the areas visible from these locations are weighted based on the mean of the visible areas. The I-70 overlook view point is not shown since it is outside of map extent.

Visibility is based on a 10m Digital Elevation Model (DEM) to describe topography. DEM cell size is 32.818 feet.

Cells or "visible areas" are divided into 4 catagories for mapping purposes. The first cell division is for cells which are visible from 1 to 10 observer points, represented by a blue shade. The second cell division is for cells which are visible from 10.01 to 60 observer points, represented by a yellow shade. The third cell division is for cells which are visible from 60.01 to 100 observer points, represented by an orange shade. The fourth cell division is for cells which are visible from 100.01 or more observer points, represented by a pink color.

Due to the use of transparencies to show topography, colors may distort as they cross the boundary for USFS and private/non-USFS land.



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