

GOLDEN QUEEN MINING COMPANY, INC.

**SOLEDAD MOUNTAIN PROJECT**  
MOJAVE, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

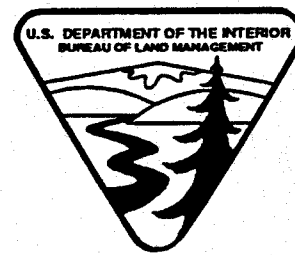
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BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA



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RIDGECREST RESOURCE AREA  
RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA

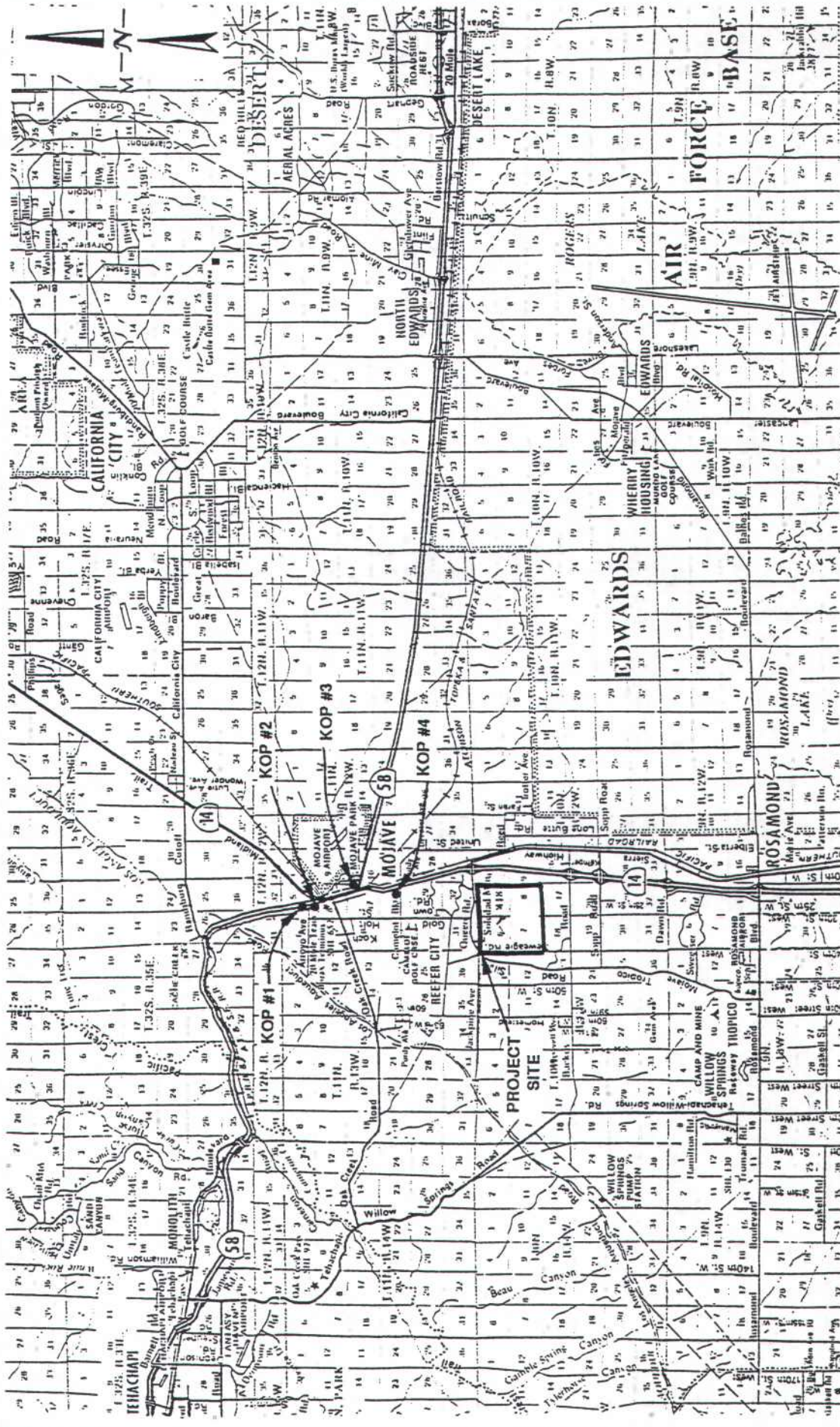
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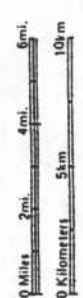
## VISUAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

The visual resources of the project area were investigated using methods outlined in Section 8400 of the BLM Manual. Using these methods, the resources are analyzed by considering the scenic quality, viewer sensitivity and the distance between the viewer and the proposed modification of the landscape. The BLM visual resource management (VRM) system, which was developed by the BLM for identifying, evaluating and classifying visual resources of public lands, assigns a management class rating from I through IV by inventorying and evaluating both scenic quality and the sensitivity of a landscape. Discussions with Mr. Dave Wash at the BLM Office in Ridgecrest indicate that the BLM has not assigned a VRM rating to lands in the project area.

Contrast ratings were conducted from four (4) selected viewing locations, using methods outlined in Section 8400 of the BLM Manual. These Key Observation Points (KOPs), shown in Exhibit 1, were selected to represent the view from the intersections of major highways and local roads which carry the majority of traffic flow in the Mojave area and represent locations where the general public will view the project site. All photographs represent the view from the passenger seat of an automobile located at the KOP.



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**BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA**  
**GOLDEN QUEEN MINING**  
**SOLEDAD MOUNTAIN PROJECT**  
**VISUAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**  
**KEY OBSERVATION POINTS (KOP)**  
 DATE 11/95 0733.0010 EXHIBIT 1



KOP #1 represents a view of the project area from Highway 58 and Arroyo Avenue north of Mojave. This intersection provides access to residential housing and is inside the 30 mile per hour speed zone approaching Mojave from the north. The foreground view is composed of power poles, highway signs, billboards and railroad tracks. The middleground is composed of power poles, residential housing and open space. The background is composed of Soledad Mountain and other distant mountains. Photographs 1 and 1A illustrate the existing conditions and a photographic simulation of the Proposed Action respectively. Photograph 1B is an enlargement of the photographic simulation with labels and outlines to identify the Proposed Actions.

H-8431-1 - VISUAL RESOURCE CONTRAST RATING

Visual Contrast Rating Worksheet

VISUAL CONTRAST RATING WORKSHEET  BASED ON UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES	Date	JANUARY 2, 1995
	Project	
	Project No.	

SECTION A. PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project Name	4. Location	5. Location Sketch
SOLEADO MOUNTAIN PROJECT	Township <u>10N</u>	
2. Key Observation Point	Range <u>13W</u>	
Hwy 58 & Arroyo Ave.	Section <u>5, 6, 7, 8</u>	
3. VRM Class	SAN BERNARDINO B & M	
UNCLASSIFIED		

SECTION B. CHARACTERISTIC LANDSCAPE DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	FOR: FLAT, <del>EMERSE</del> , RECTANGULAR BACK: COMPLEX, RUGGED	COARSE, ROUND	LINER, HORIZONTAL, RECTANGULAR
LINE	FOR: STRONG EDGES BACK: BOLD, ANGULAR	WEAK, SOFT	STRAIGHT, ANGULAR
COLOR	FOR: GREY, TAN BACK: TAN, BROWN	BROWN, RED, GREEN	BROWN, WHITE, GREY
TEXTURE	FOR: SMOOTH BACK: RUGH	MEDIUM, SPARSE, RANDOM	SPARSE, PATCHY

SECTION C. PROPOSED ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	SOLID, GEOMETRIC, SMOOTH	—	—
LINE	ANGULAR, CURVED	—	—
COLOR	BROWN, TAN	—	—
TEXTURE	SMOOTH, CONTRASTY	—	—

SECTION D. CONTRAST RATING  SHORT TERM  LONG TERM

1. DEGREE OF CONTRAST	FEATURES												2. Does project design meet visual resource management objectives? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Explain on reverse side)
	LAND/WATER BODY (1)				VEGETATION (2)				STRUCTURES (3)				3. Additional mitigating measures recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Explain on reverse side)
	Strong	Mod.	Weak	None	Strong	Mod.	Weak	None	Strong	Mod.	Weak	None	Evaluator's Name Date  DAVID A. WEISS 1/2/95
FORM		—					—						
LINE			—				—						
COLOR			—				—						
TEXTURE			—				—						



EXHIBIT 1 - KOP #1 PRE-MINING PHOTOGRAPH



EXHIBIT 1A - KOP #1 POST-MINING PHOTOGRAPHIC SIMULATION

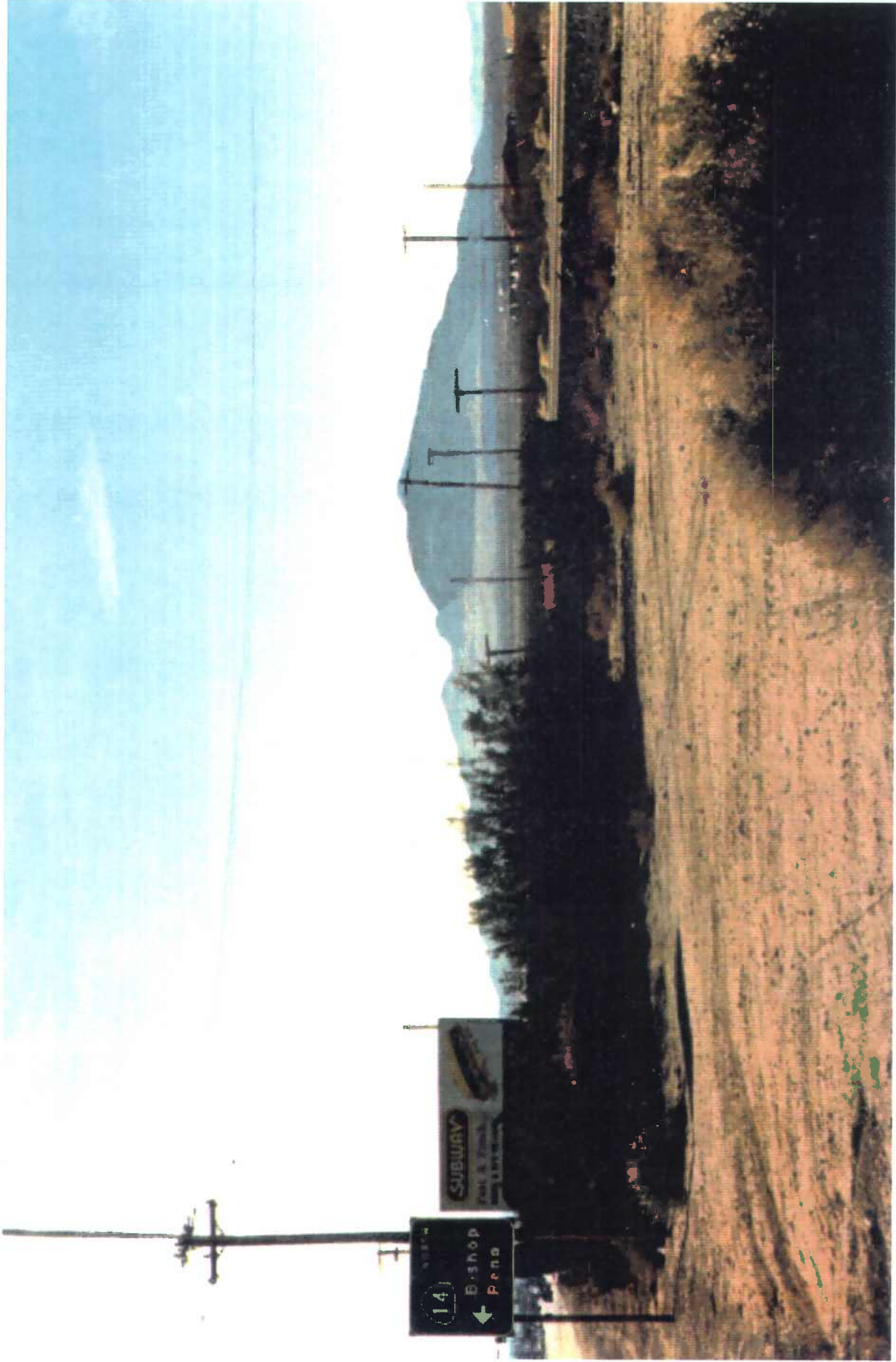


EXHIBIT 1B - KOP #1 POST-MINING PHOTOGRAPHIC ENLARGEMENT



KOP #2 represents a view of the project area from Highways 58 and 14 north of Mojave. This intersection is controlled by a traffic signal. The foreground view is composed of power poles, highway signs, billboards and railroad tracks. The middleground is composed of power poles, residential housing and open space. The background is composed of Soledad Mountain and other distant mountains. Photographs 2 and 2A illustrate the existing conditions and a photographic simulation of the Proposed Action respectively. Photograph 2B is an enlargement of the photographic simulation with labels and outlines to identify the Proposed Actions.

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LINE	FOR: STRONG EDGES BACK: BOLD, ANGULAR	WEAK, IRREGULAR, SOFT	VERTICAL, STRAIGHT, GEOMETRIC
COLOR	FOR: TAN BACK: TAN, BROWN	GREEN, BROWN	GREY, BROWN, GREEN
TEXTURE	FOR: SMOOTH BACK: ROUGH	RANDOM, MEDIUM	SPARSE, OPENED

SECTION C. PROPOSED ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

	1. LAND/WATER	2. VEGETATION	3. STRUCTURES
FORM	SOLID, GEOMETRIC, SMOOTH	-	-
LINE	ANGULAR, CURVED	-	-
COLOR	TAN, BROWN	-	-
TEXTURE	SMOOTH, CONTRASTY	-	-

SECTION D. CONTRAST RATING  SHORT TERM  LONG TERM

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FORM		-					-						
LINE			-				-						
COLOR			-				-						
TEXTURE			-				-						

