

## FIELD TRIP DIFFICULTY RATING SCALE

Note: Source of this scale is GPAA Sacramento Chapter  
via Field Trip Chairmen's Association

Include Rating Number and Description on Field Trip Information Forms

### VEHICLE ACCESS & PARKING RATING

- 1 - 2** Vehicle access and parking to include bus's, RV's, handicap vehicles, handicap parking available.
- 3 - 4** Vehicle access and parking good for most vehicles and RV's, no specific handicap parking
- 5** 2 wheel, vehicle parking on rough terrain or trail end
- 6** 2 wheel access or parking on roads, dirt or gravel, limited parking areas, carpooling may be recommended
- 7** Difficult access by 2 wheel drive, **high clearance** required (2 wheel SUV's, truck's)
- 8** 4 x 4 **or** high clearance with Positraction or all wheel slip prevention equipped vehicles.
- 9** 4 x 4 required due to unknown and possibly difficult roads and trails. Possible inclement weather causing changing road conditions on approach or return
- 10** **4 x 4 required, high clearance** necessary, experienced 4 x 4 driver. Recovery equipment required, basic survival supplies aboard each vehicle

### COLLECTION OR VIEWING SITE RATING

- 1 - 2** Flat ground or paved handicap access to and at site
- 3 - 4** Flat ground, unpaved sections, handicap access with some help
- 5** ¼ to ½ mile trail to site with moderate difficulty
- 6** ¼ to ½ mile with trails on hill sides, or through brush and creek beds
- 7** ½ mile or **more** to site, difficult trails and ravines or water crossings. Potential exploration for additional sites
- 8** Difficult trails, difficult access to sites, or difficult collecting conditions at the site. Unknown trail or collecting conditions at other unknown sites in the area. Exploration trips for additional sites in rough terrain
- 9** Experienced and equipped expedition participants only
- 10** **Experienced**, and **equipped**, and **physically fit** participants only