



Existing Scenic Integrity: High, with Areas of Low. This existing landscape view is taken from northbound Angeles Forest Highway, about three miles south of KOP-North-4, looking north toward Mill Creek Summit and northeast toward proposed Segment 6. The landscape visible from the Angeles Forest Highway in general, and KOP-Center-5 specifically, is predominantly natural-appearing, consisting of foreground, middleground, and background landscapes with dense, dark green chemise and chaparral covered mountainsides. There is very little vegetative pattern in this landscape view. The sun angle and shadows emphasize the ruggedness of the steep slopes and broken terrain. The natural landscape has a coherent form and character with substantial visual variety created by the rugged, folded terrain. The natural landscape exhibits a high degree of intactness and scenic integrity, but the highly discordant transmission line structures and the access and spur roads leading to those towers are visually evident and moderately alter the valued landscape character, leading to a rating of low scenic integrity for the utility corridor.

Scenic Integrity Objective: High. In the 2005 Forest Plan, the entire landscape in this vicinity is mapped as High SIO, where the management direction states that human activities should not be visually evident. Human-caused deviations may be present but must repeat the form, line, color, texture, and pattern common to the natural landscape character so completely and at such a scale that they are not evident.

Figure 3.14-20a
Existing Conditions
for KOP-Center-5
Northbound Angeles
Forest Highway
(Alternative 2, Segment 6)

Source: Lee Anderson, 2007.