



Existing Scenic Integrity: High, with Areas of Unacceptably Low. KOP-Center-11 is located on the Angeles Crest Scenic Byway at the Shortcut Saddle Area, looking southwest from the Silver Moccasin Trailhead at an elevation of approximately 4,750 feet. This area is adjacent to and just east of the Rincon-Shortcut OHV Trailhead. Existing lattice steel towers and conductors are very visible in this view as they cross over the saddle and proceed south along the southwestern border of the San Gabriel Mountain Wilderness, which is situated to the left of the structures. The landscape visible from the Silver Moccasin Trailhead in general, and KOP-Center-11 specifically, is predominantly natural-appearing, consisting of foreground and middleground landscapes with dense, dark green chaparral and evergreen tree-covered mountainsides. There are interesting vegetative patterns in this landscape view that are created by the folded terrain and shadows in the landscape. The natural landscape exhibits a high degree of intactness and scenic integrity, except for the highly discordant transmission line structures. These manmade features are visually excessive and begin to totally dominate the landscape character, leading to a rating of unacceptably 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 3.14-26a
Existing Conditions
for KOP-Center-11
Silver Moccasin Trailhead
(Alternative 2, Segment 6)

Source: Lee Anderson, 2007.