Future Scenic Integrity: High, with Areas of Unacceptably Low. In this portion of Segment 11, and for all areas from the Gould Substation to the Mesa Substation, new insulators would be hung on the vacant positions of these existing 220-kV double circuit towers and new conductors would be strung. The only visible change would be new insulators and conductors on existing LSTs. Access and spur roads are not visible from this vantage point.

Adverse Visual Impacts. In the vicinity of KOP-Center-20, implementation of the Project would result in adverse visual impacts V-1, V-3, V-4, V-5, and V-7, as detailed in Table 6-1.

Mitigation Measures. Implementation of Mitigation Measures (MMs) would reduce adverse visual impacts to a certain degree, but the Project would continue to not meet the High SIO established for this area. MMs would include: V-1a– Clean up staging areas, storage areas, marshalling yards, access and spur roads, and structure locations on a regular periodic basis; V-2b – Treat surfaces with appropriate colors, textures, and finishes; V-3a – Match spans of existing transmission structures; V-3b – On NFS lands, provide restoration/compensation for impacts to landscape character and visual quality; V-4a – Construct, operate, and maintain the Project with existing access and spur roads where feasible; V-4c – Avoid locating new roads in bedrock on NFS lands; and V-4d – Dispose of excavated materials as prescribed.

Figure 3.14-35b
Visual Simulation for KOP-Center-20 Forest Road to Millard Campground (Alternative 2, Segment 11)
Source: Lee Anderson and 3DScape, 2008.