



Existing Scenic Integrity: High, with Areas of Very Low. KOP-Center-6 is located on Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road, approximately one mile northwest of KOP-Center-7 and approximately two-air-miles north of the Angeles Crest Scenic Byway. This view is typical for the southbound traveler on Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road, looking south. The landscape visible from Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road in general, and KOP-Center-6 specifically, is predominantly natural-appearing, consisting of foreground, middleground, and background 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 microclimates. The sun angle and shadows emphasize the ruggedness of the steep slopes and broken terrain. The moderate slopes and rolling terrain are not as visually dominant as the terrain in many other parts of the Forest and therefore the existing transmission lines in this corridor have a stronger visual presence. The natural landscape has a coherent form and character with substantial visual variety created by the rugged, folded terrain. In this utility corridor, the existing 220-kV and 500-kV transmission lines were constructed prior to development and application of the Forest Service Visual Management System or the new Scenery Management System. The natural landscape exhibits a high degree of intactness and scenic integrity, except for the discordant transmission line structures and access road cutslopes, which further detract from scenic integrity, leading to a rating of low scenic integrity for the utility corridor. This landscape currently does not meet the ANF High SIO because of the presence of human-made features.

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 3.14-21a
Existing Conditions
for KOP-Center-6
Southbound Upper Big
Tujunga Canyon Road
(Alternative 2, Segment 6)

Source: Lee Anderson, 2008.