



Existing Scenic Integrity: High, with Areas of Low. KOP-Center-10 is located on the Angeles Crest Scenic Byway approximately 1.5-miles west of the Shortcut Saddle Area, looking east at Segment 6, near sunset. The landscape visible from the Angeles Crest Scenic Byway in general, and KOP-Center-10 specifically, is predominantly natural-appearing, consisting of foreground and middleground landscapes with dense, dark green chaparral-covered mountainsides and scattered clumps of evergreen trees. 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, which make the valued landscape character appear moderately altered. They detract from the otherwise high scenic integrity, 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 3.14-25a
Existing Conditions
for KOP-Center-10
Eastbound Angeles Crest
Scenic Byway
(Alternative 2, Segment 6)

Source: Lee Anderson, 2007.