



Existing Scenic Integrity: High, with Areas of Moderate. KOP-Center-12 is located on Cogswell Reservoir Dam, looking west. It is located at the west end of the West Fork National Scenic Bikeway next to the San Gabriel Wilderness, at an elevation of approximately 2,415 feet. Existing 220-kV and 500-kV lattice structures are visible on the skyline, as are access and spur roads cutting across the mountainside and leading to each LST. When the reservoir is full, there is no "bathtub ring" effect and scenic integrity is high for this landscape. Overall, the existing scenic integrity of this natural-appearing National Forest landscape is high, with no deviations of form, line, color, texture, or scale except for the seasonal bathtub ring at the reservoir in the foreground and existing transmission lines, access roads, and spur roads near the skyline in the middleground. These manmade features create strong visual contrasts and make the valued landscape character appear moderately altered. They detract from the otherwise high scenic integrity and reduce certain areas of this landscape to a level of low scenic integrity.

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 3.14-27a
Existing Conditions
for KOP-Center-12
Cogswell Reservoir &
National Scenic Bikeway
(Alternative 2, Segment 6)

Source: Lee Anderson, 2007.