



Future Scenic Integrity: High, with Areas of Unacceptably Low. The proposed Project would utilize this area to construct a large helicopter staging area (SCE helicopter staging area #1). There would be a large area of existing vegetation that would be cleared in the immediate foreground of the Mount Gleason Road, and the ridgetop would be leveled for use as a marshalling yard and helicopter staging area. The future scenic integrity of this foreground landscape would be unacceptably low scenic integrity.

Adverse Visual Impacts. In the vicinity of KOP-Center-15, implementation of the proposed 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 create strong adverse contrasts of form, line, color, texture, and scale. It would continue to not meet the High SIO established for this area. MMs would include: V-1 – Clean up staging areas, storage areas, marshalling yards, staging areas, access and spur roads, and structure locations on a regular periodic basis; V-3b – On NFS lands, provide restoration/compensation for impacts to landscape character and visual quality; V-4b – Slope-round and re-contour in areas as prescribed; V-4c – Avoid locating new roads in bedrock on NFS lands; and V-4d – Dispose of excavated materials as prescribed.

Figure 3.14-30b
Visual Simulation for
for KOP-Center-15
Eastbound Mount Gleason Road
(Alternative 2, Segment 11)

Source: Lee Anderson and USDA Forest Service, 2008.