



Existing Scenic Integrity: High, with Areas of Very Low. KOP-Center-17 is located on the Angeles Forest Highway approximately 3-miles north of its intersection with the Angeles Crest Scenic Byway, as seen by people driving north and down into the Big Tujunga Canyon on their way to Palmdale, Lancaster, and the Antelope Valley. The landscape visible from the Angeles Forest Highway in general, and KOP-Center-17 specifically, is predominantly natural-appearing, consisting of foreground, middleground, and background landscapes with interesting patterns of dense, dark green chaparral-covered mountainsides. The folded terrain and shadows create interesting patterns in this landscape view. The natural landscape exhibits a high degree of intactness and scenic integrity, except for the highly discordant transmission line structures, which detracts from the high scenic integrity. The utility corridor appears heavily altered and visual deviations (human-made structures) strongly dominate the view, leading to a rating of very 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 3.14-32a
Existing Conditions
for KOP-Center-17
Northbound Angeles
Forest Highway
(Alternative 2, Segment 11)

Source: Lee Anderson, 2007.