



Existing Scenic Integrity: High, with Areas of Low. KOP-Center-18 is located on a nature trail just west of the Clear Creek Outdoor Education Camp. The landscape visible from the Clear Creek Outdoor Education Center in general, and KOP-Center-18 specifically, is predominantly natural-appearing, consisting of foreground, middleground, and background landscapes with interesting tan rock patterns and mottled, dark green chaparral-covered mountainsides, leading the eye to a jagged skyline in the background. The folded terrain and shadows create high visual interest in this landscape view. The natural landscape exhibits a high degree of intactness and scenic integrity, except for the discordant transmission line conductors that lead viewers' attention to the lattice steel tower on the right skyline. The existing LST in the middle of this view blends almost completely with the mottled background landscape patterns, and if it were not for the horizontal lines created by the conductors, this LST would meet the definition of moderate scenic integrity. However, the existing transmission line begins to dominate the valued landscape character and detracts from 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 3.14-33a
Existing Conditions
for KOP-Center-18
Clear Creek Outdoor
Education Camp
(Alternative 2, Segment 11)

Source: Lee Anderson, 2007.