

6, Segment 6) would construct a large helicopter staging area on a flat area near the Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road, separated by a steep hillside that has an existing fuelbreak on top. In this area of Segment 6, the Alternative 6 transmission line would be constructed by helicopters, and existing access roads and spur roads would not be re-opened. Other than the transmission line corridor, the landscape has predominantly natural-appearing existing landscape character and achieves High SIO. After revegetation of the helicopter staging area, and because LSTs would be colored dark-browngray, the new transmission line would achieve low scenic integrity.

Adverse Visual Impacts. In the vicinity of KOP-Center-6, implementation of the 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 <u>not</u> meet the High SIO established for this area. MMs would include: V-1 – Clean up staging areas, storage areas, marshalling yards, access and spur roads, and structure locations on a regular periodic basis; V-2b – Treat surfaces with appropriate colors, textures, and finishes; 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.

Visual Simulation for KOP-Center-6 Southbound Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road (Alternative 6, Segment 6)

Source: Lee Anderson and 3DScape, 2008.