



Existing Scenic Integrity: High, with Areas of Borderline Moderate to Low. The landscape visible from the Mount Gleason Road is predominantly natural-appearing, consisting of large-scale, panoramic views to midground and background landscape, such as shown at KOP-Center-3. However, this is a foreground view toward the proposed Project's (Alternative 2) helicopter staging area and it does not show panoramic views; rather, it shows details in the landscape that are somewhat discordant. The dense, dark green brushfields are interrupted by cut and fill slopes of the road itself, and by an access road that follows along the ridgeline and powerline with wooden poles that interrupt the skyline. The natural landscape exhibits a moderate degree of intactness, or scenic integrity, except for the distinct manmade features: the power line with its H-frame wooden poles, the cut and fill slopes with bare earth, and grass/shrubs growing along the roadside. These discordant features distract from the harmony of the natural form and character of the landscape. From this view, built features attract attention, especially the wooden poles and the road itself. These discordant elements do not borrow form, line, color or texture from the natural-appearing landscape, and therefore, this scene is on the borderline between moderate and low inherent 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 3.14-78a
Existing Conditions
for KOP-Center-15
Eastbound Mount Gleason Road
(Alternative 6, Segment 11)

Source: Lee Anderson, 2008.