



Existing Scenic Integrity: High, with Areas of Low. The landscape visible from the Angeles Forest Highway is predominantly modified by the highway, water tank, and former parking area on the skyline. This highway provides panoramic views to the Tujunga Canyon and steep mountainsides. However, because of the direction of view of this photograph, these panoramic views are not shown. Rather, details in the landscape that are somewhat discordant are displayed, and the landscape appears moderately altered. This is a foreground view toward the proposed helicopter staging area #10 for Alternative 6. This same area is not proposed as a helicopter staging area for Alternative 2. The natural landscape no longer exhibits a high degree of intactness, or scenic integrity, because of the manmade features that have begun to dominate the valued landscape character – the highway itself, the cut and fill slopes with bare earth, and the flattened skyline, caused by an abandoned parking lot on the right side of the skyline and a buried water tank on the left half of the skyline in this view. These discordant elements do not borrow form, line, color or texture from the natural-appearing landscape, and this scene has 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 3.14-79a
Existing Conditions
for KOP-Center-16
Southbound Angeles
Forest Highway
(Alternative 6, Segment 11)

Source: Lee Anderson, 2008.