

Existing Scenic Integrity: High. KOP-Center-19 is located adjacent to the Angeles Crest Scenic Byway in a paved pullout and overlook approximately 0.5 miles north of the Gould Substation, looking south toward downtown Los Angeles, which is barely visible in the background. This location was selected to represent middleground views of the Segment 11 transmission corridor and the existing Gould Substation, as seen by people driving downhill on the highway or stopped at this developed pullout. The City of La Cañada Flintridge is visible just beyond the substation. This heavily used overlook was identified in the Angeles Crest Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan as "Vista Point, Milepost 27.23" and was listed as a potential site for interpretative development (USDA, undated). Although the Substation and urban areas beyond are not in the ANF, the foreground and middleground landscapes of this view are within the Forest, and contribute much value to the scene. NFS lands are largely intact in this view, and meet the definition of High-SIO. Urban areas at the Gould Substation are beyond the Forest boundary and do not have a scenic integrity objective.

Scenic Integrity Objective: High. In the 2005 Forest Plan, NFS lands in this vicinity are 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.

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Existing Conditions for KOP-Center-19 Gould Substation from Angeles Crest Scenic Byway (Alternative 6, Segment 11) Source: SCE, 2007.