



Existing Scenic Integrity: High, with Areas of Very Low. KOP-Center-8 is located on the Angeles Crest Scenic Byway, headed westbound and looking west at the Rincon-Shortcut OHV Trailhead. The landscape visible from the Angeles Crest Scenic Byway and Rincon Trailhead in general, and KOP-Center-9 specifically, is predominantly natural-appearing, consisting of foreground and middleground landscapes with dense, dark green chaparral and evergreen tree-covered mountainsides. There are interesting vegetative patterns in this landscape view that are created by the folded terrain and shadows in the landscape. The natural landscape exhibits a high degree of intactness and scenic integrity, except for the highly discordant transmission line structures, one of which has aircraft warning colors and symbols. This further detracts from scenic integrity and makes the landscape look heavily altered, leading to a rating of very 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 A-24a (Revised)
Existing Conditions
for KOP-Center-9
Angeles Crest Scenic Byway
& Rincon-Shortcut Trailhead
(Alternative 2, Segment 6)
Source: Lee Anderson, 2007.