Future Scenic Integrity: High, with Areas of Unacceptably Low. SCE's proposed action (Alternative 2, Segment 11) would construct a new 500-kV transmission line around the north and east side of Gould Substation. The only visible change in this simulation, provided by SCE, is one 500-kV LST that would be constructed and it is located on non-NFS lands near the substation and just south of the Forest boundary. Other structures, out of this view to the right and behind the camera, would be on NFS lands, and would create adverse visual impacts in the foreground and middleground (not shown). Access and spur roads were not shown in this simulation that was prepared by SCE.

Adverse Visual Impacts. In the vicinity of KOP-Center-19, implementation of the Project would result in adverse visual impacts V-1, V-3, V-4, V-5, V-6, and V-7, as detailed in Table 6-1.

Mitigation Measures. Implementation of Mitigation Measures (MMs) would reduce adverse visual impacts on NFS lands to a certain degree, but the Project would continue to not meet the High SIO established for this area of NFS land. 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-3a – Match spans of existing transmission structures; V-3b – On NFS lands, provide restoration/compensation for impacts to landscape character and visual quality; V-4a – Construct, operate, and maintain the Project with existing access and spur roads where feasible; V-4c – Avoid locating new roads in bedrock on NFS lands; and V-4d – Dispose of excavated materials as prescribed.

Figure A-82b
Visual Simulation for KOP-Center-19 Gould Substation from Angeles Crest Scenic Byway (Alternative 6, Segment 11)

Source: SCE, 2008.