

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: **2019069078**

Project Title: Moffett Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Lead Agency: Caltrans

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Project Location: Fort Jones

City

Siskiyou County

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace the Lower Moffett Creek Bridge (Br. No. 02-0042) located along State Route (SR) 3 between post miles 38.0 and 38.6 in Siskiyou County. The purpose of the project is to maintain mobility and connectivity on SR 3 near the town of Fort Jones in Siskiyou County without load restrictions. Work activities would include demolition of the existing bridge, construction of a new bridge on the current alignment, installation of new guardrails and bridge railing, reconstruction of approach pavement and shoulders to conform to the new bridge, and the improvement of road connections within the project limits. The project would require vegetation clearing, temporary construction easements, and a full detour on an adjacent county road. Construction equipment parking and material stockpiling would occur within Caltrans right-of-way. The project would require permits from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) 1602 permit, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB) 401 certification, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 404 permit.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Work below the bridge would require temporary access roads. These temporary access roads would most likely be constructed at all four corners of the existing bridge down to Moffett Creek. Approximately 0.131 acres of riparian vegetation would be temporarily impacted by the construction of these temporary access roads. Riparian vegetation impacted consists of primarily grasses and Himalayan blackberry. The new bridge abutments would be wider than the existing bridge. A cottonwood tree which functions as riparian habitat and located within the northeast quadrant of the existing bridge would be removed permanently to accommodate the wider abutment. The removal of this cottonwood tree would result in permanent impacts of approximately 0.013 acres of riparian vegetation.

For the proposed 0.013 acres of permanent impacts to riparian vegetation, Caltrans will offset the impacts or loss by offsite in-kind mitigation or other type of mitigation strategy identified by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) during the notification or permit process. Temporary loss of riparian habitat is expected to naturally re-establish.

Federal Consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has been completed using the Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO), dated October 18, 2013. The project will implement the Terms and Conditions provided in the PBO to minimize the amount or extent of incidental take of the threatened SONCC Coho salmon.

The project will also implement the Terms and Conditions provided in an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) required from CDFW that will also be obtained during the permitting phase.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

N/A

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Transportation
Army Corps of Engineers
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
North Coast Water Quality Control Board
National Marine Fisheries Service

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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