

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020010388

Project Title: Yankee Jims Bridge Replacement (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2021-076-02 (ITP))

Project Location: The project is located at the North Fork American River, Bunch Creek, Shirttail Creek, and several unnamed tributaries, in the County of Placer, State of California. The project spans approximately 7 miles from the intersection of Canyon Way and Interstate 80 in Colfax, southeast along Yankee Jims Road past the confluence of Shirttail Creek and the North Fork American River, to the intersection of Yankee Jims Road and Shirt Tail Canyon Road. The project also includes approximately 2.8 miles of Upper Shirttail Creek above Sugar Pine Reservoir.

Project Description: This proposed project involves the replacement of the existing one lane suspension bridge over the North Fork American River with a new arch suspension bridge with two-lanes and increased weight capacity. Additionally, the existing Yankee Jims Road Bridge will be strengthened to facilitate construction and will then remain in place as a historic structure. The total project area encompasses approximately 133 acres, including approximately 7 miles of roadway improvements along Yankee Jims Road leading to the existing Yankee Jims Bridge. Roadway improvements include cut/fill locations and the repair/replacement of 14 culverts at 10 ephemeral drainage crossings. In addition, the project includes approximately 2.8 miles of habitat enhancement along Upper Shirttail Creek above Sugar Pine Reservoir.

The Project will result in impacts to 28.17 acres of foothill yellow-legged frog (*Rana boylei*) (Northeast/Northern Sierra Clade) habitat including temporary impacts to 27.35 acres; the Project will permanently remove 0.82 acres of foothill yellow-legged frog habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of foothill yellow-legged frog, which is designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

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This is to advise that CDFW, acting a responsible agency approved the above-described project on the date signed below and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. An environmental impact report was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4: A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

Responsible Agency statement: The EIR prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature

Date: 12/23/2024

Morgan Kilgour, *Regional Manager*