

Notice of Exemption**To:**

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Region 1 - Northern
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Project Title: GEOTECHNICAL EVALUATION – KLAMATH DAM REMOVAL PROJECT (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0041-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Camp and Scotch Creeks, in the County of Siskiyou, State of California; Section 33, Township 48N, Range 05W, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Iron Gate Reservoir, Mt. Diablo base and meridian; Assessor's Parcel Number 041-040-160-000

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0041-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.

The project is limited to geotechnical evaluation for proposed future culvert installation. The Project will use a hollow stem auger drill rig, a 35G mini excavator, and a 220 full size excavator. Work will be conducted in the riparian zone, no material will be removed or filled within Scotch or Camp Creek. A large excavator will transfer the drill rig up and over the stream crossing, in order to avoid driving through stream crossing. A total of approximately 1,929 square feet (0.04 acre) of riparian vegetation will be temporarily impacted. A total of ten (10) Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*) and ten (10) shining willow (*Salix lucida*) 2-8-inch diameter will be removed.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 6; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15306,**

Consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

Reasons why project is exempt: Geotechnical evaluation and study to inform future project design. No Major disturbance to environmental resources.

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