

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Portuguese Creek and Cade Creek Fish Passage Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation

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Project Location: near Happy Camp

Siskiyou

City

County

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

The California Department of Transportation, using state and federal funding, proposes to replace existing culverts with new bridges at Cade Creek and Portuguese Creek and restore/reconstruct the stream channels upstream and downstream of the new bridges. The project is located on State Route 96 in Siskiyou County at post mile (PM) 43.5 (Cade Creek) and at PM 57.0 (Portuguese Creek). The purpose of the project is to provide structurally sound structures that meet current highway standards and fish passage criteria as mandated by state and federal law. The project is needed because the Portuguese Creek and Cade Creek culverts were built in the 1940's and the structures have corroded inverts and piping under the culvert structures. In addition to the structure deterioration, the culverts have been identified as a significant passage barrier for miles of potential habitat for anadromous fish species. A detailed project description is attached to the Notice of Completion.

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

The project could potentially impact various resources (e.g., biological resources, geology/soils, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology/water quality, noise, aesthetics, public services, transportation, and utilities/service systems). However, compliance with Caltrans' standard specifications and implementation of standard avoidance/minimization measures would ensure that any impacts would be less than significant. No CEQA-driven mitigation would be required.

The project would benefit several species of anadromous salmonids known to utilize the Klamath River and its tributaries, including the southern Oregon northern California coast coho salmon (federal and state Threatened), steelhead–Klamath Mountains Province Evolutionary Significant Unit (ESU) (state Species of Special Concern), and Chinook salmon–upper Klamath and Trinity rivers ESU (state Species of Special Concern). In addition, the project would improve the quality of critical habitat designated for the southern Oregon northern California coast coho salmon in Cade Creek and Portuguese Creek and improve the quality of essential fish habitat for salmon in these two streams. Approximately 2.58 miles of stream habitat in Cade Creek and 2.78 miles of stream habitat in Portuguese Creek would become accessible to anadromous salmonids upon completion of work. The project may also provide opportunities to mitigate impacts to riverine habitat (e.g., streams and rivers) and anadromous salmonids resulting from other Caltrans transportation projects constructed within the Klamath River watershed.

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

The project is not anticipated to be controversial.

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

Responsible agencies may include:

1. California Department of Fish and Wildlife
2. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
3. California Air Resources Board
4. Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District
5. California Department of Toxic Substances Control
6. NOAA Fisheries (National Marine Fisheries Service)
7. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers