

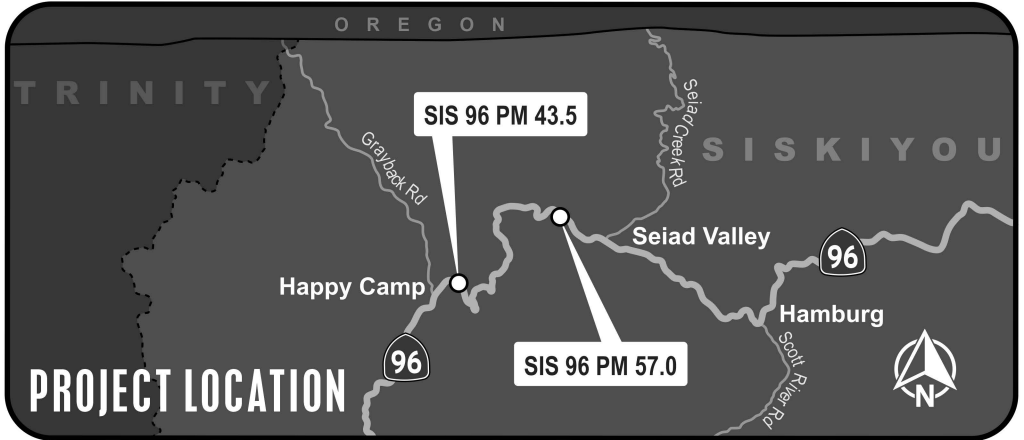


PUBLIC NOTICE

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Portuguese Creek and Cade Creek Fish Passage Project

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CEQA



WHAT IS PLANNED:

The California Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) propose 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 proposed project is located on State Route 96 in Siskiyou County at post mile 43.5 (Cade Creek) and at post mile 57.0 (Portuguese Creek). The purpose of the proposed project is to provide structurally sound structures that meet current highway standards and fish passage criteria as mandated by State and Federal law. The Portuguese Creek and Cade Creek culverts have aging inverts and piping under the culvert structures. In addition to the aging structure, the culverts do not allow for proper fish passage. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2023 and be completed in 2024. If paving/stripping work is not completed in 2024, it would be completed in 2025.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY:

Caltrans and the FHWA have prepared an Initial Study with proposed Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the Portuguese Creek and Cade Creek Fish Passage Project. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the IS/ND and of its availability for you to review. The IS/ND is being circulated for public and agency review in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. It is available for public review from May 12 to June 12, 2021.

An electronic copy of the IS/ND is available for review at the following website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-programs/d3-environmental/d3-environmental-docs> Copies of supporting technical documents are available upon request. To request an electronic copy of the IS/ND or supporting technical documents, please contact Keith Pelfrey, Caltrans District 2 Office of Environmental Management, at keith.pelfrey@dot.ca.gov or (530) 941-3340.

Please submit any comments you may have in writing by June 19, 2021 to:

California Department of Transportation, Attn: Keith Pelfrey, Caltrans District 2 Office of Environmental Management, MS-30, 1657 Riverside Drive, Redding, CA 96001. Or by emailing keith.pelfrey@dot.ca.gov

A PUBLIC MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD

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