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May 11, 2021

State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear State Clearinghouse:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared an Initial Study with proposed Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the proposed Portuguese Creek and Cade Creek Fish Passage Project, which is located on State Route 96 near Happy Camp in Siskiyou County. The project would 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 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.

In support of our initial submittal package for the project, the following documents were uploaded to the State Clearinghouse's CEQA Database on May 11, 2021:

- IS/ND
- Unsigned Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Intent (NOI)
- Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal
- Notice of Completion (NOC)

The IS/ND will be circulated for public review for a 30-day period from May 12 to June 12, 2021.

If you have further questions or need additional information, please contact me at [darrin.doyle@dot.ca.gov](mailto:darrin.doyle@dot.ca.gov) or at (530) 759-3409.

Sincerely,

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