

Notice of Exemption

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From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Region 1 - Northern
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1400 Tenth Street
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Project Title: Walker Creek Horizontal Directional Drilling Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement, EPIMS-SIS-18871-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Walker Creek in the community of Seiad Valley in the County of Siskiyou, State of California, 96086; The project location is owned by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); Latitude 41.835229, Longitude -123.171774.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, EPIMS-SIS-18871-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Siskiyou Telephone Company, as represented by Carl Eastlick.

The project is limited to the horizontal direction drilling (HDD) of a bore path under Walker Creek through which underground fiber optic and copper cables will be placed. The cables will run in conduit from Seiad Valley to Hamburg, CA. The project is connected to several ongoing projects conducted by Siskiyou Telephone Company along the Highway 96 corridor. An AT40 Ditchwitch directional drill machine will be used to bore the underground path.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Siskiyou Telephone Company

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304**, Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project as proposed will only minorly alter the condition of the land and will not involve the removal of any trees.

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