

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: Mill Creek and Kuntz Creek Horizontal Directional Drilling Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement, EPIMS-SIS-18414-R1)

Project Location (include county): The projects are located at Mill Creek and Kuntz Creek near the community of Hamburg in the County of Siskiyou, State of California, 96050.

Project 1 is located at Mill Creek near Milepost (MP) 68.13 on Highway 96, approximately 0.5 miles from Hamburg; Latitude 41.787600, Longitude -123.07939; APN 008-450-040.

Project 2 is located at Kuntz Creek near MP 67.75 on Highway 96, approximately 1 mile downriver from Hamburg; Latitude 41.790806, Longitude -123.084968; APN 008-450-010.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, EPIMS-SIS-18414-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Siskiyou Telephone Company, as represented by Carl Eastlick.

Project 1 is limited to the horizontal direction drilling (HDD) of a bore path under Mill Creek through which 5-inch high density polyethylene (HDPE) conduit and underground fiber optic cable will be placed. An AT40 Ditchwitch directional drill machine will be used to bore the underground path.

Project 2 is limited to the HDD of a bore path under Kuntz Creek through which 5-inch HDPE conduit and underground fiber optic cable will be placed. An AT40 Ditchwitch directional drill machine will be used to bore the underground path.

The projects are connected to several ongoing projects conducted by Siskiyou Telephone Company along the Highway 96 corridor.

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 projects as proposed will only minorly alter the condition of the land and will not involve the removal of any trees.

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