

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: Shackelford Creek Horizontal Directional Drilling Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement, EPIMS-SIS-22722-R11)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at the intersection of Quartz Valley Road and Dangel Lane, at Shackelford Creek in Scott Valley in the County of Siskiyou, State of California, 96027; Latitude 41.624155N, Longitude -122.965564W.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, EPIMS-SIS-22722-R11, 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 Shackelford Creek through which underground fiber optic cables will be placed. The project is part of a larger project to upgrade internet service to residents of Scott Valley. 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 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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