



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2021)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Hardscrabble Creek HFST

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-DN-199

PM/PM: 11.0/11.5

EA: 01-0L050

Federal-Aid Project Number: NA

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to apply High Friction Surface Treatment (HFST) at two locations on US 199 in Del Norte County from PM 11.03 to PM 11.13 and from PM 11.42 to PM 11.48. The purpose of the project is to reduce collisions based on a pattern of southbound vehicles losing traction under wet weather conditions as identified in the 2017 Run Off Road Collision Program. The road surface would be cold planed and 0.10' of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) would be placed before the application of HFST. Temporary impacts to an existing pullout include a potential Disturbed Soil Area (DSA) of approximately 0.07 acres.

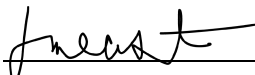
Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class Class 1.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
 - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.
- Covered by the Common Sense Exemption.** This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Julie East		10/14/21
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Kirsten Thuresson		10/14/21
Print Name	Signature	Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

[X] Not Applicable

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See SER Chapter 30 for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

[] 23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2019, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- [] 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(Enter activity number)
[] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)
[] Activity Enter activity number listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans

[] 23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): NA

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: NA



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Continuation sheet:

Environmental reviews have been completed for this project. There would be no impact to natural or cultural resources as a result of this project. No permits are required.

The following standard measures have been included:

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

- GHG-1: Caltrans Standard Specification "Air Quality" requires compliance by the contractor with all applicable laws and regulations related to air quality.
- GHG-2: Compliance with Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations, which includes restricting idling of diesel-fueled commercial motor vehicles and equipment with gross weight ratings of greater than 10,000 pounds to no more than 5 minutes.
- GHG-3: Caltrans Standard Specification "Emissions Reduction" ensures that construction activities adhere to the most recent emissions reduction regulations mandated by the California Air Resource Board (CARB).
- GHG-6: Pedestrian and bicycle access would be maintained on State Route 199 during project activities.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

No construction activities generating noise levels greater than 90 decibels (dB) (with the exception of backup alarms) or activities generating sound levels 20 or more dB above ambient sound levels would occur between February 1 and August 5. Between August 6 and September 15, work that generates noise levels greater than 10 dB above ambient sound levels or above 90 dB max would observe a daily work window beginning 2 hours post-sunrise and ending 2 hours pre-sunset. Noise-related work windows would be lifted between September 16 and January 31. Further, no construction activities would occur within a visual line-of-sight of 131 feet or less from any known active nest locations for northern spotted owl or marbled murrelet.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

- HW-1: based on the anticipated work and minimal disturbance of soil associated with this project, this issue shall be addressed with SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) UNREGULATED EARTH MATERIALS CONTAINING LEAD.
- HW-2: The use of SSP 36-4 CONTAINING LEAD FROM PAINT AND THERMOPLASTIC will be required for residue from grinding activities that may contain lead from paint or thermoplastic.
- HW-3: The use of SSP 84-9.03B REMOVE TRAFFIC STRIPES AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS CONTAINING LEAD will be required for pavement delineation removal, if this method is preferred.
- HW-4: A Lead Compliance Plan as a contract item will be required for soil and delineation disturbance/removal.

WATER QUALITY

Any spills or leaks from construction equipment (i.e., fuel, oil, hydraulic fluid, and grease) would be cleaned up in accordance with applicable local, state, and/or federal regulations.