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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
(Public Resources Code section 21108)**

File Ref: A3459  
SCH#: 2022060515  
Item: 59

Title: Klamath River Rural Broadband Initiative

Applicant: Karuk Tribe

Location: 0.47 acre, more or less, of State-owned indemnity school land in a portion of Section 28, T9N, R3E, HM, along Bald Hills Road, Humboldt County.

Description: Installation of a middle mile fiber optic network and last mile wireless broadband networks to provide high speed internet access in rural underserved communities. The proposed Project consists of above ground and underground installation of fiber optic cables, wireless tower in Orick, signal connection in Orleans, and placement of last mile fiber cable and associated structures extending approximately 104 miles and distributed into 5 main segments and spur routes in rural Humboldt County. The State Lands Commission action is an approval of a 20-year General Lease – Right-of-Way Use through April 6, 2043.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission, as  Lead Agency  Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on April 7, 2023, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

- 1) The project  will  will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2) A  Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3) Mitigation measures  were  were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4) A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan  was or  was not adopted for this project.
- 5) A Statement of Overriding Considerations  was  was not adopted for the project.
- 6) Findings  were  were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The lead agency for the project, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program and approved the project on December 1, 2022. The California State Lands Commission has considered the MND as prepared for this project by the CPUC and adopted an independent Mitigation Monitoring Program incorporating CPUC's document. The MND and the record of project approval may be examined at the above shown California State Lands Commission Sacramento office address.

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