

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: Cade Creek Horizontal Directional Drilling Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement, EPIMS-SIS-34287-R11)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Cade Creek, near the confluence with Klamath River, in Siskiyou County, California; Latitude 41.807669, Longitude -123.348358; Department of Transportation right of way on State Highway 96 near Happy Camp, CA 96039; Assessor's Parcel Number 016-010-210.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, EPIMS-SIS-34287-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 of a bore path under Cade Creek, through which underground fiber optic cables will be routed for a Department of Transportation bridge. An AT40 Ditchwitch directional drill machine will be used to bore the underground path. The bell holes and staging areas will occur outside of the bed, bank, and channel of Cade Creek and will not impact riparian vegetation.

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 will alter a negligible area of land outside of any existing riparian vegetation.

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