

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Frontier 5320891 – Plumas Telecommunications Cable Undergrounding (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLU-43014-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at multiple named and unnamed tributaries to Wolf Creek and the North Fork Feather River, in the County of Plumas, State of California; in the vicinity of Old Haun Road Between Lake Almanor and Greenville, CA.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number PLU-43014-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Frontier Communications.

The project consists of conducting Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) under twenty-eight (28) culvert crossings within the road prism of Old Haun Road to facilitate placement of a conduit for purposes of undergrounding telecommunications cable that was destroyed during the Dixie Fire.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Frontier Communications

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (2, 3, 4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15302c, 15303d, 15304f)

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 2c because this project is for a replacement of an existing communication cable destroyed during the Dixie Fire. Class 3d because replacement of destroyed telecommunications cables is through undergrounding rather than replacement above ground. Class 4f because Horizontal Directional Drilling is a form of trenching under waterways backfilled by conduit with minimal to no significant disturbance to the soil surface.

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