



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Oregon Trail

DIST-CO-RTE: 02-SHA-299

PM/PM: 28/33

EA: 02-0K350

Federal-Aid Project Number: 223000139

Project Description

PG&E is seeking an encroachment permit from Caltrans for the purpose of undergrounding portions of the Oregon Trail 1103 12 kilovolt (kV) line along Shasta State Route 299 between PM 28 to PM 33. PG&E aims to reduce the risk of wildfire ignitions in high fire hazard severity zones by performing targeted undergrounding of overhead electric power lines. PG&E is coordinating with Caltrans and the USFS to work within the State Route 299.

See Continuation Sheet.

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 2(d)** (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

Erin Damm

04/18/2024

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Project Manager

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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, 2022, 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 May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name Signature Date

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 4/18/2024



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Continuation sheet:

The purpose of this project is for PG&E to reduce the risk of wildfire ignitions by performing targeted undergrounding of overhead electric power lines in high fire-hazard severity zones along Shasta State Route 299 from PM 28/33.

PG&E proposes to underground approximately 85,593 feet (15.83 miles) of the electric distribution facilities on the Oregon Trail 1103 12 kV distribution line (project).

PG&E will use Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) underneath all waterways, culverts, and drainages along the project route. The standard open cut trench depth will be at least 4-feet deep and average 18 inches in width. The underground conduit will be two to six inches in diameter. Conduit installed through HDD will be installed to a depth of approximately four feet or as soil conditions allow.

Creeks will be bored beneath to a depth of 12-13 inches below the creek bed.

151 HDD bore pits (i.e., entry and exits pits) will be utilized, which are expected to be 5 feet long by 5 feet wide, by 4 feet deep.

Trenches and borings located on gravel, will be backfilled with natural backfill material. Impacted areas located on asphalt, will be filled with a slurry and asphalt cap. All surfaces will be restored to preconstruction conditions, including repaving where necessary.

The PG&E electric facilities will consist of underground conduit for electric distribution lines, underground boxes, and pad mounted equipment with asset protection devices. PG&E will also be installing new subsurface junction boxes, padmounted transformers, and padmounted interrupters throughout the length of the project route.

The project may require temporary lane closures to ensure construction activities do not present a safety hazard for the public and to provide areas for movement of construction-related vehicles and equipment.

Staging: All work areas will be accessed from SR 229, established driveways, disturbed areas along SR 299 or private property.

Right-of-way: This project would be completed within Caltrans right-of-way. No new or changes to existing utility easements are required. There are no proposed changes to the existing Caltrans R/W.

Consultation/Agency Coordination: Based on the proposed scope of work and due to the nature of the project, Section 7 and related agency coordination would not be required. USFS is assessing effects from the proposed project under NEPA, as required, for the Special Use Permit that PG&E maintains with USFS.

Permits: Based on the proposed scope of work, no regulatory permits are required.









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