



**CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2022)**

<u>Project Information</u>	
Project Name (if applicable): Happy Camp Complex Emergency DO	
DIST-CO-RTE: 02-SIS-96	PM/PM: 0/103
EA: 02-0K910	Federal-Aid Project Number: 0224000019
<u>Project Description</u>	
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state funding only, has completed repairs related to damage caused by landslides in August 2023. This emergency repair work was located in Siskiyou County on State Route 96 between post miles 0 through 103. While only state funding was used for repair, documentation has been prepared to NEPA standard in case federal reimbursement becomes available at a later date.	
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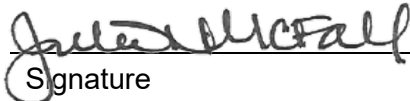
Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- 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 1c.** (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

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Austin Buist		05/08/2024
Print Name	Signature	Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

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 4 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.

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 4/23/24
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 4/23/24

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).



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Continuation sheet:

Additional work

In addition to damage caused by the fire, an intense isolated rainstorm caused slides and debris flows along SR 96 at 22 individual locations.

Work for cleaning up after the fire and repairing damage caused by the slides included removing hazard trees, replacing burnt wooden posts (guard railing, signs, etc.) with updated Caltrans standard materials, culvert and culvert end replacement, erosion control, rock scaling, drainage inlet protection, and providing Traffic Control.

Purpose: The purpose of this project was to remove hazards, replace damaged assets, and repair facilities to Caltrans standards in order to restore public safety.

Need: The project was needed because the landslides prohibited travel for the public and damaged Caltrans assets.

Right-of-Way

Acquisitions or TCEs were not needed for this project due to work being confined to Caltrans ROW.

Staging/Stockpiling

Staging and stockpiling took place on paved or graveled pullouts within the construction zone, within Caltrans right of way.

Disposal/Borrow Sites

No borrow sites were needed.

Slide material was taken to previously environmentally cleared disposal sites at Connor's Pit PM 77.2, Klamath Community Center PM R85.5, CT Seiad Disposal Site (approximately SR 96-PM 60.92. The exact location is on Diamond J Road parallel to SR 96), Bunker Hill Disposal Site (approximately SR 96-PM 28.91. The exact location is on FS Rd 15N17).

Coordination/Consultation

To identify potential cultural resources, Caltrans staff conducted a review of internal and external agency resource records and databases. Additionally, a visual review of the project area was completed by cultural staff. Once review was completed it was determined emergency work had no potential of affect cultural resources.

Biological Resources

The area on State Route (SR) 96 from post mile (PM) 36.9-37.2 slid in both 2021 and 2023. Extensive biological review occurred in 2021, and review for the 2023 slide consisted of review of previously prepared materials and a desktop review. No new impacts to biological resources occurred as a result of the 2023 slides.



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Permits

No permits were necessary based on the scope of work.