

Notice of Exemption

To:
Office of Planning and Research
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From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Northern Region
601 Locust Street
Redding, CA. 96001



Project Title: Routine Agreement to Cover Directional Drill Crossing As Needed (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SIS-49165-R11).

Project Location Siskiyou County: Within the Siskiyou Telephone Service Area.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SIS-49165-R11, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Siskiyou Telephone. The project is limited to routine maintenance activities within the Siskiyou Telephone service area. Routine maintenance activities are defined as those activities periodically scheduled and implemented as necessary to maintain the structural and functional integrity of existing public works facilities on or affecting those reaches of natural streams for which a notification of streambed alteration (Form FG 2023) would otherwise be required. Maintenance activities, which both parties agree may be considered "routine," are:

- Vegetation management around telephone poles and other facilities mostly by hand trimming of vegetation.
- Directional drilling for the installation of conduits, primarily to replace existing aerial facilities with underground facilities to better protect against fire and storm damage.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Siskiyou Telephone

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1b); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301)

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is exempt because it consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use of a utility service (telephone).

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