

Notice of Exemption

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From: Caltrans District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001

Project Title: Frontier Project 5371319 (Encroachment Permit 0225-6BB-0107)

Project Applicant: Frontier Communications

Project Location - Specific: Intersection of State Route 395 and County Road 265 at post mile 23.46 in Modoc County

Project Location - City: City of Alturas Project Location - County: Modoc

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Frontier Communications is proposing to install approximately 368 linear feet of fiber optic cable within the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) right-of-way along State Route (SR) 395 near the City of Alturas in Modoc County. The project begins near the intersection of SR 395 and County Road (CR) 265 at post mile (PM) 23.46, continuing west along SR 395 for 40 feet to PM 23.45. The project then crosses beneath SR 395 along CR 265, exiting Caltrans right-of-way to the project's terminus. Of the 368 feet, 152 feet of fiber optic cable will be located inside Caltrans ROW. Construction would be staged from the shoulder and would require the closure of the shoulder of SR 395 at the intersection of CR 265.

The fiber optic cable would be placed underground. Installation would require two (2) 4-foot x 4-foot x 4-foot dig pits, 40 linear feet of plow/trenching, and 328 feet of boring within Caltrans ROW. Equipment to be used for the construction of the cable includes a vac truck, horizontal directional drilling (HDD) machine, backhoe, plow and trailer for splicing cable.

Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (0225-6BB-0107) to allow the proposed improvements to occur within the right-of-way of SR 395.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans (for issuance of encroachment permit)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Frontier Communications

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) Class 3 — Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures including water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction. The project would have no significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Keith Pelfrey Phone number: (530) 941-3340

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?
 Yes No

Signature: *Keith Pelfrey* Date: 06/26/2025 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.






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