

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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**From:** Caltrans District 2  
1657 Riverside Drive  
Redding, CA 96001

Project Title: Siskiyou Telephone – Conduit Installation from Fort Jones to Lighthill Road (Encroachment Permit 0225-6BB-0170)

Project Applicant: Siskiyou Telephone

Project Location - Specific: State Route (SR) 3 between post mile (PM) 31.124 and 32.185 in Siskiyou County

Project Location - City: Fort Jones

Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Siskiyou Telephone is proposing to install approximately one mile of fiber optic conduit within the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) right-of-way along State Route (SR) 3 between post mile (PM) 31.124 and 32.185. The project begins within the Town of Fort Jones and ends near the intersection of SR 3 and Lighthill Road. The project alignment crosses Scott River and Kidder Creek.

The project area consists of a ten-foot-wide corridor within Caltrans' existing right-of-way and/or within the existing roadway. Trenching would be conducted to a width of approximately 1.5 feet and a depth of approximately 4 feet to provide room for the conduit. Culverts and waterways (i.e., Scott River and Kidder Creek) would be crossed using direction boring. Construction laydown areas would occur along the project alignment in the shoulders and would be used for equipment staging and temporary storage of excavated materials. Spoils produced from directional boring and trenching that do not meet Caltrans specifications for backfill material would be hauled offsite and disposed of at an established location previously used and/or approved by Caltrans. No trees or vegetation would be removed.

Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (0225-6BB-0170) to allow the proposed improvements to occur within the right-of-way of SR 3.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Siskiyou Telephone

**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: 05/22/2025      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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