

## 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: Cal-Ore Telephone Fiber Optic Cable (Encroachment Permit 0225-6BB-0200)

Project Applicant: Cal-Ore Telephone

Project Location - Specific: State Route (SR) 97 at three locations between post mile (PM) 34.365 and PM 53.841 in Siskiyou County near the community of Mcdoel and the City of Dorris.

Project Location - City: Dorris

Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Cal-Ore Telephone is proposing to install fiber optic cable through existing conduit at three different locations/segments within the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) right-of-way along State Route (SR) 97 in Siskiyou County near the community of Mcdoel and the City of Dorris. The three locations include (1) PM 34.365 to PM 36.158, (2) PM 38.517 to PM 40.155, and (3) PM 52.384 to PM 53.831. Handholes would also be installed underground at seven locations.

Installation of the fiber optic cable would require trenching and directional drilling to a maximum depth of 48 inches. Installation of seven (7) 30x48x36-inch handholes would require excavation. Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (0225-6BB-0200) to allow the proposed improvements to occur within the right-of-way of SR 97.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Cal-Ore 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: 06/03/2025      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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