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MND, Use Permit and CDP
1- DN - HWY 101 - 45.933
SCH: 2025060978

Ms. Heidi Kunstal
Community Development Department
County of Del Norte
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Crescent City, CA 95531

Dear Ms. Kunstal:

Thank you for giving Caltrans the opportunity to review a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), as well as an application for a County Use Permit and Coastal Development Permit (CDP), for a proposal to construct a five-space RV park where park model RVs would be rented as short-term visitor accommodations. The MND, use permit and CDP is to establish an RV park on a 2.22-acre parcel located on the east side of US Highway 101 near the Oregon state line. The project would also demolish one structure, create new parking and infrastructure for five park model RVs, and designate an existing structure to provide three overnight lodging units and a manager's living unit. We have reviewed the proposal and offer the following comments on the County's MND, use permit and CDP:

Driveway

Each driveway creates multiple conflicts with all road users, whether they are motorists, cyclists or pedestrians. Corridor Access Management is one of the FHWA's Proven Safety Countermeasures: <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures/corridor-access-management>

Caltrans is using Access Management best practices on all roadways within District 1, which means not creating unnecessary access points or driveways that are wider than necessary for parcel access and on-site circulation.



Encroachment permits to the state highway are not transferrable and the applicant will need to obtain a new encroachment permit. It should be anticipated that the new encroachment permit will result in the removal of the existing 130 ft long paved frontage within Caltrans right-of-way, replacing it with a two-way driveway approximately 24 ft in width, constructed per Appendix J of the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual.



Information about the Caltrans encroachment process can be found here: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>.

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The applicant can be assisted with the encroachment permit process by contacting Barrett Penton, permit engineer, by email at <barrett.penton@dot.ca.gov>, or by phone at (707) 572-7308.

Please contact me with questions or for further assistance with the comments provided at (707) 497-7742 or by email: <daniel.gjerde@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

Daniel Gjerde

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