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BUTTE COUNTY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Butte County has prepared an Initial Study in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is considering the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described below. The Negative Declaration establishes that the project will have a less than significant effect. The County has prepared this Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration to provide an opportunity for input from public agencies, organizations, and interested parties on the environmental analysis addressing the potential effects of the proposed project. The IS/MND is available for review on the County's website at https://www.buttecounty.net/363/California-Environmental-Quality-Act-CEQ.

Project Information

Project: Monopole Telecommunication Facility Use Permit (UP25-0003)

Location: The project site is a 2,500 square foot lease area on a 144.88-acre parcel located approximately 2,300 feet east of the intersection of Coal Canyon Road and Flag Creek Road, Oroville, California. APN 041-140-023.

Project Description: Proposed Conditional Use Permit to construct a new unmanned wireless communications monopole, 165' in height. A five-foot tall lightning rod would extend from the top of the pole. Verizon's ground equipment would consist of two equipment cabinets (with space for a third) and a 30 kW emergency backup generator with a 203-gallon diesel fuel tank, all installed on a concrete slab. The site would be secured by a 6' tall chain link fence with brown slats and topped with barbed wire. Fiber-optic cable would be installed underground from Cole Canyon Road. The site would be accessed off the existing private access road (Flag Creek Road), with a new, approximately 300' long all-weather access road with a fire turnaround, covering the remaining distance to the lease area. Three (3) three-foot, three (3) four-foot and three (3) six-foot panel antennas (nine total) would be attached with related equipment including remote radio unit (RRUs), overvoltage protection (OVP) boxes, one (1) microwave antenna and one (1) GPS antenna. The project includes (2) ground mounted radio cabinets with one equipment canopy on a reinforced concrete pad.

The Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) is on file for public review and comment starting **January 8, 2026,** to **February 16, 2026**. All comments for the IS/ND must be submitted in writing and received by **4:00 pm Tuesday, February 6, 2026**. Written comments may be submitted to the project planner, Mark Michelena, Principal Planner, Butte County Development Services Department, Planning Division, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. Phone: (530) 552-3683 Email: mmichelena@buttecounty.net. The Butte County Planning Commission will consider the proposed project at a public hearing on a future date to be determined.

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