

CEQA # 14422
District Project # 635-25-XXX



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
 1400 Tenth Street
 Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
 North Coast Redwoods District
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 Eureka, CA 95502-2006

PROJECT TITLE: Frontier Communications Storm Damage Repair Project

LOCATION: John B. Dewitt Redwoods State Natural Reserve **COUNTY:** Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Issue a Right of Entry (ROE) to Frontier Communications Corporation (Frontier) for access to John B. DeWitt State Natural Reserve to replace storm damaged utility cables in State Natural Reserve to restore service to local residents. Work will:

- Stage a bucket truck carrying the strand and fiber cable reel along the county-maintained Camp Raven Cliff Road approximately 100-yards within the State Natural Reserve gate;
- Maintain an 18-ft above ground level aerial clearance while pulling cables into place through the hardware on existing utility poles within the State Natural Reserve;
- Roll storm-damaged strand and cables by hand and fully remove from the State Natural Reserve;
- Use electric chainsaws to cut five (5) utility poles that were left in place during PG&E pole replacement activities into 4-foot lengths, and remove by hand from the State Natural Reserve; and
- Fill the holes left by the cut/removed utility poles with nearby fill that was initially removed during the PG&E pole replacement project.

All work conducted pursuant to this ROE will comply with all state and federal environmental laws, including but not limited to CEQA, NEPA, the Endangered Species Act, Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code, and conditions specified by this ROE and other permitting agencies.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical exemption *Class: 5* *Section: 15305*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20% that does not result in any changes in land use or density and is included as "issuance of temporary use permits" and "issuance of easements and permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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Signed by:

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 North Coast Redwoods District

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