

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001

Project Title: Caltrans Encroachment Permit 0225-0709, Fall River Mills

Project Applicant: Frontier Communications

Project Location - Specific: State Route 299 in Shasta County near post mile 92.6

Project Location - City: Fall River Mills Project Location - County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Frontier Communications proposes to place approximately 3,796' of aerial fiber cable on to existing strand and place approximately 968' of fiber cable into proposed/existing conduit within the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) right-of-way along State Route 299 in Fall River Mills, Shasta County. The proposed overhead fiber optic cable will be lashed onto proposed poles and existing pole. The proposed underground fiber optic cable will be placed inside existing duct. Portions of the fiber optic cable would be placed underground by boring within Caltrans ROW. Equipment to be used for the construction of the cable includes a vac truck, horizontal directional drilling (HDD) machine, backhoe, plow and trailer for splicing cable.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Frontier Communications

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 (Class 3) and Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4)
- 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) and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land). Class 3 consists of 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. Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The project would have no significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: David DeMar

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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:  Date: 4/28/2026 Title: Branch Chief

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 4/28/2026

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.