Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Modoc
535 S. Main Street
Alturas CA 96101

From: (Public Agency): County of Modoc
203 W. 4th Street
Alturas CA 96101
(Address)

Project Title: Frontier Communication Project # 5415999 (EX2026-12)

Project Applicant: Frontier Communications

Project Location - Specific:

Multiple Roadways in Modoc County (see project map)

Project Location - City: Alturas Project Location - County: Modoc

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Frontier Communication project EX2026-12 proposes to place 21,432 feet of fiber-optic cable, through a combination underground and aerial construction of within the right-of-way of County maintained roads in Modoc County. The purpose of the project is to provide enhanced services for rural communities and provide residents living along the proposed routes to stay connected in an equitable manner as experienced by larger population centers.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Modoc

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Frontier Representative, Greg Bordelon

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: 15301, Existing Facilities & 15304, Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Environmental Review Application EX2026-12 includes of the installation of approximately 21,432 feet of fiber-optic cable above and below ground in Modoc County Rights-of-way for upgraded service for the benefit of rural communities. The project will replace and expand the existing copper telecommunications system. The Exemption recommended is based on the scope, design, and review of documents provided by Frontier Communications. This project qualifies for an exemption under CEQA Sections 15301, Existing Facilities and 15304, minor alterations to land, Class 4 for minor trenching and back filling where the surface is restored.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sean Curtis Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-233-7651

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

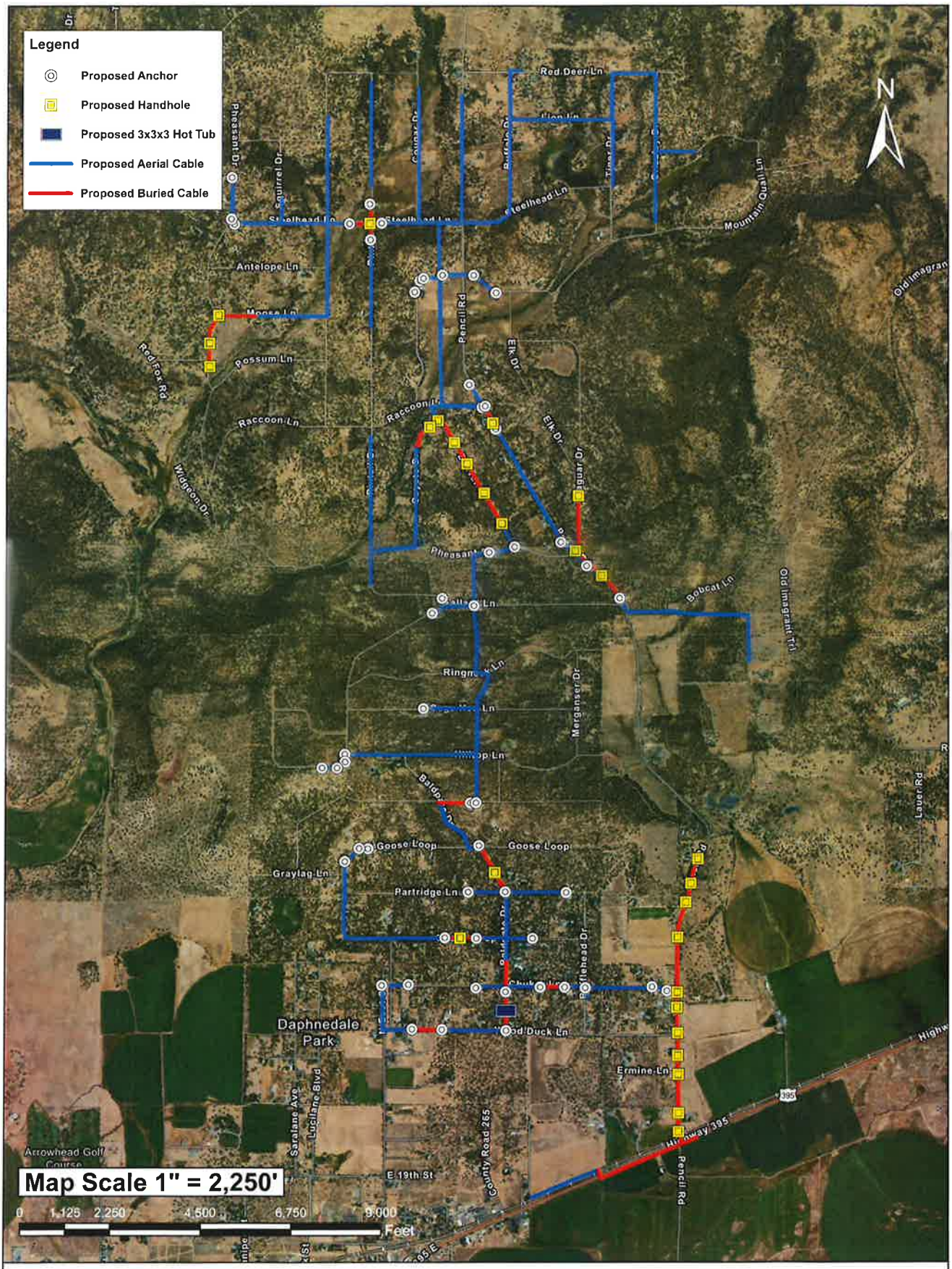
Signature: Sean Curtis Date: 27 Oct 26 Title: Int. Planning Director

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

FRONTIER PROJECT 5415999
PROJECT OVERVIEW MAP



FRONTIER PROJECT NO: 5415999

TYPE OF CONST: FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION

DWG 1 OF 1 DATE: 08/25/2026

PREPARED BY: S. RODRIGUEZ TEL: (254) 723-0013

PROJECT LOCATION: VARIOUS

PROJECT CITY: ALTURAS

PROJECT COUNTY: MODOC

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