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 Communications Project # 5417659 (EX2026-13)

Project Applicant: Frontier Communications

Project Location - Specific:

Modoc County Roads 260, 261, and 262 (see project map)

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Modoc

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Frontier Communications proposes to install 10,270 feet of fiber-optic cable through a combination of underground and aerial construction within the right-of-way of County maintained roads in Modoc County. The proposed installation includes approximately 591 feet of horizontal drilling and 9,672 feet of underground fiber placement via open trench and 52 feet of aerial installation on existing poles at the intersection of county roads 260 and 261 to connect underground segments. The project as proposed will provide enhanced services for rural communities and residents living along proposed routes.

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 EX2026-13 includes of the installation of approximately 10,270 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: _____

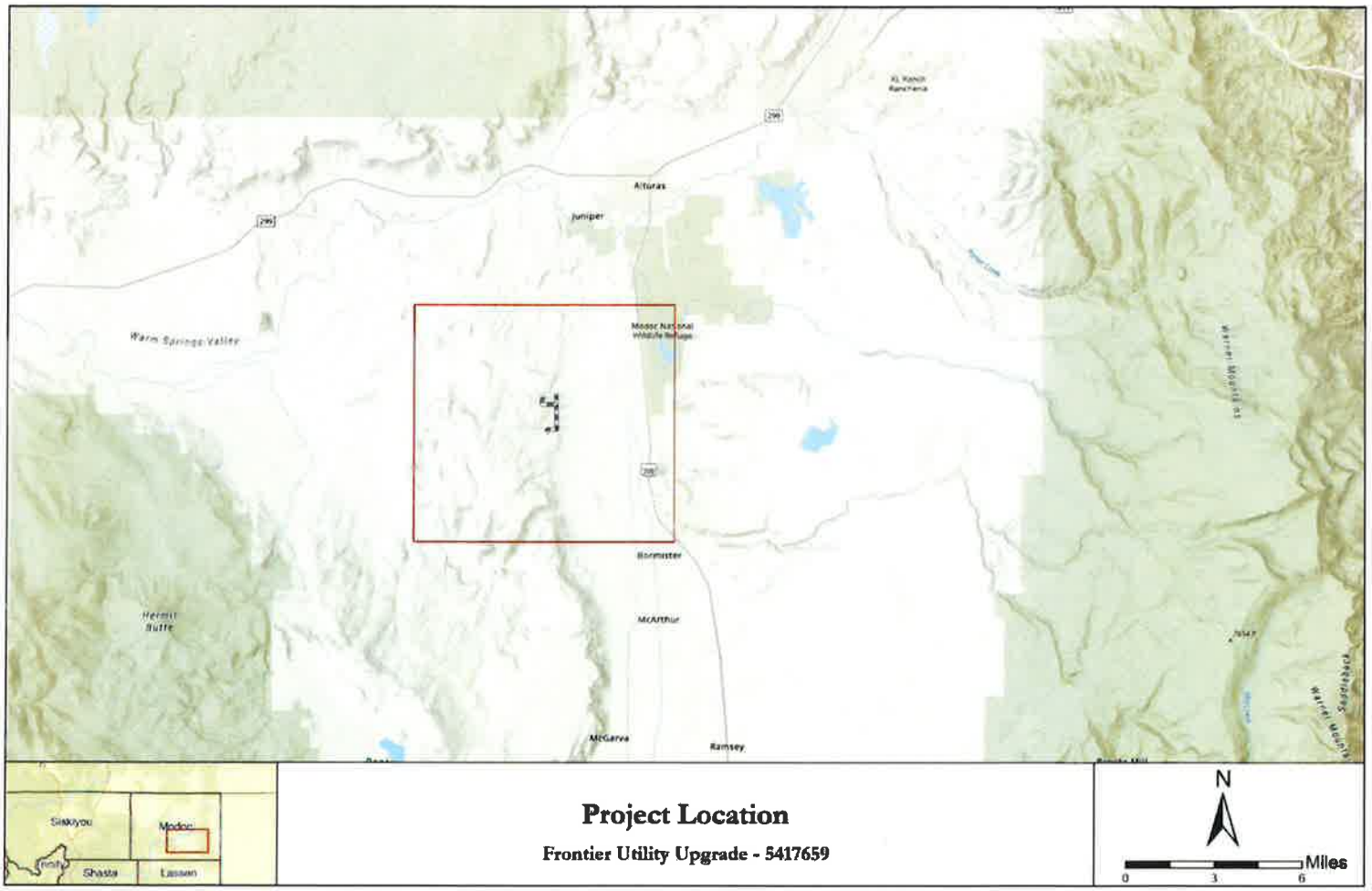

Figure 1. Project location