

SCOPING SUMMARY REPORT

Digital 299 Broadband Project

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Digital 299 Broadband Project (Digital 299) is a proposed regional telecommunications network that will support portions of Humboldt, Trinity, and Shasta counties between Cottonwood and Eureka, California known to have no or poor broadband infrastructure. Inyo Networks has received a grant from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) California Advanced Services Fund for partial cost recovery to design and install the network. The network route generally follows California State Route 299, with portions of the route traveling over federally managed public land, state-owned or controlled property, privately owned property, and Tribal lands. The Project is part of a broader initiative to close the digital divide in the region and stimulate technology-based economic development.

Cooperating agencies include the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); National Park Service, Whiskeytown National Recreation Area (Whiskeytown NRA); U.S. Forest Service, Shasta-Trinity National Forest (Shasta-Trinity NF) and Six Rivers National Forest (Six Rivers NF); CPUC; and California Department of Transportation Districts 1 and 2 (Caltrans D1; Caltrans D2). Transcon Environmental (Transcon) has been retained to prepare the Project's technical studies, including a joint National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)/California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document. This report summarizes efforts made to notify interested agencies, Tribes, organizations, and members of the public about the proposed Project and to obtain input from those entities regarding issues to be addressed in the NEPA/CEQA document. This outreach is meant to satisfy scoping requirements under CEQA and to inform the federal process and decisions under NEPA. The scoping period commenced on July 10, 2019 with the mailing of Project information, lasted 33 days, and concluded on August 12, 2019.

Purpose of Scoping Process

Scoping is an integral part of the NEPA and CEQA processes; it provides an early opportunity to determine the scope and significance of issues to be addressed in the analysis of the proposed action (40 CFR 1501.7). The objectives of scoping include:

- Identify significant issues related to the proposed Project
- Identify social, environmental, and economic review and consultation requirements
- Define the environmental analysis process and technical studies necessary to adequately address the impacts of the proposed Project
- Identify and notify interested and affected parties
- Provide information to agencies, Tribes, and the public regarding the proposed Project

Public outreach will commence for a second time when the Draft NEPA/CEQA document is prepared and ready for public review. This report summarizes scoping efforts that help define the scope of the analysis.

Organizational Involvement

Cooperating agencies are working together and contributing to jointly prepared deliverables for the Project but are satisfying their regulatory requirements separately, including their decisions under NEPA and the permitting mechanism should they approve the Project. As such, this scoping process and the subsequent technical studies and NEPA/CEQA document have been designed to be comprehensive, support all agencies' decisions, and satisfy all regulatory requirements. All cooperating agencies that have contributed to the Project's scoping process are as follows:

- CPUC: Lead CEQA Agency
- BLM: Lead NEPA Agency for Department of Interior (DOI) lands; Cooperating Agency

- National Park Service, Whiskeytown NRA: Lead Section 106 Agency for DOI lands; Cooperating Agency
- U.S. Forest Service, Shasta-Trinity NF: Cooperating Agency
- U.S. Forest Service, Six Rivers NF: Cooperating Agency
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District: Cooperating Agency
- Caltrans D1: Cooperating Agency
- Caltrans D2: Cooperating Agency

SCOPING ACTIVITIES

Scoping Material Circulated

Scoping material circulated included the Project newsletter (**Appendix A**), Project overview map (**Appendix B**), pre-addressed comment form, scoping letter, and newspaper notice (**Appendix C**). A single Project newsletter—containing Project information, public meeting times and locations, and instructions for submitting formal comments—was produced in order to ensure consistent messaging.

All mailings to the public, agencies, and Tribes included a Project newsletter, Project overview map, and pre-addressed comment form. Agency, Tribe, and non-governmental organization (NGO) mailings also contained a scoping letter. Project newsletters were posted at local post offices, and announcements with a brief Project summary and public meeting information placed in local papers.

The Project team strived to get all scoping material circulated and published in a timely manner, so interested parties were notified and had at least one week to plan to attend meetings. Comments were received during public meetings and through direct mail, email, and phone messages. The comment period remained open 18 days past the public meetings.

Public Scoping

The public was notified of the Project through multiple channels, each described in detail below, including Project mailings sent to landowners and potentially interested members of the public, Project newsletters posted at local post offices, notifications published in local newspapers, open-house-style public meetings, and a Project webpage containing Project information and updates established by CPUC.

Landowner Notification

Inyo Networks, the Project proponent, assembled the landowner mailing list. Data was collected from county websites and addresses included a physical parcel address and the landowner's mailing address. Landowner information was gathered for parcels within 50 feet of the Project (centered on the alignment).

The mailing list will be updated throughout the Project to include those who provide scoping comments or otherwise express interest in the Project or request to be added to the mailing list. The updated mailing list will be referenced for future public outreach efforts.

A total of 2,912 mailings were sent to landowners on July 10, 2019; to ensure receipt, mailings were sent to landowner parcel and mailing addresses. The mailing list of private landowners is not shared as part of this scoping report for privacy purposes; each agency will receive a copy of the mailing list for their records and it will be included as part of the Project's Administrative Record.

Website

CPUC maintains a public Project webpage that includes basic Project information, a copy of the Project overview map, a copy of the newsletter, and instructions for submitting comments. The website can be accessed at: https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/transcon/Digital_299_Project/index.html.

The webpage went live on July 12, 2019 and remains active. The webpage will be updated as new Project material is prepared for public viewing.

Post Office Postings

Project newsletters were posted at seven local post offices (Willow Creek, Sayler, Burn Ranch, Big Bar, Junction City, Douglas City, and Shasta) on July 16, 2019 to notify potentially interested members of the public who did not receive a mailing (i.e., not owning property within 50 feet of the Project alignment).

Newspaper Notices

The Project newsletter was pared down to include a brief Project summary and public meeting information, to be posted in local newspapers. The Project was posted in the Mad River Union, Two Rivers Tribune, and Times-Standard on July 16, 2019; The Trinity Journal on July 17, 2019; and Record Searchlight on July 20, 2019.

Public Meetings

The four public meetings were held in Redding on June 22, 2019 at Redding City Hall; Lewiston on June 23, 2019 at Lewiston Community Center; Weaverville on June 24, 2019 at Trinity County Library; and Eureka on June 25, 2019 at Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, respectively. All meetings were held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on their respective dates. Collectively, 53 members of the public attended the 4 meetings. Representatives from Transcon, Inyo Networks, and at least one agency attended each meeting. Details on attendance at each public meeting are captured in **Table 1**.

The meetings were designed to be open-house style, without a presentation. Several handouts were available at the meeting, including copies of the newsletter, maps depicting the Project area, and comment forms. Participants were encouraged to provide written comments regarding the Project and leave them in the comment box at the meeting or mail them in later.

Poster boards depicting Project area and alignment, summarizing the NEPA/CEQA process, describing the purpose of the Project, and other relevant details and information were on display. Public meeting display boards can be found in **Appendix D**. Additionally, computer stations were staffed by a Transcon or Inyo Networks representative to help members of the public identify their property in relation to the Project area.

TABLE 1 PUBLIC MEETING ATTENDANCE				
	# of Public Attendees	Agency Attendees	Inyo Networks Attendees	Transcon Attendees
Redding	4	Charles Wright (BLM) Kathy Grah (Caltrans D2) Brenda Tracy (Shasta-Trinity NF)	Michael Ort Oscar Mejia Joe Rodriguez	Genevieve Boykins Nicole Dunlap
Lewiston	8	Charles Wright (BLM)	Michael Ort Oscar Mejia Joe Rodriguez	Genevieve Boykins Nicole Dunlap Michael Warner

Weaverville	25	Charles Wright (BLM) Andrew Barnsdale (CPUC)	Michael Ort Oscar Mejia	Genevieve Boykins Nicole Dunlap
Eureka	16	George Frey (Six Rivers NF) Jesse Robertson (Caltrans D1)	Michael Ort Oscar Mejia Joe Rodriguez	Genevieve Boykins Nicole Dunlap Michael Warner

Agency Scoping

On July 10, 2019, a total of 73 letters were sent to individuals at federal, state, and local agencies, as well as elected officials (**Appendix E**). To ensure consistent messaging, the same newsletters used for public scoping were attached to the letters.

**TABLE 2
FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES CONTACTED FOR SCOPING**

Bureau of Indian Affairs	Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
California Coastal Commission	California Department of Conservation	California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR)	California Department of Water Resources	California Natural Resource Agency
California State Water Resources Control Board	State Historic Preservation Office	State Lands Commission

**TABLE 3
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS CONTACTED FOR SCOPING**

1st Congressional District of California, Congressman Doug LaMalfa	1st Senate District of California, Senator Brian Dahle
2nd Congressional District of California, Congressman Jared Huffman	2nd Senate District of California, Senator Mike McGuire
City of Anderson	City of Arcata
City of Blue Lake	City of Eureka
City of Redding	City of Trinidad
Cottonwood Water District	Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation & Conservation District
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District	Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
Humboldt Community Service District	Humboldt County Administrative Office
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors	Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services
Humboldt County Planning Department	Humboldt County Resource Conservation District
Lewiston Community Services District	Manila Community Services District
McKinleyville Community Services District	Shasta Community Services District
Shasta County Administrative Office	Shasta County Public Works
Trinity County Board of Supervisors	Trinity County Department of Transportation
Trinity County Planning Department	Trinity County Resource Conservation District

TABLE 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS CONTACTED FOR SCOPING	
Trinity Public Utilities District	Weaverville Community Services District
Western Shasta Resource Conservation District	Willow Creek Community Services District (WCCSD)

TABLE 4 ORGANIZATIONS CONTACTED FOR SCOPING		
Hawkins Bar Volunteer Fire Department	Mid Klamath Watershed Council	Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department
Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC)	Klamath Forest Alliance	Klamath River Keeper
North Coast Environmental Center	Sierra Club-Redwood Chapter	Trinity County Collaborative
Trinity County Fire Safe Council	Willow Creek Fire Safe Council	

Tribal Outreach

Tribes are being consulted under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and under the state process of AB-52. In an effort to ensure Tribal entities were reached and informed about the Project, the same Tribes contacted for consultation were also sent mailings under the NEPA process. The list of Tribes to contact was compiled by the NAHC, CPUC, and consulting agencies. On July 10, 2019, mailings were sent to individuals at 20 Tribes (**Appendix F**). To ensure consistent messaging, the same newsletter used for public scoping were attached to the letters.

TABLE 5 NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES CONTACTED FOR CONSULTATION	
Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria	Big Lagoon Rancheria
Blue Lake Rancheria	Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria
Hoopa Valley Tribe	Karuk Tribe
Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu Nation	Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians
Quartz Valley Indian Community	Redding Rancheria
Resighini Rancheria	Shasta Indian Nation
Shasta Nation	Tsnungwe Council
Tsurai Ancestral Society	Winnemem Wintu Tribe
Wintu Educational & Cultural Council	Wintu Tribe of Northern California
Wiyot Tribe	Yurok Tribe

SCOPING RESULTS

Media Coverage

The public meetings were covered by a few media outlets and forums.

On July 23, 2019, the day prior to the public meeting at Trinity County Library in Weaverville, a local internet service provider posted a message on social media in opposition to the Project. The company is

concerned about impacts the Project may have on the company’s ability to continue to provide services in the area; the social media post requested their customers attend the Weaverville meeting and encouraged them to oppose the Project.

A journalist from Access Humboldt, a non-profit media organization that provides public-access television and FM Radio to Humboldt County, attended to the public meeting at Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center in Eureka. The journalist recorded the public meeting set-up and people interacting and interviewed a number of individuals, including public attendees, an elected official, local provider Tsunami-Wireless, Mike Warner (President of Transcon), and Joe Rodriguez (Right-of-Way Specialist with Inyo Networks) about the Project. Access Humboldt produced a video and posted it the on their website; accessible here: https://archive.org/details/digital_299_broadband_project_scoping_meeting_eureka_7-25-19

On Saturday, July 27, 2019, the *Times-Standard*, a newspaper that services Eureka and Humboldt counties, published an article discussing the public meeting in Eureka and the Project timeline and containing interviews from Connie Stewart with Humboldt State University and Mike Ort, CEO of Inyo Networks.

A copy of the *Times-Standard* article can found in **Appendix G**.

Agency Responses

Nine comments were received from federal, state, or local agencies or elected officials, and one comment was received form a NGO (**Appendix H**). Seven of the nine comments were received via email or mailed letter and three from in-person interactions during public meetings.

- Written comments were received from the office of Senator Brian Dahle, BOR, NOAA, CDPR, CDFW, WCCSD, and EPIC
- Comments were taken down by a Transcon or Inyo Networks representatives from discussions with Carol Underhill, Public Affairs Officer, Shasta-Trinity NF and John Friedenbach with Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District

Tribal Responses

Two Tribal comments have been received, one from the Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu Nation and the other from the Tsnungwe Council. Both comments are included in **Appendix I**. Tribal consultation will be ongoing for the duration of the Project.

Comments Received

All written and oral comments received—whether from agencies, Tribes, or the public—were collected and will be considered the NEPA/CEQA document.

A total of 80 comments were received from the public, agencies, and Tribes. Comments that identified issues are grouped into 12 categories to aid in their interpretation and analysis. The specific issues identified will aid in the assessment impacts and analysis of resources in the Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement. **Table 5** summarizes concerns raised per category. Note that one comment can raise concerns for multiple categories; therefore, totals listed exceed the total number of comments received. **Figure 1** illustrates comments received per category in relation to total comments received.

Appendix J is a summary table of all comments received. The table includes verbatim comments received but does not include the original comment records. Comment records and scans will be provided to agencies for their records and will be included in the Project’s Administrative Record.

TABLE 6 COMMENTS RECEIVED PER CATEGORY				
Category	Public	Commentor Agency	Tribe	Total Per Category
Biological Resources	3	2	--	5
Cultural Resources	2	1	2	5
Cumulative Effects	2	--	--	2
Health and Safety	5	--	--	5
Issues Outside NEPA	25	3	--	28
Land Use	11	3	--	14
Purpose and Need	20	--	--	20
Public Involvement Process	5	--	1	6
Socioeconomics	17	--	--	17
Soils	2	2	--	4
Visual Resources	1	1	--	2
Water Resources	4	3	--	7
TOTAL CONCERNS	97	15	3	--

In addition to the issues raised above, approximately 28 comments received expressed concerns or issues unrelated to the NEPA/CEQA process. Generally, these included comments in support or opposition of the Project that did not include a specific issue or resource to include in the Project analysis. These comments are collected, cataloged, and will be included in the Project Administrative Record, but they are not able to be considered in the technical studies or NEPA/CEQA document.

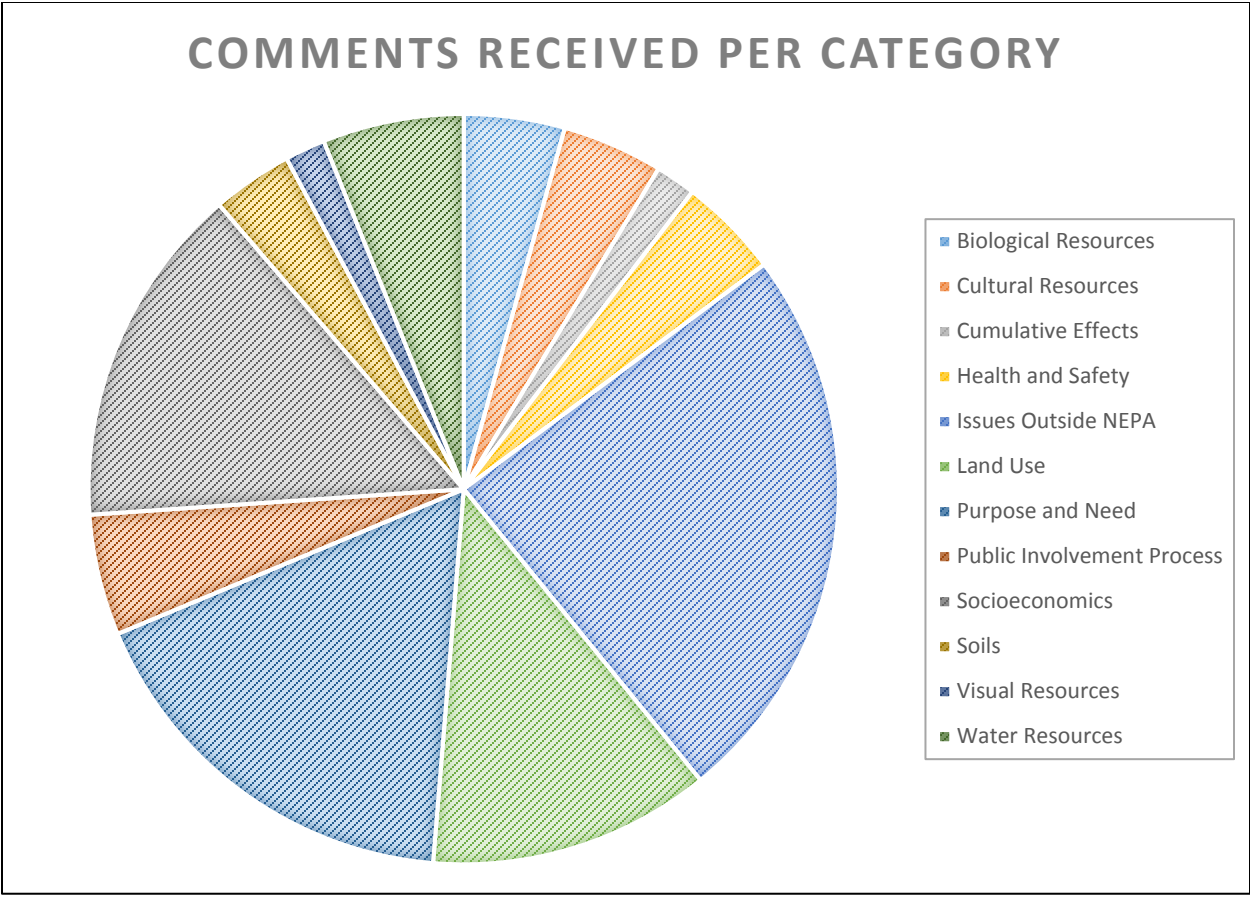


Figure 1. Comments received per category pie chart.

APPENDIX A

PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Digital 299 Broadband Project

Project Information

Inyo Networks, a certificated telecommunications service provider, is proposing to install fiber optic cable in northern California extending from Eureka to Cottonwood. The proposed alignment will generally follow California State Route 299 (SR-299). The Project is funded in part by a grant from the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC).

Due to its long, linear nature, this Project will involve multiple federal and state agencies. The CPUC is the lead state agency under CEQA. Involved federal agencies include the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), and United States Forest Service (USFS) Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests; Caltrans Districts 1 and 2 are also cooperating on the Project. Other agencies have been invited as cooperators or reviewers as appropriate.

Project Location & Facilities

While the Project alignment generally follows the SR-299 route, it is sited mostly along and within the shoulders of County and USFS roads. In total, approximately 280 miles of fiber optic line will be installed in buried underground conduit. The proposed alignment follows from Eureka through Willow Creek, Weaverville, and Redding, terminating in Cottonwood; the Project includes connection lines spurring off the backbone to serve nearby communities. A Project Overview map is enclosed.

As this broadband network is developed in the future, cell towers will be constructed to allow mobile connectivity. These towers are not included as part of this Project; however, existing zones of poor cellular coverage have been identified along the route and are depicted on the enclosed map. Inyo Networks is interested in collecting feedback from you on these or other areas of poor coverage so that future cell towers can be sited to provide full coverage in the area.

Need For The Project

Inyo Networks is proposing to develop a fiber optic network in the northern California region to provide rural connectivity and redundancy across the region, improve safety for travelers and first responders, and stimulate economic development. The proposed Project would support long-term connectivity for rural communities in the area, which have been identified by CPUC as unserved or under-served.

Environmental Analysis

Because the Project requires federal actions (e.g., grant of right-of-way from BLM, special use permits from USFS, etc.), it must be in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other relevant regulations.

Transcon Environmental, an environmental consulting firm, has been retained to perform NEPA and CEQA compliance activities, including resource studies and the preparation of a joint NEPA/CEQA document. The NEPA/CEQA document will consider potential effects of the Project on the environment, including physical, biological, social, economic, and cultural resources.

Project Timeline

Data collection and technical studies will take place through fall 2019. Public comments will be accepted through the scoping period, which is open until August 12, 2019. Open-house style scoping meetings will be held along the route; meeting details are included below. There will be a second opportunity to provide comment on the draft NEPA/CEQA document, expected to be published late-2019.

Getting Involved or Making Comments

How to Comment

At this time CPUC is requesting comments on the Project to identify issues or resource sensitivities. Your comments are welcome and important to establish the level and scope of analysis. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

You can submit a comment by completing and mailing the enclosed pre-addressed comment form. Comments will also be accepted during the scoping meetings, by email at ndunlap@transcon.com, or you can leave a voice message at the Project phone number: 855-339-6889.

Comments are due by August 12, 2019.

PROJECT PROCESS

1 PROJECT IDENTIFIED/PROPOSED

2 SCOPING & ISSUES IDENTIFICATION

Public comments & agency comments

3 RESOURCE ANALYSIS & ALTERNATIVE COMPARISON

4 IMPACT ANALYSIS & WRITING OF NEPA / CEQA DOCUMENT

5 DRAFT NEPA/CEQA DOCUMENT

Public comments & agency comments

6 FINAL NEPA/CEQA DOCUMENT

7 DECISION NOTICES

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For project information and updates, please visit the Project webpage at:

www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/transcon/Digital_299_Project

Enclosed:

Project Overview Map
Comment Form

Digital 299 Scoping Meetings

Redding Area

Redding City Hall
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001
Mon. 7/22 5:30-8pm

Lewiston Area

Lewiston Community Cen.
130 Texas Avenue
Lewiston, CA 96052
Tues. 7/23 5:30-8pm

Weaverville Area

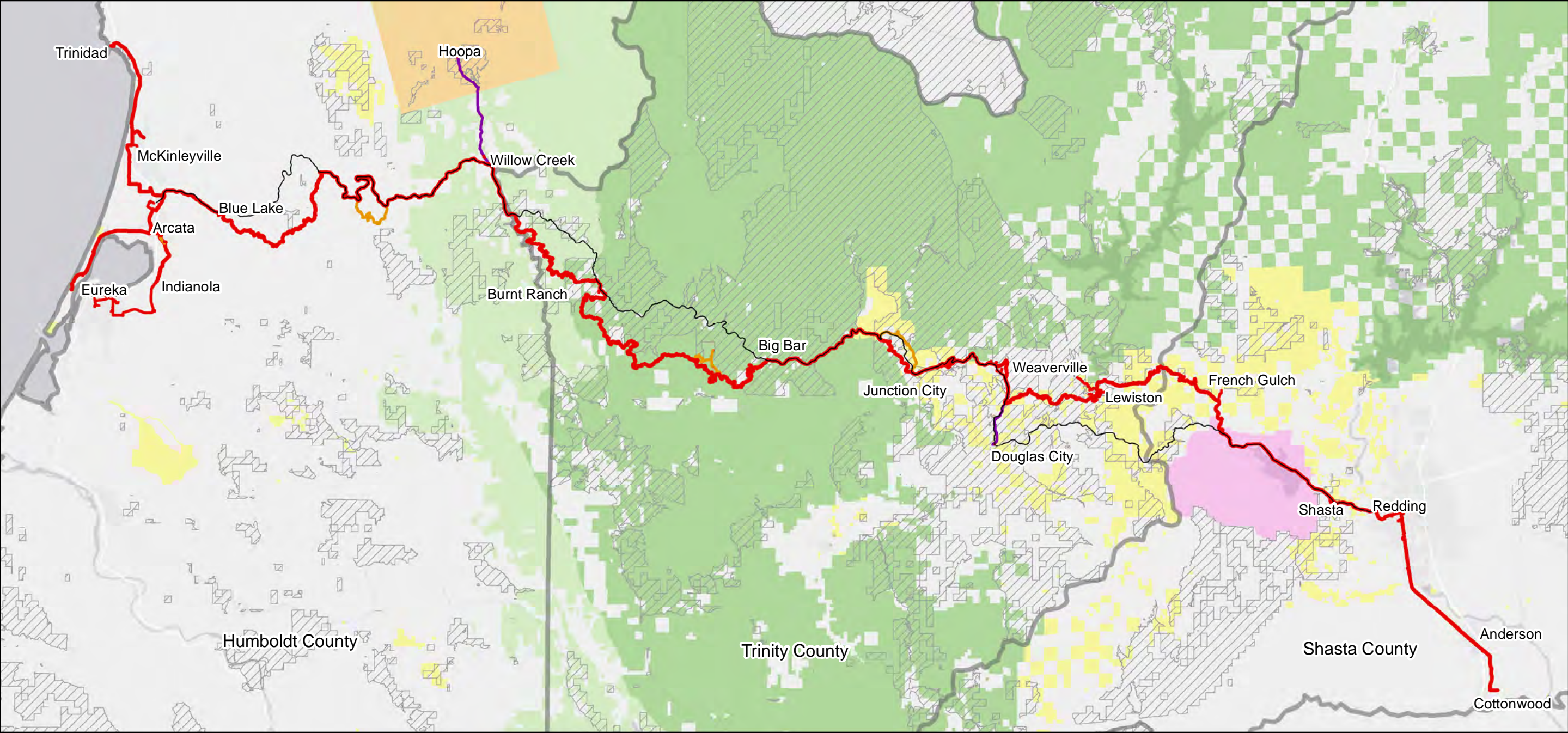
Trinity County Library
351 Main Street
Weaverville, CA 96093
Wed. 7/24 5:30-8pm

Eureka Area

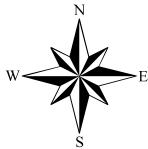
Humboldt Bay Aquatic Cen.
921 Waterfront Drive
Eureka, CA 95501
Thurs. 7/25 5:30-8pm

APPENDIX B

PROJECT OVERVIEW MAP



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Legend

- Digital 299 Proposed Alignment
- Digital 299 Alternative Segments
- Digital 299 Aerial Attachments
- Digital 299 Alignment Adjacent to SR-299
- State Route 299

- Bureau of Land Management
- Shasta-Trinity National Forest
- Six Rivers National Forest
- NPS Whiskeytown National Recreation Area

- Hoopa Valley Reservation
- County Lines
- Wireless Service - Slow or No Service

Project Overview Map
Digital 299 Broadband Project



APPENDIX C

NEWSPAPER NOTICE

DIGITAL 299 BROADBAND PROJECT

Public Meeting Announcement

Inyo Networks, a certificated telecommunications service provider, is proposing to install fiber optic cable in northern California extending from Eureka to Cottonwood. The Project is funded in part by a grant from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and would support long-term connectivity for rural communities in the area, which have been identified by CPUC as un-served or under-served. The proposed alignment will generally follow California State Route 299 (see map). In total, approximately 280 miles of fiber optic line will be installed in buried underground conduit.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and California Environmental Quality Act, CPUC is requesting the public's input to define the scope of the environmental study. Open-house style public meetings will be held along the route the week of July 22, 2019. During the meetings, the public will be able to learn about the Project and offer insights on issues that should be considered in the study.

For project information and instructions for submitting comments, please visit the Project webpage at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/transcon/Digital_299_Project

Comments are due by August 12, 2019.

COME TO A PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING:

Mon. 7/22 5:30-8pm

Redding Area—Redding City Hall
777 Cypress Ave., Redding, CA 96001

Tues. 7/23 5:30-8pm

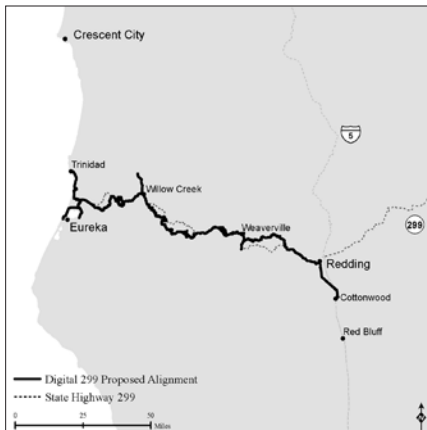
Lewiston Area—Lewiston Community Center
130 Texas Ave., Lewiston, CA 96052

Wed. 7/24 5:30-8pm

Weaverville Area—Trinity County Library
351 Main St., Weaverville, CA 96093

Thurs. 7/25 5:30-8pm

Eureka Area—Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center
921 Waterfront Dr., Eureka, CA 95501

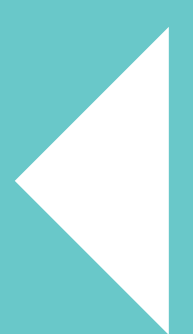


APPENDIX D

PUBLIC MEETING DISPLAY BOARDS



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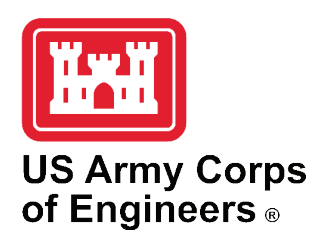
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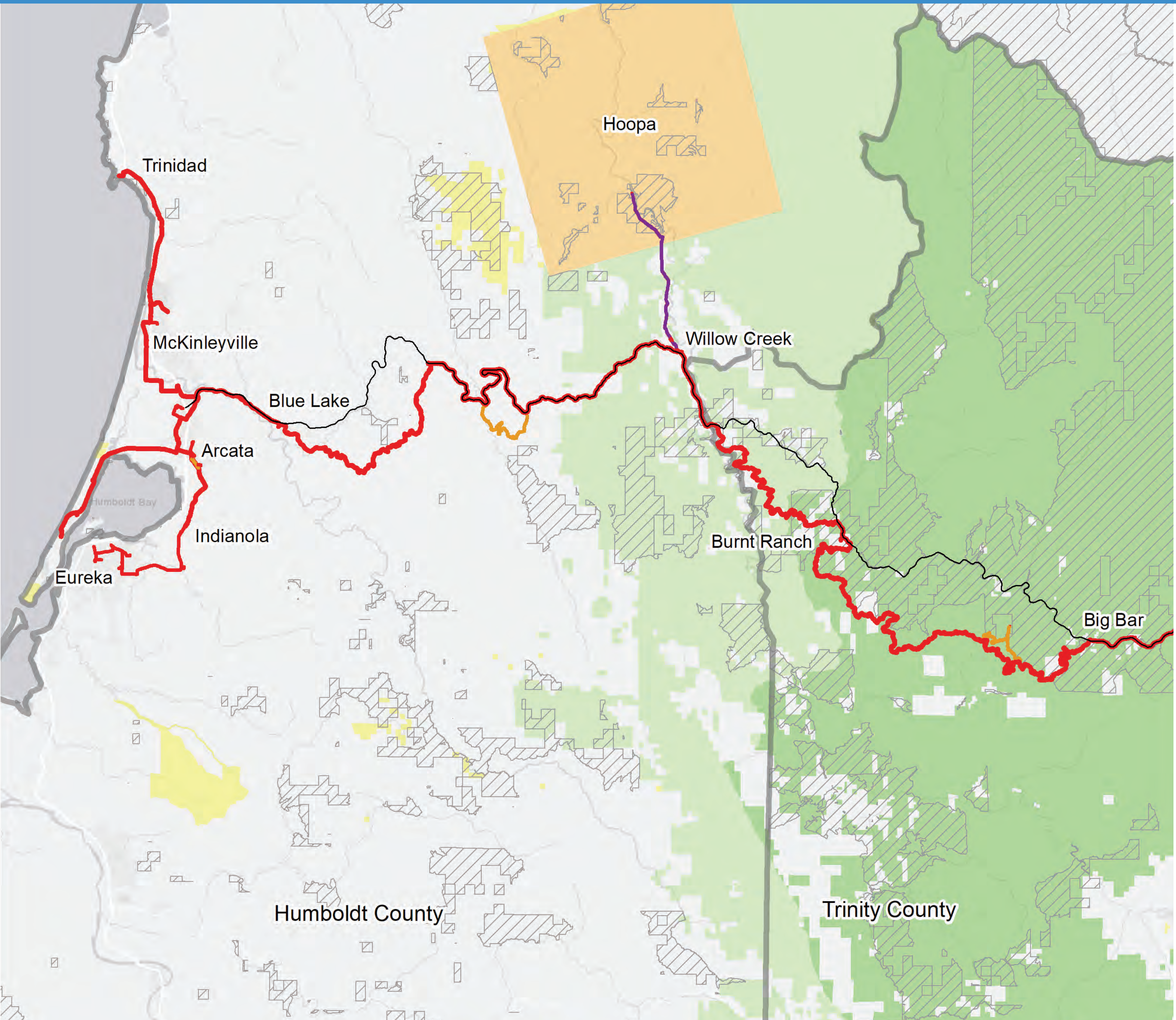


Welcome

to the Digital 299 Broadband Project Public Meeting



For more information, visit the project website:
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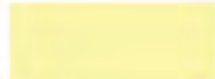



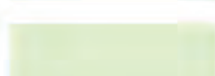

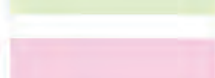




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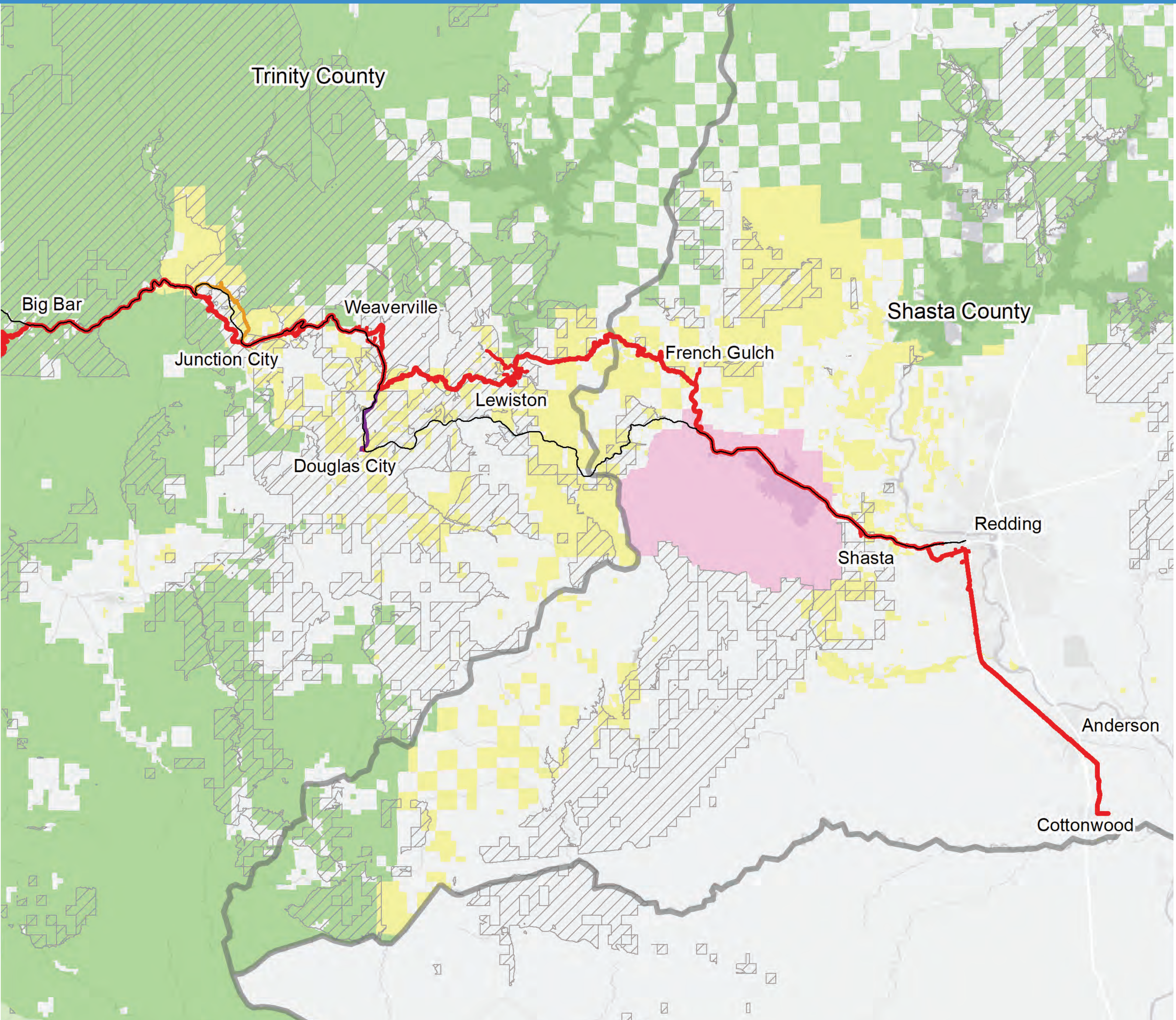


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|  | Digital 299 Alternative Segments |  | Shasta-Trinity National Forest |
|  | Digital 299 Aerial Attachments |  | Six Rivers National Forest |
|  | Digital 299 Alignment Adjacent to SR-299 |  | NPS Whiskeytown National Recreation Area |
|  | State Route 299 |  | Hoopa Valley Reservation |
|  | County Lines | | |
|  | Wireless Service - Slow or No Service | | |

For more information, visit the project website:
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Project Purpose

Public-Private Partnership (P3) partly funded by CPUC to bring **reliable high-speed internet** to designated unserved or underserved areas in northern California.

Key project components include:

- Creating a reliable middle-mile “backbone” to support the region’s increasing demand for internet services in the “Gig Economy.”
- **Improve quality and speed** of broadband to homes and businesses by interconnecting last-mile local providers.
- Bringing gigabit broadband to the region’s schools, libraries, health care and governmental facilities.

Low environmental impact, designed in pre-disturbed roadways.

Project Description

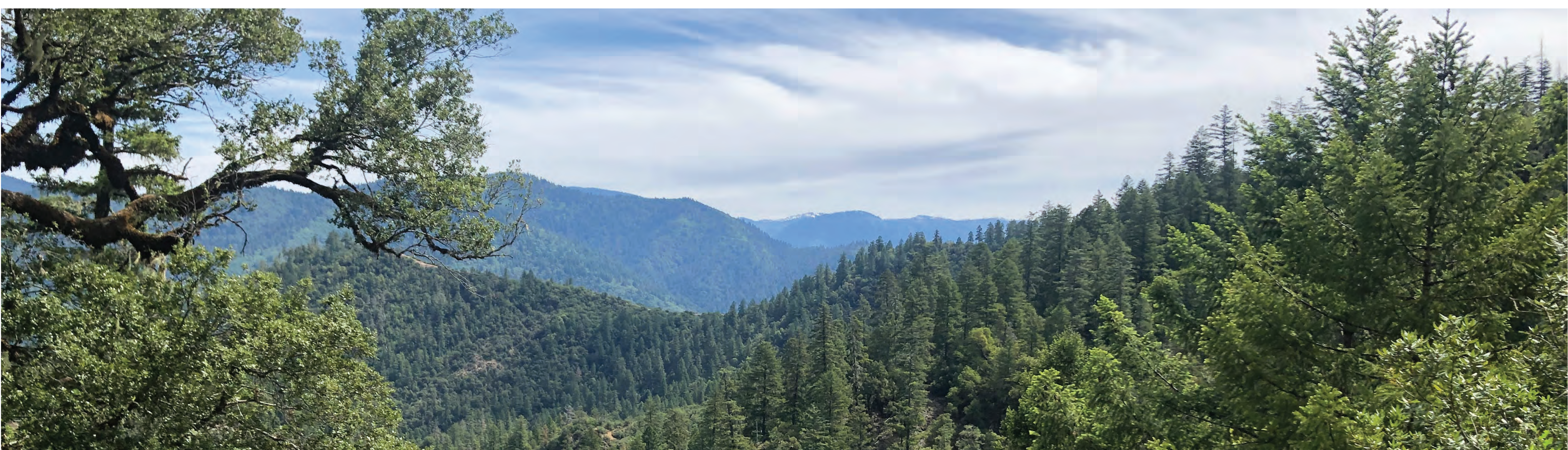
Approximately **280 miles long**.

Crosses 6 federal jurisdictions, directly serves
3 Tribes.

Follows California State Route 299 for
approximately 70 miles.

Route passes through over **24 communities**,
connecting approximately 200 community
anchor institutions.

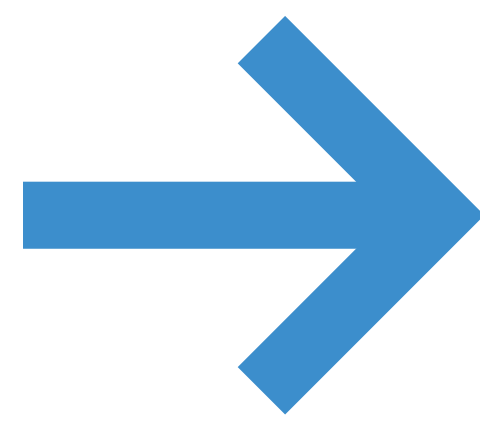
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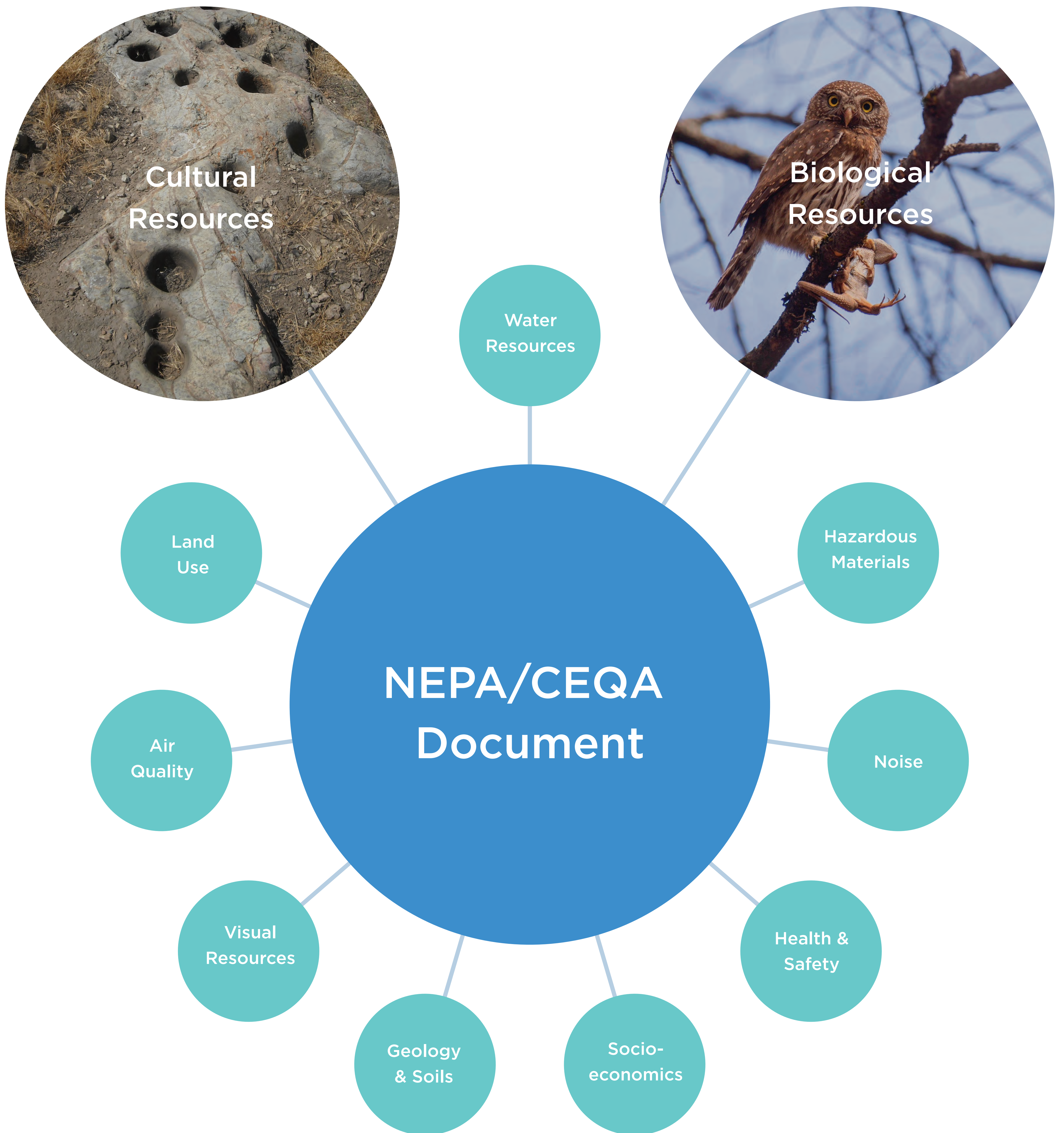
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APPENDIX E

AGENCY SCOPING LETTERS

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July 9, 2019

Attn: Doug LaMalfa, Congressman
1st Congressional District of California
2885 Church Creek Road, Suite C
Redding, CA 96002

RE: Digital 299 Broadband Project – Scoping Period

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2nd Congressional District of California
206 G Street
Petaluma, CA 94952

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Congressman Jared Huffman
317 Third Street, Suite 100
Eureka, CA 95501

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Attn: Don Flickinger, Natural Resource Management Specialist
National Marine Fisheries Service
1711 South Main Street
Yreka, CA 96097

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Attn: Leslie Wolff, Hydrologist
National Marine Fisheries Service
1655 Heindon Road
Arcata, CA 95521

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US Bureau of Indian Affairs
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US Bureau of Indian Affairs
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 105
Redding, CA 96002-0175

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US Bureau of Indian Affairs
2800 Cottage Way
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US Fish and Wildlife Service
1655 Heindon Road
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California Department of Fish & Wildlife
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California Department of Fish & Wildlife
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Monterey, CA 93940

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July 9, 2019

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State Senator Mike McGuire
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Eureka, CA 95501

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City of Anderson
1887 Howard Street
Anderson, CA 96007

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City of Arcata
736 F Street
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July 9, 2019

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City of Eureka
531 K Street
Eureka, CA 95501-1146

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City of Redding
777 Cypress Avenue, 1st Floor
Redding, CA 96001

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City of Trinidad
409 Trinity Street, PO Box 390
Trinidad, CA 95570

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July 9, 2019

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Humboldt County
826 Fourth Street
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Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
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Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
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15611 Rock Creek Road
Shasta, CA 96087

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Shasta County
1855 Placer Street
Redding, CA 96001

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Shasta County
1450 Court Street, Suite 227
Redding, CA 96001

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Trinity County Planning Department
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Weaverville, CA 96093

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Trinity County Resource Conservation District
PO Box 1450, #30 Horseshoe Lane
Weaverville, CA 96093

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Trinity Public Utilities District
PO Box 1216, 26 Ponderosa Lane
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Anderson, CA 96007

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Willow Creek Community Services District
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Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria
266 Keisner Road
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Big Lagoon Rancheria
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Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria
PO Box 630
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July 9, 2019

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Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu Nation
PO Box 1967
Weaverville, CA 96093

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Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians
PO Box 709
Corning, CA 96021

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Quartz Valley Indian Community
3601 Quartz Valley Road
Fort Jones, CA 96032

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Redding Rancheria
2000 Rancheria Road
Redding, CA 96001

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Resighini Rancheria
PO Box 529
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PO Box 56
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Tsurai Ancestral Society
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Wiyot Tribe
1000 Wiyot Drive
Loleta, CA 95551

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Attn: Don Barnes, TERO Director
Yurok Tribe
190 Klamath Blvd
Klamath, CA 95548

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Klamath, CA 95548

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APPENDIX G

TIME-STANDARD ARTICLE

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

Moving toward a 'digital future'

Efforts to bring greater internet access to rural areas underway for past decade

By **Sonia Waraich**

swaraich@times-standard.com

Plans to bring broadband to unserved and underserved communities in the county are well underway and should be completed by 2021.

Inyo Networks held a scoping meeting attended by roughly 30 people on Thursday at the Wharfinger Building in Eureka to gather the concerns of residents adjacent to state Route 299, where the company has plans to install broadband.

Connie Stewart, executive di-

rector of the California Center for Rural Policy at Humboldt State University, said getting to this point was "a key milestone."

"We're hoping to get those permits early next year so we can begin the building phase," Stewart said.

The concerns of residents were nothing insurmountable, said Michael Ort, chief executive officer of Inyo Networks, because the project didn't have an impact on many of the things they were worried about.

For instance, some property owners had concerns that the

project would be going through their properties or installing poles on them, but Ort said the project will be underground and staying along public roads.

"There's one piece of property we'll be going onto," Ort said, "but we got permission from the owner."

Other concerns were that the project might install loud equipment, which wouldn't happen, or pass through habitats of endangered species like the spotted owl, Ort said.

"There may be a couple areas where we are, but basically we're

not cutting any trees down," Ort said.

Moving forward, Ort said he expects a complete environmental impact report on the project to be out in November or December, after which the public will be given the opportunity to provide feedback. If all goes well, Ort said the company should receive all of its permits in January or February, after which it can begin construction.

"Our expectation is that we'll have the construction done — the main line — in about 18 months," Ort said, with a likely completion date around

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July 2021. "And then it'll take us an additional six to nine months to make all the connections to schools, hospitals, government buildings and things like that."

Stewart initially contacted Ort about bringing broadband to the area and said the community has been supportive of the efforts.

"Our community is well aware of how desperately we need additional connectivity," Stewart said. "We have more people in our region than in any other region in the state that lack adequate broadband."

California has begun to recognize how important every part of the state is, Ort said, regardless of how rural, and has been supportive of efforts to bring broadband to the area. Ort said local leaders in areas like Blue Lake have also been offering technical assistance as the project gets closer to the construction phase, such as the best path for the line.

"We've waited for 10 years to get to this point," Stewart said. "It's pretty exciting."

The process began more than a decade ago and included a study titled "Redwood Coast Connect" that examined the supply and

demand for broadband in Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino and Trinity counties.

That report found that 63% of 556 people surveyed considered internet access at home to be very important or critical. Of the 556 people, 11.6% didn't have an internet subscription, 4.8% weren't sure or didn't know, 32.8% had dial-up, 5% had satellite and 45.7% had access to broadband.

Thirteen communities, including Hoopa, Willow Creek and Kneeland, had low internet access. A roughly equal number of communities — 14, including Orleans and Weott — had none.

"It's really important that we build the infrastructure that's needed for the next economy," Ort said. "The digital economy."

About 70% of 212 businesses surveyed said it was very important or critical.

Rural parts of the state are facing challenges with that because it's not economically advantageous for a lot of the current service providers, Ort said. The area is also expensive to build broadband networks in because of its mountainous topography.

However, Ort said his concern was "just that the North Coast region is going to have a digital future."

Sonia Waraich can be reached at 707-441-0506.

APPENDIX H

AGENCY COMMENTS RECEIVED

From: [Nicole Dunlap](#)
To: [Genevieve Boykins](#)
Subject: FW: Digital 299 Broadband Project - Scoping Period
Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 1:04:35 PM

FYI, comment received.

From: Dempsey, Shannon@Parks <Shannon.Dempsey@parks.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:15 AM
To: Nicole Dunlap <ndunlap@transcon.com>
Subject: Digital 299 Broadband Project - Scoping Period

Dear Nicole,

I am the Environmental Coordinator for the North Coast Redwoods District (NCRD) of California State Parks and would like to provide a comment regarding your public scoping newsletter. While the large majority of the proposed Digital 299 Broadband Project is outside of our jurisdiction, it appears there is a small portion that will follow Clam Beach Drive at Little River State Beach between Arcata and McKinleyville. NCRD would be interested in obtaining a map showing more detail of the proposed route in this area. Please include me on the mailing list for additional information related to planning and environmental compliance for this project.

Respectfully,

Shannon Dempsey

North Coast Redwoods District
California State Parks
PO Box 2006
Eureka, CA 95502-2006

DIGITAL 299 BROADBAND PROJECT

NEPA/CEQA SCOPING COMMENT FORM

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Organization (if applicable): _____

COMMENT

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State Parks has concerns over the
vertical & horizontal APE through
Shasta State Historic Park and would
appreciate a definition when available.

In advance, we would also be concerned w/
the visual aspects of "spur" towers
seen from the historic park.

Withhold personal information*: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I want to be included on the mailing list for additional information: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signed: B. Walsh Date: 7/24/19

Please send comments by **August 12, 2019** to:

Nicole Dunlap, Project Manager
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1942 University Ave., St. 206
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Carol Underhill, Shasta-Trinity NF, Public Affairs
Officer provided business card & was interested
in posting info on agency website.
email: carol.underhill@usda.gov
office #: 530-226-2494
- believe business card was provided to Mike Ort, but
recording for record + for to ensure follow-up

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Mr. Andrew Barnsdale, Senior Analyst
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Subject: Digital 299 Broadband Project – Scoping Period

Dear Mr. Barnsdale:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on your proposed Digital 299 Scoping Project in Northern California.

The Bureau of Reclamation's Northern California Area Office (NCAO) administers Reclamation lands in Shasta and Trinity Counties. Any occupancy of any portion of, and the extraction or disturbance of any natural resources from Reclamation land, facilities or waterbodies, require written authorization from Reclamation. Please contact the NCAO as soon as possible to determine if any of your project related activities (construction, staging or pre-construction work) will occur on Reclamation land. Reclamation has agency-specific needs relative to the NEPA assessment and related consultation and documentation prepared for the project that must be satisfied prior to our issuance of any permit, license, or right-of-way agreement necessary to allow these activities to occur on Reclamation land.

Please contact Ms. Irene Hobbs, Realty Specialist at NCAO's Water and Lands Division at your earliest convenience via email at ihobbs@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

Donald Bader
Area Manager

cc: Nicole Dunlap, Project Manager
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August 13, 2019

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C/O ndunlap@transcon.com

Sent via email to address above

RE: Digital 299 Broadband Project Scoping

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept these scoping comments for the Digital 299 Broadband Project (project) on behalf of EPIC-Environmental Protection Information Center. Our 20,000 members and supporters deeply value the forests, wildlife and watersheds of Northern California and the Six Rivers and Shasta-Trinity National Forests. EPIC has a keen interest in conditions throughout the bioregion. EPIC is committed to the long-term protection and restoration of our globally significant, native species, rivers and the complex and diverse ecosystems in the North Coast regions of the Pacific Northwest.

The project proposes to install 280 miles of fiber optic cable from Eureka to Cottonwood, CA. While the proposed alignment generally follows SR-299, it is sited mostly along the shoulders and of County and USFS roads.

Scope, Purpose and Need

The broad scope of the project contains relative environmental uncertainty in regards to significant effects and extraordinary circumstances which requires the development of an Environmental Impact Statement. It is stated that purpose and need for the project is to provide rural connectivity and redundancy across the region, improve safety for travelers and first responders and to stimulate economic development. Please include detailed information on how the project would fulfill the purpose and need.

National Forest Land Allocations

The EIS should disclose where and what land allocations and management areas on both national forest so that the public and stakeholders can provide the most informed comments.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

Please disclose what stretches of the project would impact the Wild and Scenic river corridors and how the project may affect the designated characteristics.

Fish and Wildlife

The EIS must analyze and disclose impacts to all Threatened and Endangered species in the project area and also to USFS Sensitive, Management Indicator Species and Survey and Manage Species. Please provide adequate information on the location, habitat and presence these species and detail the Project Design Features and Limited Operating Periods that would be included.

Water Quality

The EIS must disclose all legacy sediment sites in the project area and subsequent treatments in order to comply with the Water Quality requirements and waivers.

Invasive Plants

The forthcoming NEPA/CEQA planning document should disclose and analyze the current status of invasive plants in the project area and provide mitigations so as to not spread these highly undesirable species.

Connected Actions and Cumulative Effects

The scoping notice states that the project will include future cell phone towers but the planning will not address this connected action. However NEPA requires that all foreseeable connected actions be analyzed in the planning document. Please detail the environmental and visual impacts of this associated connected action.

Thank you for considering our comments and concerns. Please send a hard copy of the forthcoming NEPA/CEQA to the Arcata EPIC office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly Bahn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Public Land Advocate
145 G. St., Suite A
Arcata, CA 95521
707-822-7711
Kimberly@wildcalifornia.org

DIGITAL 299 BROADBAND PROJECT

NEPA/CEQA SCOPING COMMENT FORM

Name:

Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center

Address:

Phone (optional):

E-mail (optional):

Organization (if applicable):



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General Manager

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Eureka, CA 95501

www.hbmwd.com

COMMENT

(use back-side or additional paper if necessary)

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
will submit comment
crossings - to 101, Alliance,
west end road
new navy base road
may parallel in some cases

Withhold personal information*:

☐ Yes

☐ No

I want to be included on the mailing list for additional information:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Signed:

Date:

7/25/2019

Please send comments by **August 12, 2019** to:

Nicole Dunlap, Project Manager

Transcon Environmental

1942 University Ave., St. 206

Berkeley, CA 94704

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Subject: Digital 299 Broadband Project Early Consultation Comments CDFW

From: Olson, Jennifer@Wildlife <Jennifer.Olson@wildlife.ca.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 09, 2019 1:27 PM

To: Nicole Dunlap <ndunlap@transcon.com>

Cc: Hubbard, Kristin@Wildlife <Kristin.Hubbard@wildlife.ca.gov>; Henderson, Amy@Wildlife <Amy.Henderson@wildlife.ca.gov>

Subject: Digital 299 Broadband Project Early Consultation Comments CDFW

Good afternoon,

On July 12, 2019, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received an early consultation request for the Digital 299 Broadband Project (Project). CDFW previously received an early consultation request via email regarding species listed under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) and provided information about those species and the Project generally (see attached).

This email serves to reiterate and add to the comments previously provided. CDFW will provide additional comments on California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents in our Trustee and Responsible Agency role pursuant to CEQA.

The environmental document should include and/or address the following:

- **Site-Specific Environmental Data.** For example, soil, water table, and topographic data that may inform the occurrence of, and Project activity impacts on, sensitive biological resources.
- **Rare Plants/Natural Communities.** A thorough assessment of rare plants and rare natural communities following CDFW's "2018 Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities" <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=18959&inline> . Note that vegetation classification and mapping should use the Second Edition of a Manual of California Vegetation (available at: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=86948>) which provides a standardized, floristic-based systematic classification and description of vegetation in the State. These standards meet the National Vegetation Classification System standards followed by federal agencies. Use of this vegetation classification system will help better determine the extent of common, rare, and unique habitats, including natural communities.
- **Lake or Streambed Alterations.** A description of Project activity-related alteration of the bed, channel, bank, and/or natural flow of any river, lake, or stream. These areas should be quantified by existing habitat type, management strategies and constraints, species presence, and ownership and/or agency responsible for the management and maintenance of the parcel.
- **Special Status, Rare, Threatened, Endangered Species Surveys.** Protocol-level survey results for rare, threatened, endangered, and other special status plants and animals, including species listed on the Department's "Special Vascular Plants, Bryophytes, and Lichens List." Surveys should be conducted in accordance with CDFW and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) accepted protocols.
- **Wetland Delineations.** Delineations should be conducted to determine the boundaries of wetlands that the subsequent Project activity may impact. Resource agencies do not use the same criteria to identify wetlands (e.g., CDFW, California Coastal Commission, State Water Resources Control Board, and Army Corps of Engineers). Therefore, prior to conducting a delineation, the Lead Agency should consult with the resource agencies with jurisdiction over the Project activity, including the Department, to determine the appropriate criteria for identifying wetlands.
- **Utility corridors** are known to be at-risk sites for the introduction and spread of invasive plant species. Invasive plant species alter habitat suitability for many species by reducing or eliminating native vegetation essential for food and cover. Additionally, invasive plant species quickly colonize disturbed areas, and once an area is colonized control of

infestation to adjacent habitats is challenging. Several sensitive plant species and habitats occur in close proximity to Project activities. In order to avoid impacting these species and habitats, CDFW recommends the inclusion of invasive plant species control measures in the environmental document for this Project. These measures may include working from weed-free areas into infested areas if necessary, cleaning equipment prior to entering and exiting a new site, and post-construction monitoring to ensure no new infestations of invasive species occur. Prevention best management practices and guidelines for invasive plants can be found on the California Invasive Plant Council's website at: <http://www.cal-ipc.org/ip/prevention/index.php>.

Additionally, CDFW has identified the following special status species and habitats in the Project vicinity:

- See attached map of Trinity bristle snail mitigation areas
- See attached list of California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) occurrences within 250 feet of the proposed Project footprint. Please note that this is not a complete scoping list. CNDDDB is a positive occurrence database, therefore these are the special status species that have been documented to occur immediately adjacent to the Project and are thus highly likely to be affected by Project activities.
- Additional special status species and habitats may occur in or adjacent to the Project footprint, and standard scoping (9-quadrant query method in CNDDDB, and additional use of USFWS, and California Native Plant Society databases) should be conducted for purposes of informing the environmental document. These species and habitats include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*) – State Endangered, habitat along route
 - Bank swallow (*Riparia riparia*) -- State Threatened (colony locations in CNDDDB, one at mouth of Mad River in fairly close proximity to the Hammond Trail north of Arcata)
 - Northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) – State Threatened -- activity centers along Project route
 - Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) -- State Endangered/Fully Protected-- habitat along route
 - Foothill yellow-legged frog (*Rana boylei*) – State Candidate Threatened (primarily associated with stream crossings)
 - Humboldt marten (*Martes caurina humboldtensis*) – State Endangered
 - Western bumble bee (*Bombus occidentalis*) – State Candidate Endangered
 - Bat maternity colonies or other roosting habitat on bridges or other structures that may be impacted by the Project
 - Howell's alkali grass (*Puccinellia howellii*) – Rare Plant Rank 1B.1 – existing population on south side of Highway 299, near Crystal Creek Road in the vicinity of Whiskeytown Lake

CEQA requires that information developed in environmental impact reports and negative declarations be incorporated into a database which may be used to make subsequent or supplemental environmental determinations. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21003, subd. (e).) Accordingly, please report any special status species and natural communities detected during Project surveys to CNDDDB. The CNDDDB field survey form can be found at the following link:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB/Submitting-Data>. The completed form can be submitted online or mailed electronically to CNDDDB at the following email address: CNDDDB@wildlife.ca.gov.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide early consultation input on this Project. Please contact me at the information in my signature (for Project activities in Humboldt and Western Trinity County), or Kristin Hubbard at (530) 225-2138 or Kristin.Hubbard@wildlife.ca.gov (for Project activities in Eastern Trinity County) or Amy Henderson at (530) 225-2779 or Amy.Henderson@wildlife.ca.gov (for Project activities in Shasta County).

Sincerely,
Jennifer Olson

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DIGITAL 299 BROADBAND PROJECT

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E-mail (optional): Michael.Garcia@sen.ca.gov
Organization (if applicable): District office of Senator Brian Dahle

COMMENT

(use back-side or additional paper if necessary)

Brian Dahle fully supports Inyo Networks' plans for
their "Digital 299" project and is excited to see what
innovations it will bring to the region,

Withhold personal information*: ☐ Yes ☒ No

I want to be included on the mailing list for additional information: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signed: Michael Garcia

Date: 7/22/19

Please send comments by **August 12, 2019** to:

Nicole Dunlap, Project Manager
Transcon Environmental
1942 University Ave., St. 206
Berkeley, CA 94704

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From: [Nicole Dunlap](#)
To: [Genevieve Boykins](#)
Cc: [Ben Lardiere](#)
Subject: FW: Comments for the Digital 299 Project
Date: Friday, July 26, 2019 11:29:25 AM

For our records.

From: Roman Pittman - NOAA Federal <roman.pittman@noaa.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 10:59 AM
To: Nicole Dunlap <ndunlap@transcon.com>
Cc: Jeffrey Jahn - NOAA Federal <jeffrey.jahn@noaa.gov>; Naseem Alston - NOAA Federal <naseem.alston@noaa.gov>
Subject: Comments for the Digital 299 Project

The work area for the proposed Digital 299 Project (Highway 299 from Humboldt Bay to Cottonwood, CA) contains multiple listed species. Our concerns regarding possible impacts include the potential to mobilize fine sediment into designated critical habitat during construction activities, particularly at stream crossings. If you expect any adverse affects to listed fish or their habitat then consultation with NMFS will be necessary to reduce these affects. A detailed description of construction methods will be helpful for us in assessing any potential impacts.

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Roman Pittman
(707) 825-5167
NMFS Arcata, CA



DIGITAL 299 BROADBAND PROJECT

NEPA/CEQA SCOPING COMMENT FORM

Name: SUSAN O'GORMAN - Willow Creek Community
Address: PO Box 8 Sevierville District
Willow Creek CA 95573
Phone (optional): 530 629 2136
E-mail (optional): _____
Organization (if applicable): _____

COMMENT

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No environmental comment. Just an FYI
that the WCCSD has waterlines along
hwy 299, south-east of Willow Creek.

Withhold personal information*: ☐ Yes ☒ No

I want to be included on the mailing list for additional information: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signed: 

Date: 7-16-19

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APPENDIX I

TRIBAL COMMENTS RECEIVED

DIGITAL 299 BROADBAND PROJECT

NEPA/CEQA SCOPING COMMENT FORM

Name: JOHN HAYWARD TRIBAL-CHAIR
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E-mail (optional): _____
Organization (if applicable): NOR-REL-MUK WINTU NATION

COMMENT

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THE NOR-REL-MUK HAS MANY SACRED
SITE'S ALONG THE OPTIC 299 LINE FROM BIG BAR
TO THE FRENCH GULCH TURN OFF, SENSITIVE
AREAS ARE HELENA, JUNCTION CITY AREA, CANYON
GREEK, EAST AND WEST SIDE OF OREGON MOUNTAIN
THE AREA FROM WEAVERVILLE TO LEWISTON IS HIGHLY
SENSITIVE, TRINITY MOUNTAIN HAS SITE ALL ALONG, SOME WERE
DESTROYED BY HEAVY EQUIPMENT DURING FIRES.

Withhold personal information*: ☒ Yes ☐ No

I want to be included on the mailing list for additional information: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signed:

John Hayward

Date: 8-5-2019

Please send comments by **August 12, 2019** to:

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Subject: FW: Tsnungwe Council Response RE: Digital 299 Broadband Project – Scoping

From: Dena Magdaleno <magdalenos@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 10:57 PM
To: Nicole Dunlap <ndunlap@transcon.com>
Subject: Tsnungwe Council Response RE: Digital 299 Broadband Project – Scoping

Tsnungwe Council
PO Box 373
Salyer, CA 95563

State of California, Public Utilities Commission
email: ndunlap@transcon.com
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

RE: Digital 299 Broadband Project – Scoping

August 12, 2019

Dear sir:

The Tsnungwe Council received your correspondence regarding the **Digital 299 Broadband Project**. Although in principal, our Elders Council support the project we would like to give input regarding our concerns about the project. We also request a consultation meeting regarding the project.

As stated above we are supportive of the **Digital 299 Broadband Project**. **We expect that the State of California and Inyo Networks will follow all NEPA and CEQA rules as stated in your letter, you aware of them and will draft the required report in late 2019. It is critical that in preparing the report that the Wintu, Nor Rel Muk, Tsnungwe and Redwood Creek tribes are given opportunity for input as we are all within the project's proposed area.**

As long as the project is within the right-of-way of Highway 299 it is not likely to disturb any cultural resources in most of our aboriginal territory. We understand that county and US Forest Service land may also be utilized; those areas need to be part of the review process. **There are three locations that are sensitive for the Tsnungwe in Trinity and Humboldt County. They are the area below Ironside Mountain (our sacred mountain) and the areas between the Burnt Ranch Post Office and the Burnt Ranch Indian Hall and on the eastern and western ends of the South Fork of the Trinity Bridge (as these are two Tsnungwe village sites).** It may be necessary for the state or Inyo Networks to contract with monitors depending on the scope of the earth moving work in these three areas. Also as the law requires, if any previously unknown cultural resources or remains are unearthed in our territory work will need to stop. The Tsnungwe Council needs to be contacted so we can resolve the problem; we will gladly work cooperatively with Inyo Networks and the state to do.

Once again we are supportive of this project. It will benefit the tribes and communities on Highway 299. The Tsnungwe Council will work cooperatively with your office to ensure the project's success.

Sincerely,

Paul Ammon, Tsnungwe Chair

APPENDIX J

ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED SUMMARY TABLE

TABLE J-1 DIGITAL 299 COMMENTS RECEIVED SUMMARY TABLE						
Id #	Receipt Date	Type	Commentor	Representing	Comment	Method Received
1	7/13/2019	Public	Joseph Labash	Self	Fantastic! We in the rural North state desperately need this. Please "bring it" ASAP!! There are third world countries that have more advanced cellular communications and broadband connectivity then we do in Northern California. We need to catch up.	Mailed Letter
2	7/15/2019	Public	Ronald R Keller	Self	Bring it on!	Mailed Letter
3	7/15/2019	Public	Jim Elkins	Paul Bunyan Investments LLC	I own Industrial zoned property (vacant) on both sides of Locust Road at Paul Bunyan Court, which is between Anderson and Cottonwood, I see no reason to be opposed to the project and could probably benefit from it. At this location will your facilities be in the public R/W?	Mailed Letter
4	7/15/2019	Public	Daniel Foley	Self	We have been waiting for this for a long time	Mailed Letter
5	7/15/2019	Public	Michelle & George Griffin	Self	Do not have internet. My phone goes through T-Mobile. Do not have for TV and computer. Did not want dial-up.	Mailed Letter
6	7/15/2019	Public	Richard and Rose Kidder	Self	We are very happy to have fast internet in our area. Verizon LTE is good but other areas are from 500 kh-2mbs, we are fortunate as we have 20-35mbs.	Mailed Letter
7	7/15/2019	Public	Kenneth Galwey	Self	We have property in Lewiston, we look forward to getting into the 21st century!	Mailed Letter
8	7/16/2019	Public	Keri Raphael	Self	Fully support improved internet signal to our area. Current options inadequate. Question: Will you be utilizing current local internet delivery company - Tsunami - to use your signal? I would not want his hard work and build out to be undermined.	Mailed Letter
9	7/16/2019	Agency	Susan O'Gorman	Willow Creek Community Services District	No environmental comment. Just an FYI that the WCCSD has waterlines along hwy 299, south-east of Willow Creek.	Mailed Letter
10	7/16/2019	Public	Daniel Cohoon	Self	Our residence is located immediately southwest of Lord-Ellis summit on Highway 299. There is very poor cell coverage at this location which is not indicated on your map. In addition, there is a buried water line across your proposed route on our property that we would like you to be aware of. That being said, we fully support the project.	Mailed Letter
11	7/16/2019	Public	Judith Haseltine	Self	I am delighted to know you are doing this.	Mailed Letter
12	7/16/2019	Public	Wayne Burditt	California Capital & Realty Inc.	Yes, yes, yes!!! Please do it!!!	Mailed Letter
13	7/16/2019	Public	Patricia Mccolm	Self	My name is Patricia McColm. I live in Lewiston off Deadwood Road. I am at 530-778-3000. I do not agree to have this information provided in any public comment because what I am asking for right now is a return call to identify exactly where you intend to run your line both underground and otherwise and whether you intend to utilize existing power poles or otherwise installed towers anywhere near my property off Deadwood Road. If you intend to do any of that, I want specific information and you can fax all that information to the phone number 530-778-3000 at your earliest. And if you got a direct phone number to reach someone I would like to hear that too. So again, fax all the information. I am not essentially an internet user and your website address on this voicemail was too fast for a senior half deaf person. So I am asking for accommodation of disabilities that you provide all the information with specific maps, with specific properties, since I got received this as supposedly and interested property owner I want to know whether you intend to even come anywhere close to my property. Thank you. Again 530-778-3000.	Voicemail
14	7/16/2019	Public	Linda Eldridge	Self	My current AT&T internet is always going down, so this project would be great!	Mailed Letter
15	7/16/2019	Public	William & Virgina Shaw	Self	Should be available to everyone.	Mailed Letter
16	7/17/2019	Public	PENSCO Trust Co	PENSCO Trust Company	Subject: Unidentifiable Notice. PENSCO Trust Co recently received the enclosed notice; however, we are unable to identify the appropriate client based on the information provided. We are returning this notice and requesting that you provide additional information to allow up to process this request. Please identify our client's name and/or account number on any future notices.	Mailed Letter
17	7/17/2019	Public	Donald Miller	Self	Map without marking project site. No letter of explanation. How can I make a comment?	Mailed Letter
18	7/18/2019	Public	Laura Shodall & Michael Bailey	Self	Both of us <u>do not</u> want mobile connectivity. We moved here to get away from technology. We <u>do not</u> want this update and are willing to live with its consequences.	Mailed Letter
19	7/18/2019	Public	Thomas Miller	Self	I have several properties in the Lewiston area. From your enclosed map I can't determine if the proposal alignment will impact my properties. Please answer the following questions so I can get a better idea. 1. Is the intended fiber optic line to be placed in or near the current alignment of Lewiston Rd. from Trinity Blvd past its intersection with Goos Ranch Rd.? 2. Will it be possible to hookup/connect individual properties along this alignment?	Mailed Letter
20	7/19/2019	Public	Jeffrey Ownbey	Self	Can you provide (or link) a more detailed map of the 299 project, specifically route through Burnt Ranch? Our property is almost 2 miles from the highway, so I assume it deviates from the state highway and travels up through my property?	Email

<p>TABLE J-1 DIGITAL 299 COMMENTS RECEIVED SUMMARY TABLE</p>						
Id #	Receipt Date	Type	Commentor	Representing	Comment	Method Received
21	7/19/2019	Public	Greg Simmons	Sky Crest Lake LLC	Support project- 1. Safety 2. Educational 3. Business 4. Personal. Need more detailed map of route in Burnt Ranch area.	Mailed Letter
22	7/19/2019	Public	Lee Smith	Self	My phone number is 360-798-1921 I need to have you call me to give you some updates. My father has been deceased for 20 years and I can give you an address of the new owners. Thank you.	Voicemail
23	7/21/2019	Public	Mark Triska	Self	We own a small vacation home in Lewiston. We have no cable, land-line only phone (no cell coverage-Verizon) and no internet currently. Assuming and reasonable to hook up, we would become a customer. Looking forward to seeing this project move forward! Thank you, Mark Triska	Mailed Letter
24	7/21/2019	Public	Mike Colucci	T.A.P.	Broadband would be great for this area. It is remote and internet via satellite is not all that reliable. What we really need is a cell tower.	Mailed Letter
25	7/21/2019	Public	W. Curns	Self	With the proposed "line" which does not follow 299 how many private landowners will be involved and how are you proposing getting permissions? Do the private landowners get compensation and do they have to do anything that prohibits them from informing them on what they can do on their property after the line is put down?	Mailed Letter
26	7/21/2019	Public	Mark Schaeffer	Maple One, LLC	I am in support of the digital 299 Broadband project. We need high speed internet and better cell coverage in this area.	Mailed Letter
27	7/22/2019	Public	Bary Whitfield	Self	It is necessary for Lewiston to improve its internet service. The mountains shadow the signal to where its non-existent. With the cable I see no problem. The towers, I am concerned with the power required. I propose two smaller rather than one huge tower per area.	Mailed Letter
28	7/22/2019	Public	Gary Branson	Self	Yes I want this please!	Mailed Letter
29	7/22/2019	Agency	Donald Bader (Respond to Irene Hobbs)	US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation	Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on your proposed Digital 299 Scoping Project in Northern California. The Bureau of Reclamation's Northern California area office (NCAO) administers Reclamation lands in Shasta and Trinity Counties. Any occupancy of any portion of, and the extraction or disturbance of any natural resources from Reclamation land, facilities or waterbodies, require written authorization from Reclamation. Please contact the NCAO as soon as possible to determine if any of your project related activities (construction, staging or pre-construction work) will occur on Reclamation land. Reclamation has agency-specific needs relative to the NEPA assessment and related consultation and documentation prepared for the project that must be satisfied prior to our issuance of any permit, license, or right-of-way agreement necessary to allow these activities to occur on Reclamation land. Please contact Irene Hobbs, Realty Specialist at NCAO's Water and Lands Division at your earliest convenience.	Mailed Letter
30	7/22/2019	Agency/ Elected Official	Michael Garcia	District Office of Senator Brian Dahle	Brian Dahle fully supports Inyo Network's plans for their "Digital 299" project and is excited to see what innovations it will bring the region.	Public Meeting
31	7/22/2019	Agency	Carol Underhill	Shasta-Trinity Public Affairs	Carol Underhill, Shasta-Trinity, NF, Public Affairs Officer provided business card & was interested in posting info on agency website. Email: carol.underhill@usda.gov Offc# 530-226-2494 - Believe business card was provided to Mike Ort, but recording for record & to ensure follow up	Public Meeting (Discussion)
32	7/22/2019	Public	Herb Baldwin	Sierra Pacific Industries	Expressed concern about project compromising roads (county or forest services; think forest services) shared with Sierra Pacific Industries. Requested details on design along roads, specifically from French Gulch to Junction City. Talked to Mike Ort and exchanged business cards.	Public Meeting (Discussion)
33	7/22/2019	Public	S Boekee	Self	Be advised that Manila, where I live, will be under water in about 10-15 years. Plan accordingly. That includes Semoa and the business district (the coast guard floats). As much as I would like the convenience, I hate to have you waste your money. Also, thanks to the (Can't read word) presently representing our government, the environmental impact statement should be a breeze. But not necessarily good for the planet. Hope this will be taken into consideration. I'm 76, so I (hopefully) won't be here when stuff hits the fan.	Mailed Letter
34	7/23/2019	Public	Not provided	Self	927-7248 (Just gives name which I can't understand and leaves phone number no area code and no request for call back with no reason)	Voicemail
35	7/23/2019	Public	Joe Carpenter	Self	I'm along Hwy 299 and the digital line coming through is cutting across some of my property. My number is 530-629-5157 I was wondering are there any complications with that or what is going to happen?	Voicemail
36	7/23/2019	Public	Jack Baum	Self	My property 2601 Red Hill Road. My property is West or South of California State Hwy 299. If you need ROW on my property; you would need to pay \$300/Rod and (Length? illegible) size of ROW.	Mailed Letter
37	7/24/2019	Public	Christy Marx & Randy Littlejohn	Self	We commenting on this project: Inyo Networks Digital 299 Broadband Project- While it would seem to be a good thing on the surface, it has fatal flaws. It would only service a limited residential area and businesses in Weaverville. In doing so, it would seriously undercut the local ISP service while providing nothing to take its place. Unless the plan would cover EVERYONE in Weaverville and the surrounding areas, it will harm most of us. As professional writers and game designers, we depend on fast internet service provided by the local ISP, Velocity. If Velocity is seriously undercut by unfairly funded competition, we could find	Email

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					ourselves with no service at all. We ask that this project be reconsidered and something more equitable worked out that will benefit the entire county.	
38	7/24/2019	Public	Linda Denmark	Self	We do not need this project. It is not necessary in our locale. Velocity is an excellent provider. They will expand and provide services throughout the county. They are an important Trinity County based business, providing employment and excellent service. DO NOT SUPPORT.	Email
39	7/24/2019	Public	Cathie Wheeler	Self	We would like to voice our support for Travis at Velocity, in hopes that this project will not destroy or disrupt this small but wonderful company that supplies our community in so many ways.	Email
40	7/24/2019	Public	Noreen Bradbury	Self	To express our concern about how your project will harm a local business, Velocity, in our area. We hope you will consider not undercutting the services available to us now. We value our small business because they know our community and the people in them. They care about us and we care about them. We realize progress is inevitable, but progress with compassion is never wrong. Please consider our needs and wants as you make decisions about this project.	Email
41	7/24/2019	Public	Linda Denmark	Self	Calling from Trinity county and wanted to say I'm not supporting this 299 project. We have a really good provider here that's a great employer and there's a lot from a local economy and they're doing a great job and they're going to add new services and we don't need somebody impersonal coming in to the community and it would be a loss if we lost this business. Thank you.	Voicemail
42	7/24/2019	County/ Assistant Planner	Bella Hedtke	Trinity County Planning Dept.	Bella Hedtke with Trinity County Planning Dept. left business card. Though no note left with card, recommend calling.	Public Meeting
43	7/24/2019	Public	Trinity County Library Discussion (Public)	Self	Expressed concern about impacts to community, local service providers and businesses. Specific concern about impact to Velocity. Will the provider go out of business? Will people be left without service or service options? Will service options be affordable? Employment opportunities: local hires or outside hires for construction? Expressed desire for transparency. How will the community benefit? Construction time frame and impact to roads, road work concerns. Cell towers: Questions on timeline, locations, and addressing coverage. Velocity stated they could not put a service tower on Burnt Ranch Mountain (Iron Mnt)? because of this project. Attendees state AT&T already has existing fiber line in the same locations this project is proposing putting them. Action: Mike Ort or Travis (Velocity) to discuss community concerns attendees express interest in Velocity and Inyo working together.	Public Meeting (Discussion)
44	7/24/2019	Public	Christine	Self	We do not want your company in our area. We are happy with our local business for internet service.	Email
45	7/25/2019	Public	Ed Carpenter	Self	Velocity is perfect for us here in the north state. We don't want a tax dollar supported invasion!! Keep out.	Email
46	7/25/2019	Public	Denver Nelson	Self	I believe it is vital for Native American children especially to have broadband access and I support this project.	Public Meeting
47	7/25/2019	Public	Darrell & Kathy Harndon	Harndon Ranchos	Please contact if route is on south side of Mad River Rd. near 862 Mad River Rd. concerning replacement of agricultural barbwire fence.	Public Meeting
48	7/25/2019	Public	Dr. Jerome DeCapua	Self/Clinic	Future of rural healthcare will rely on Telemedicine. It is essential that quality internet be available, hopefully fiber optic. There are two sides of Willow Creek that would benefit from FO, 299 and Patterson Road.	Public Meeting
49	7/25/2019	Public	Rich Lewis	Self	We live outside of Arcata, no cable or hot spot for internet. Very poor service. We also own property on Bald Mtn Rd. where ATT just installed underground fiber. They disturbed access to our land (turnouts).	Public Meeting
50	7/25/2019	Public	Sacha Marini	Self	Please disclose and mitigate any human health concerns with this technology. The rural footprint in Humboldt city is shrinking so it feels a little tone deaf to be increasing resources in the hills. This will encourage more development, but other infrastructure will be needed as well. With highly dangerous wildlife fire areas, it seems folly to encourage development in these areas. I live on Chezem Rd. If the line goes nearby, I'd like to have an access point. Redwood Creek has T&E species, how will you not impact them? Franciscan soils are highly unstable and slumping in our Chezem Rd. area. How will you mitigate that issue? I hear that satellite is the way of the future, is technology going to be outdated fairly quickly or will it be beneficial redundancy if satellite does continue to expand? Please mitigate for any species of concern-Fishers? Spotted Owls? Others?	Public Meeting
51	7/25/2019	Public	Theresa Martinez	Self	We need more info in Willow Creek and other communities along the proposed line. The 299 project needs to be in constant and productive communication with CalTrans. It's unclear what kind of regulations would protect us from price gauging once the main conduit is present and secondary distributors begin connections to homes and businesses. We're very excited about the possibilities but we have been disappointed before. How can the community contribute to the completion of the project? We would like to assist in whatever ways possible.	Public Meeting
52	7/25/2019	Public	Sandra Sterrenberg & Ethan Beene	Self	Thank you for acknowledging and addressing our lack of broadband/Internet slow or no service. This has been an <u>equity issue</u> for students and community members living in Northern CA for years. I believe Trinity County Board of Supervisors contact Judy Morris, has studied this issue. Please contact them in Weaverville. Please address Inyo networks project impaction existing	Mailed Letter

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					Velocity and Com-Pair customers and service in Trinity County. How will this project specifically impact the down river, Burnt Ranch including the traffic and environmental impacts. We have been living on the frontier like a third-world country for many years. What can we do to expedite this project? Please keep us informed. When will this start and how long will it take?	
53	7/25/2019	Public	Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center Attendee (Name not provided)	Self	Arcata (Circled on map with a note "Bad Service"). AT&T just buried fiber, landowner concerned about poles, construction, road quality and clean-up. Inyo working with County to build then restor road.	Public Meeting (Discussion)
54	7/25/2019	Agency	John Friedenbach	Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District	Humboldt Bay municipal H20 district will submit comment. Crossways 101, alliance, West End Rd., New Navy Base Rd, may parallel on some eases from W end Rd. where we come out to 299 over to new navy base apprx- 4 areas.	Public Meeting (Discussion)
55	7/25/2019	Public	Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center Attendee (Name not provided)	Unknown	Contact City of Eureka (Brian Gerving) & City of Arcata Public Works regarding their buried pipes.	Public Meeting (Discussion)
56	7/25/2019	Public	Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center Attendee (Name not provided)	Self	Danny Ammon, Hoopa High School (Math Teacher), Joe Orozco Kide Radio Station and Susan OGorman WC Community Service District. Cultural sites near Trinity our crossing contacts.	Public Meeting (Discussion)
57	7/26/2019	Agency	Roman Pittman	NOAA	The work area for the proposed Digital 299 Project (Hwy 299 from Humboldt Bay to Cottonwood, CA) contains multiple listed species. Our concerns regarding possible impacts include the potential to mobilize fine sediment into designated critical habitat during construction activities, particularly at stream crossings. If you expect any adverse affects to listed fish or their habitat then consultation with NMFS will be necessary to reduce these affects. A detailed list of construction methods will be helpful for us in assessing any potential impacts.	Email
58	7/26/2019	Agency	Brian Walsh	CA State Parks	State Parks has concerns over the vertical and horizontal APE through Shasta State Historic Park and would appreciate a definition when available. In advance, we would also be concerned with the visual aspects of "Spur Towers" seen from the historic park.	Mailed Letter
59	7/26/2019	Public	Jeff Morris	Self	My family has lived in Trinity county for over 160 years and have seen the local challenges of changing times and attitudes through multiple boom and bust cycles and the impact of infrastructure (or lack of) on our ability to function as times change. M y father initiated two significant projects locally, the expansion of basic telephone service throughout the county and the designation of the magnificent Trinity Alps Wilderness (in conjunction with a team of many people). He understood early on, the significance of true fiber optic broadband and its potential positive impact on the rural communities of this region. I am supportive of this project. While there are some in the community that may have concerns about this projects impact on current last mile providers, the impact may also be positive, giving those local providers the ability to negotiate wholesale rates between multiple wholesale providers. Neither the local community or our current monopolistic situation, without being able to choose between providers. Locally, we are working to recruit new young professionals and families to the area, including returning alumni. While this project will provide a foundation for that effort, like every other opportunity it will be up to us to actually use this to ensure our own success. Ultimately, we carry the burden of responsibility for our own future. I am grateful that this project could be another strong tool in our tool kit towards that success. Please feel free to contact me at anytime for more information.	Email
60	7/26/2019	Public	Ralph Weloy	Self	I am interested in having digital broadband brought to my property. Please provide all information regarding this project. Thank you.	Mailed Letter
61	7/27/2019	Public	Not provided	Self	I'm calling to protest the network plan for Trinity County. From the project map it looks as though you will bypass most of the residences of the city and only serve the city of Douglas city. I received notice from my wireless carrier Velocity Technology a local business informing me that if this plan goes thru that they will go out of business leaving all the wireless customers in the dark. What sense would that make? That leaves us, the tax paying residents in the dark. This is not an option for seniors or other people living on a fixed income that would leave us in the dark as well. Please consider the negative impact this will have to the rest of the tax payers in the county and the loaders I might add if the plan included everyone in Trinity County, this wouldn't be a problem. But it doesn't include everyone. Hayfork is not included, all of the South county is not included and the main residence that live outside the main office of Douglas county are also not included so please either include us all in your plans or start over.	Voicemail
62	7/27/2019	Public	John Wilson	Self	Get it done.	Mailed Letter

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63	7/30/2019	Agency	Shannon Dempsey	CA State Parks, North Coast Redwoods District	I am the Environmental Coordinator for the North Coast Redwoods District (NCRD) of CA State parks and would like to provide a comment regarding your public scoping newsletter. While the large majority of the proposed Digital 299 Broadband project is outside of our jurisdiction, it appears there is a small portion that will follow Clam Beach Dr. at Little River State Beach between Arcata and McKinleyville. NCRD would be interested in obtaining a map showing more detail of the proposed route in this area. Please include me on the mailing list for additional information related to planning and environmental compliance for this project.	Email
64	7/30/2019	Public	Ronan Oday	Self	I received a letter from you about a week ago and want to talk about that letter so please call me at 707-498-6601	Voicemail
65	7/30/2019	Public	Carol Dellabalma	Self	I was away from home when the Eureka hearing was held but do have a question. The map is not detailed enough to show where the line will be located at the 299/101 junction. Will it go directly from (or to) the 299/101 connection? My concern is if the plan is to use Giuntoli Lane as access. I would appreciate your assistance. This is a project that has been needed for a very long time.	Mailed Letter
66	7/30/2019	Public	Ronan O'Day	Self	(Tim Kukuk said he got a message from this commentor stating she got a letter but someone threw half of it away so she went to the website) She has a line between Eureka and Arcata and it looks like the fiber optic line may run through it. Doesn't say if she requested anything or made any comments.	Voicemail (Transcon)
67	8/1/2019	Public	Sandra Strunger	Public	Hello, I have a question regarding the digital 299 project. My number is 530-629-2663. I have lived in Burnt Ranch for over 30 years and am concerned because many of my friends and neighbors did not get this letter I received from Transcon so they were not even aware of this and had no opportunity to respond with the questionnaire. My concern for Burnt Ranch is I heard this is going to bypass Burnt Ranch and we are wondering what's in it for us and what is going to be the environmental impact from this project and how long it's going to take and what are the services that are going to come from this to the Burnt Ranch people that have been living here for years without any contact or internet or broadband support. Please call me back so I can get answers to my questions.	Voicemail
68	8/2/2019	Public	Howard Morris	Self	I would be interested in hooking up to TV programming and the internet depending on price structure and affordability.	Mailed Letter
69	8/5/2019	Tribe	John Hayward (Tribal Chair)	Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu Nation	The Nor-Rel-Muk has many sacred sites along the optic 299 line from Big Bar to the French Gulch turn off. Sensitive areas are Helena, Junction City Area, Canyon Creek, East and West side of Oregon Mountain. The area from Weaverville to Lewiston is highly sensitive. Trinity Mountain has site all along. Some were destroyed by heavy equipment during fires.	Mailed Letter
70	8/5/2019	Public	Gay G Toroni	Green Point Ranch	It's about time. Get this budget done.	Mailed Letter
71	8/9/2019	Agency	Jennifer Olson	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	<p>On July 12, 2019, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received an early consultation request for the Digital 299 Broadband Project (Project). CDFW previously received an early consultation request via email regarding species listed under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) and provided information about those species and the Project generally (see attached).</p> <p>This email serves to reiterate and add to the comments previously provided. CDFW will provide additional comments on California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents in our Trustee and Responsible Agency role pursuant to CEQA.</p> <p>The environmental document should include and/or address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site-Specific Environmental Data. For example, soil, water table, and topographic data that may inform the occurrence of, and Project activity impacts on, sensitive biological resources. • Rare Plants/Natural Communities. A thorough assessment of rare plants and rare natural communities following CDFW's "2018 Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities" https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=18959&inline . Note that vegetation classification and mapping should use the Second Edition of a Manual of California Vegetation (available at: https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=86948) which provides a standardized, floristic-based systematic classification and description of vegetation in the State. These standards meet the National Vegetation Classification System standards followed by federal agencies. Use of this vegetation classification system will help better determine the extent of common, rare, and unique habitats, including natural communities. • Lake or Streambed Alterations. A description of Project activity-related alteration of the bed, channel, bank, and/or natural flow of any river, lake, or stream. These areas should be quantified by existing habitat type, management strategies and constraints, species presence, and ownership and/or agency responsible for the management and maintenance of the parcel. 	Email

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					<p>• Special Status, Rare, Threatened, Endangered Species Surveys. Protocol-level survey results for rare, threatened, endangered, and other special status plants and animals, including species listed on the Department’s “Special Vascular Plants, Bryophytes, and Lichens List.” Surveys should be conducted in accordance with CDFW and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) accepted protocols.</p> <p>• Wetland Delineations. Delineations should be conducted to determine the boundaries of wetlands that the subsequent Project activity may impact. Resource agencies do not use the same criteria to identify wetlands (e.g., CDFW, California Coastal Commission, State Water Resources Control Board, and Army Corps of Engineers). Therefore, prior to conducting a delineation, the Lead Agency should consult with the resource agencies with jurisdiction over the Project activity, including the Department, to determine the appropriate criteria for identifying wetlands.</p> <p>• Utility corridors are known to be at-risk sites for the introduction and spread of invasive plant species. Invasive plant species alter habitat suitability for many species by reducing or eliminating native vegetation essential for food and cover. Additionally, invasive plant species quickly colonize disturbed areas, and once an area is colonized control of infestation to adjacent habitats is challenging. Several sensitive plant species and habitats occur in close proximity to Project activities. In order to avoid impacting these species and habitats, CDFW recommends the inclusion of invasive plant species control measures in the environmental document for this Project. These measures may include working from weed-free areas into infested areas if necessary, cleaning equipment prior to entering and exiting a new site, and post-construction monitoring to ensure no new infestations of invasive species occur. Prevention best management practices and guidelines for invasive plants can be found on the California Invasive Plant Council’s website at: http://www.cal-ipc.org/ip/prevention/index.php.</p> <p>Additionally, CDFW has identified the following special status species and habitats in the Project vicinity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See attached map of Trinity bristle snail mitigation areas• See attached list of California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) occurrences within 250 feet of the proposed Project footprint. Please note that this is not a complete scoping list. CNDDDB is a positive occurrence database, therefore these are the special status species that have been documented to occur immediately adjacent to the Project and are thus highly likely to be affected by Project activities.• Additional special status species an habitats may occur in or adjacent to the Project footprint, and standard scoping (9-quad query method in CNDDDB, and additional use of USFWS, and California Native Plant Society databases) should be conducted for purposes of informing the environmental document. These species and habitats include, but are not limited to, the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii</i>) – State Endangered, habitat along routeo Bank swallow (<i>Riparia riparia</i>) -- State Threatened (colony locations in CNDDDB, one at mouth of Mad River in fairly close proximity to the Hammond Trail north of Arcata)o Northern spotted owl (<i>Strix occidentalis caurina</i>) – State Threatened -- activity centers along Project routeo Bald Eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>) -- State Endangered/Fully Protected– habitat along routeo Foothill yellow-legged frog (<i>Rana boylei</i>) – State Candidate Threatened (primarily associated with stream crossings)o Humboldt marten (<i>Martes caurina humboldtensis</i>) – State Endangeredo Western bumble bee (<i>Bombus occidentalis</i>) – State Candidate Endangeredo Bat maternity colonies or other roosting habitat on bridges or other structures that may be impacted by the Projecto Howell’s alkali grass (<i>Puccinellia howellii</i>) – Rare Plant Rank 1B.1 – existing population on south side of Highway 299, near Crystal Creek Road in the vicinity of Whiskeytown Lake <p>CEQA requires that information developed in environmental impact reports and negative declarations be incorporated into a database which may be used to make subsequent or supplemental environmental determinations. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21003, subd. (e).) Accordingly, please report any special status species and natural communities detected during Project surveys to CNDDDB. The CNNDDB field survey form can be found at the following link: https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB/Submitting-Data. The completed form can be submitted online or mailed electronically to CNDDDB at the following email address: CNDDDB@wildlife.ca.gov.</p>	
72	8/10/2019	Public	J. A. Scribner	Lewiston Community Newsletter	As a 35+ year resident of Lewiston CA, and a past-President of the Lewiston Translator Grp- a not-for-profit organization set up to manage the communications equipment located atop nearby Frick's Peak that has provided our town with access to local television	Email

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					stations for more than four decades-it is my experience that affordable, reliable broadband service, such as that which your company provides, simply can't happen soon enough in our area. I would like to assure you that the vast majority of residents of my town and the surrounding areas, most of whom live in locations so remote as to be lacking cellular service, are very eager to see this project come to fruition. The stated goals of your plan are very much in line with the needs of the north state residents and have been met with absolutely no amount of controversy among locals, I can tell you without hesitation. The town of Lewiston, and doubtless the bulk of Trinity County residents, is overwhelmingly on board with you bringing broadband to this region, the sooner the better. To that end, I for one would like to offer my services to you, in whatever capacity needed. As the editor and self-publisher of the Lewiston Community Newsletter as well as the town website, I can state that our contacts are vast and the network by which our subscribers communicate is formidable, involving mailing addresses, email and telephone contact info, social media messaging, etc. which comprises a list of contacts that number well into the hundreds. Simply stated, I would be glad to serve as a conduit for any amount of local publicity you might need in order to enlighten the public about this project and its progress along the way. I am eager to learn more and I welcome all input from you during the interim-updates and announcements which I plan to repost in our periodical as progress is noted. Please keep me informed, and I will be in touch with you as well should any of my contacts have questions, suggestions or feedback of any kind that might further the cause of ensuring enhanced communications for many of our county's residents and visitors alike. I wish you much success in this endeavor and look forward to the speedy completion of the 299 Broadband Project. Many thanks to your company for helping bring our north states counties to the 21st century.	
73	8/10/2019	Public	Susan Lerner	Self	Yes-I am interested.	Mailed Letter
74	8/11/2019	Public	Tara Blackburn	Self	I am a customer of Velocity and I want to speak on their behalf. They are an excellent internet provider and I completely depend on them for their service. It is affordable for me, dependable, and a conscientious business I would like to continue supporting. If service is going to be limited in the Hoopa valley because of the implementation of this project I don't know what I would do. I'd like to see substantial and verifiable proof that this new business would actually be an improvement. I ask that all the facts and truth of the proposal's impact please be disclosed and considered and that there be transparency in all negotiations. Thank you for your consideration.	Email
75	8/12/2019	Public	Dan Reid	Self	I have been a Velocity residential internet customer since 2010. In that time I have experienced service which as varied from mediocre to very poor. They appear to oversell their bandwidth as during peak hours the service drops off considerably with frequent disconnects and high ping times. I have tolerated this poor service out of desperation due to the lack of decent alternatives available in this area. I was so excited to hear that last mile service would be provided in Lewiston, but my excitement was dampened on July 24th when I was a recipient of a mass email sent to Velocity customers urging them to stand up and fight against the scourge of less expensive, higher bandwidth internet by voicing their opinion to the CPUC that this last mile service should not be provided. I think this request is wholly self-serving and Travis is doing a disservice to the community by asking them to shoot themselves in the foot by blocking this wonderful opportunity. While he may have been successful in getting some of his customers to stand in opposition to this new service, I think they have likely done so out of ignorance. My occupation is in information technology and I have seen first hand the off the charts ping times and high packet loss with Velocity. They don't appear to be capable of providing reliable high bandwidth internet in Lewiston, and I have heard no long term plans from Velocity that would significantly improve the services to Lewiston. Please don't let this self serving individual prevent this last mile service as it would be to the detriment of the community, thank you.	Email
76	8/12/2019	Tribe	Paul Ammon	Tsnungwe Council	The Tsnungwe Council received your correspondence regarding the digital 299 broadband project. Although in principal, our Elders Council support the project we would like to give input regarding our concerns about the project. We also request a consultation meeting regarding the project. As stated above, we are supportive of the D299 project. We expect that the state of CA and Inyo Networks will follow all NEPA and CEQA rules as stated in your letter, you are aware of them and will draft the required report in late 2019. It is critical that in preparing the report that the Wintu, Nor Rel Muk, Tsnungwe and Redwood Creek tribes are given opportunity for input as we are within the project's proposed area. As long as the project is within the right-of-way of Hwy 299 it is not likely to disturb any cultural resources in most of our aboriginal territory. We understand that county and US Forest Service land may also be utilized; those areas need to be part of the review process. There are three locations that are sensitive for the Tsnungwe in Trinity and Humboldt county. They are the area below Ironside mountain (our sacred mountian) and the areas between the Burnt Ranch Post Office and the Burnt Ranch Indian Hall and the eastern and western ends of the South Fork of the Trinity Bridge (as these are two Tsnungwe village sites). It may be necessary for the state or Inyo Networks to contact with monitors depending on the scope of the earth moving work in these three areas. Also the law requires, if any previously unknown cultural resources or remains are unearthed in our territory work will need to stop. The Tsnungwe Council needs to be contacted so	Email

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77	8/12/2019	Public	Travis Finch	Velocity Communications Inc.	Velocity Communications submits the following CEQA comments on Inyo Networks Digital 299 Project. 1. This project will cause significant economic harm to Trinity County by financially damaging the area's largest internet service provider, Velocity. Velocity currently subsidizes service to several areas in Trinity County, which are some of the poorest in the state. Velocity may be unable to continue subsidizing these areas as a result of the financial damage caused by this project. These areas would not be served by Inyo's project. 2. Trinity County has economically suffered for years from disrupted traffic on Hwy 299 due to rockslides and fires. Disrupting traffic along this route for the duration of the project will cause loss of revenue and financial harm to tourism, hospitality and recreation-based businesses. 3. The project's path takes it along Hwy 299 near Burnt Ranch. This area is very geologically unstable, suffering from constant rockslides. The project will further disturb this area and could cause harm to the roadway, which could impact the ability to travel along Hwy 299. 4. The project appears to follow Corral Bottom Rd. This area is culturally sensitive, having been identified in prior surveys to be areas historically inhabited by Chimariko and Wintu Tribes. 5. The project also appears to come close to, or intersect with, areas proposed as Wilderness in the NW California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act. 6. The project passes through Weaverville, a historic mining town. The Downtown area, which the project appears to intersect, has many historic buildings and aging infrastructure which could be damaged by this project. 7. The project also runs adjacent to West Weaver Creek, Little Browns Creek, and the Trinity River, all of which are fish-bearing streams. Runoff erosion caused by this project could cause harm to fish habitat. 8. The project also crosses areas affected by the Helena and Carr Fires. These areas have experienced significant erosion as a result of the fires and the project would exacerbate this.	Email
78	8/12/2019	Public	Jospeh Kasper	Self	Trinity County Board of Supervisors from a valued Velocity Customer since 11/5/07. I was an instrumental player in the founding of Velocity as a member of Trinity County Community Access media, and a loyal supporter and promoter of this vital local enterprise. A company called Inyo Networks was awarded a \$46 million grant in 2017 that would run fiber optic line through Trinity county along Hwy 299. This line is being touted as the "savior of the County" and that it will improve internet service "for everyone here". That is simply not true. The project would only provide service to homes in the Lewiston Subdivision and provide high-capacity fiber optic links to businesses and government entities along its route, primarily in Weaverville. Velocity has provided service to me, in Lewiston, for over a decade and if this project goes forward, I stand a very good chance of losing MY internet service provider in Lewiston. Furthermore, Velocity already provides high-capacity fiber optic links to many businesses and government entities in Weaverville, and this project would allow Inyo Networks to undercut us using grant money. The loss of this Lewiston customer and Weaverville business fiber optic customers would be catastrophic for Velocity and might force discontinued service in areas currently subsidized, such as Hayfork, Douglas City, Junction City, Trinity Center and Hoopa, and abandonment of planned expansion in places like the Downriver Area, and Hyampom, that Inyo Networks project would leave in the dark. This project does not serve the benefit of Trinity County. To the contrary, it will only serve to drain the economy. My ISP payments go to a local business and its employees who support our local tax base. The loss of Velocity would force me into a more expensive and drastically limited service agreement with an out-of-county entity, payments to support a "foreign tax base". Unfortunately, I was unable to attend Inyo's public meeting 07/24 in Weaverville. It is my hope that this will service to show my support for your local internet providers by submitting this comment online. In conclusion, I wish to stress my Contention that is contrary to your Oath of Office to enact any policy or take any action that diminishes your capacity to provide vital services to your constituents. Our U.S constitution, in its preamble, defines its purpose and our founders' intent to "promote the general welfare". The "welfare of any nation, state or community is its economy". It is your sworn duty to promote the economic welfare of Trinity County. I suggest that any bandwidth that enters Trinity County, be made available to any and all currently established internet service providers fairly leveling to the field to be the "savior of the County" and improve internet service :for everyone here". Velocity is a county asset that has served its customer base here for over 10 years and invested in expanding WIFI, cable and broadband with the internet to service all of Trinity County. I support and promote Velocity Communications ability to do just that.	Email
79	7/16/2019	Public	Carmelita Branlitt	Self	Thank you for having our area cleaned up. The men are doing a good job. The area is looking clean. We have lived in our area for 40 years. This is the first time you can see our drive way. Doing a great job, thank you.	Mailed Letter
80	8/13/2019 - Received after scoping period but considered	NGO	Kimberly Baker (Public Land Advocate)	EPIC-Environmental Protection Information Center	Please accept these comments on digital 299 on behalf of EPIC-Environmental. We have provided brief comments that should be helpful to project planners. Due to unforeseen circumstances we were not able to provide comments yesterday, however Epic is very interested in the project and the long-term health of the communities and watersheds of Northern CA. Please confirm receipt of this comment submission. (Attachment) Our 20,000 members and supporters deeply value the forests, wildlife and watersheds of Northern CA and the Six Rivers and Shasta-Trinity National Forests. EPIC has a keen interest in conditions throughout the	Email

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					bioregion. EPIC is committed to the long-term protection and restoration of our globally significant, native species, rivers and the complex and diverse ecosystems in the North Coast regions of the Pacific Northwest. The project proposes to install 280 miles of fiber optic cable from Eureka to Cottonwood, CA. While the proposed alignment generally follows SR-299, it is sited mostly along the shoulders and of County and USFS roads. (Scope, Purpose and Need) The broad scope of the project contains relative environmental uncertainty in regards to significant effects and extraordinary circumstances which requires the development of an Environmental Impact Statement. It is stated that purpose and need for the project is to provide rural connectivity and redundancy across the region, improve safety for travelers and first responders and to stimulate economic development. Please include detailed information on how the project would fulfill the purpose and need. (National Forest Land Allocations) The EIS should disclose where and what land allocations and management areas on both national forest so that the public and stakeholders can provide the most informed comments. (Wild and Scenic Rivers) Please disclose what stretches of the project would impact the Wild and Scenic river corridors and how the project may affect the designated characteristics. (Fish and Wildlife) The EIS must analyze and disclose impacts to all Threatened and Endangered species in the project area and also to USFS Sensitive, Management Indicator Species and Survey and Manage Species. Please provide adequate information on the location, habitat and presence these species and detail and Project Design Features and Limited Operating Periods that would be included. (Water Quality) The EIS must disclose all legacy sediment sites in the project area and subsequent treatments in order to comply with the Water Quality requirements and waivers. (Invasive Plants) The forthcoming NEPA/CEQA planning document should disclose and analyze the current status of invasive plants in the project area and provide mitigations so as to not spread these highly undesirable species. (Connected Actions and Cumulative Effects) The scoping notice states that the project will include future cell phone towers but the planning will not address the connected action. However NEPA requires that all foreseeable connected actions be analyzed in the planning document. Please detail the environmental and visual impacts of this associated connected action. Thank you for considering our comments and concerns. Please send me a hard copy of the forthcoming NEPA/CEQA to the Arcata EPIC office.	