

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACT SECTION 4(F) DE MINIMIS FINDING FOR IMPACTS ON SINKYONE WILDERNESS STATE PARK

PROJECT PROPONENT: Mendocino County Department of Transportation
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PROJECT TITLE: Briceland Road Bridge Replacement Project
Bridge No. 10C-0181 (CR 435, PM 0.63)

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located on Briceland Road where it crosses the Mattole River in unincorporated northwestern Mendocino County, California, near the Mendocino–Humboldt County line.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Mendocino County Department of Transportation (County), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to replace the existing Briceland Road Bridge over the Mattole River. The existing bridge is structurally deficient and functionally obsolete and does not meet current structural, hydraulic, or safety standards.

The proposed project would replace the existing structure with a new single-span bridge on approximately the existing alignment. Project elements include minor roadway approach improvements, installation of drainage features, and construction of a temporary detour bridge to maintain traffic during construction. All construction activities would be confined to the existing roadway corridor, proposed right-of-way acquisitions, and temporary construction easements. All temporary disturbance areas would be restored following construction.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE: The proposed project is subject to Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C. § 303; 23 U.S.C. § 138), which requires special consideration of publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites when a transportation project requires the use of such properties.

Following evaluation of project impacts in accordance with 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 774, the County has determined that the proposed project would result in a de minimis impact on land owned and managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation within Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. A de minimis impact is defined as one that does not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes of the Section 4(f) property.

Pursuant to Section 6009 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), projects with de minimis impacts on Section 4(f) properties require public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment.

Copies of the Section 4(f) De Minimis Impact Evaluation are available for public review at the Mendocino County Department of Transportation office listed above and online at:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/transportation/environmental-documents>

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A **30-day** public review and comment period will commence on **February 9, 2026**, and conclude on **March 10, 2026**.

Written comments must be received within the public review period at the address or email listed above. All comments received will be considered and documented in the administrative record for the project.