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Cloverdale Rancheria
Cahto Tribe
Redwood Valley Rancheria
Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Round Valley Tribe

CASE#: AP_2025-0031

DATE FILED: 11/18/2025

OWNER: State Of California AND US Cellular

APPLICANT: Verizon Wireless, Complete Wireless Consultants, Matt Moore

AGENT: Matt Moore

REQUEST: Administrative Permit to authorize an eligible facilities request for modifications to an existing wireless communication facility that includes installing three (3) temporary antennas, a temporary 30kw diesel generator on a trailer and a temporary battery trail (BP_2025-0581), followed by removal of temporary equipment and installation of permanent equipment including antenna, remote radio units, surge protectors, cabling, two (2) equipment cabinets, and a 30kw diesel generator with 147 gallon fuel tank (BP_2025-0605).

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically Exempt, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15301 Class 1(b) - Existing Facility. Categorically Exempt

LOCATION: 5.6± miles west of the Comptche town center, lying on the south side of Comptche-Ukiah Road (CR 223), 0.5± mile east of its intersection with Little River Airport Road (CR 404), located at 38351 Comptche-Ukiah Road, Comptche; APN: 125-010-26.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:

STAFF PLANNER: Jessie Waldman

RESPONSE DUE DATE: December 04, 2025

PROJECT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.mendocinocounty.org

Select "Government" from the drop-down; then locate Planning and Building Services/Public Agency Referrals.

Mendocino County Planning & Building Services is soliciting your input, which will be used in staff analysis and forwarded to the appropriate public hearing. You are invited to comment on any aspect of the proposed project(s). Please convey any requirements or conditions your agency requires for project compliance to the project coordinator at the above address, or submit your comments by email to pbs@mendocinocounty.org. Please note the case number and name of the project coordinator with all correspondence to this department.

We have reviewed the above application and recommend the following (please check one):

- No comment at this time.
Recommend conditional approval (attached).
Applicant to submit additional information (attach items needed, or contact the applicant directly, copying Planning and Building Services in any correspondence you may have with the applicant)
Recommend denial (Attach reasons for recommending denial).
Recommend preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (attach reasons why an EIR should be required).
[X] Other comments (attach as necessary).

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

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December 3, 2025

Mendocino County Planning and Building Services
860 N. Bush Street
Ukiah, CA 95482

RE: Case #: AP_2025-0031
Applicant: Verizon Wireless, Complete Wireless Consultants, Matt Moore
Location: APN 125-010-26

The proposed development included in Case # AP_2021-0008 does appear to be located within an area containing "timberland" as defined by the California Forest Practice Rules. However, the application does not indicate the need for tree removal. If trees are removed as a result of this project, from an area defined as timberland, a CAL FIRE permit would be required.

All applicants should be aware, that in California anyone who conducts timber operations on timberland must be a licensed as a timber operator (LTO) by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) per Public Resources Code (PRC) § 4571 and must obtain a permit prior to cutting that timber from CALFIRE per PRC § 4581.

The following Forest Practice Rules (Title 14 California Code of Regulations) and Forest Practice Act sections (Public Resources Codes) may apply:

1103 Conversion of Timberland

Any person, firm, corporation, company, partnership or government agency owning timberland for which the timberland owner proposes conversion as defined in Section 1102 shall apply to the Director on a form prescribed by him for issuance of a Timberland Conversion Permit.

1103.1 Prohibited Activity

(a) No timber operations or other conversion activities shall be conducted on timberland which is proposed to be converted to a use other than the growing of timber unless a conversion permit has been issued by the Director or the Board upon appeal and the permit has been recorded in compliance with 14 CCR [1106.3](a).

(b) No timber operations shall be conducted on timberland for which a conversion permit has been issued until a Timber Harvesting Plan has been filed with and found in conformance by, the Director in accordance with Article 7 (commencing with Sec. 4581) of Chapter 8, Part 2, Division 4 of the PRC and the rules and regulations of the Board issued pursuant thereto.

1104.1 Conversion Exemptions

Timber operations conducted under this subsection shall be exempt from conversion permit and timber harvesting plan requirements of this article except no tree that existed before 1800 A.D and is greater than sixty (60) inches in diameter at stump height for Sierra or Coastal Redwoods, and forty-eight (48) inches in diameter at stump height for all other tree species shall be harvested unless done so under the conditions or criteria set forth in subsection 1104.1 (i). Timber operations shall comply with all other applicable provisions of the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act, regulations of the Board and currently effective provisions of county general plans, zoning ordinances and any implementing ordinances. The

Notice of Conversion Exemption Timber Operations shall be considered synonymous with the term "plan" as defined in 14 CCR 895.1 when applying the operational rules and regulations of the Board. (a) This conversion exemption is applicable to a conversion of timberland to a non-timber use only, of less than three acres in one contiguous ownership, whether or not it is a portion of a larger land parcel and shall not be part of a THP. This conversion exemption may only be used once per contiguous land ownership. No person, whether acting as an individual, acting as a member of a partnership, or acting as an officer or employee of a corporation or other legal entity, may obtain more than one exemption pursuant to this section in a five-year period. If a partnership has as a member, or if a corporation or any other legal entity has as an officer or employee, a person who has received this exemption within the past five years, whether as an individual or as a member of a partnership, or as an officer or employee of a corporation or other legal entity, then that partnership, corporation, or other legal entity is not eligible for this exemption. "Person," for purposes of this section, means an individual, partnership, corporation, or any other legal entity.

4527. Timber operations.

"Timber operations" means the cutting or removal, or both, of timber or other solid wood forest products, including Christmas trees, from timberlands for commercial purposes, together with all the incidental work, including, but not limited to, construction and maintenance of roads, fuel breaks, firebreaks, stream crossings, landings, skid trails, and beds for the falling of trees, fire hazard abatement, and site preparation that involves disturbance of soil or burning of vegetation following timber harvesting activities, but excluding preparatory work such as tree marking, surveying, or road flagging.

"Commercial purposes" includes (A) the cutting or removal of trees that are processed into logs, lumber, or other wood products and offered for sale, barter, exchange, or trade, or (B) the cutting or removal of trees or other forest products during the conversion of timberlands to land uses other than the growing of timber that are subject to the provisions of Section 4621 [emphasis added], including, but not limited to, residential or commercial developments, production of other agricultural crops, recreational developments, ski developments, water development projects, and transportation projects.

4571. Necessity of license.

(a) No person shall engage in timber operations until he has obtained a license from the board.

4581. Necessity of timber harvesting plan.

No person shall conduct timber operations unless a timber harvesting plan prepared by a registered professional forester has been submitted for such operations to the department pursuant to this article. Such plan shall be required in addition to the license required in Section 4571.

Please recognize that if the rules and laws are not followed related to timber operations there are criminal and/or civil legal implications. CAL FIRE has the authority to enforce the applicable codes. Nonconformance can result in criminal punitive exposure (PRC 4601) and/or potentially substantial civil monetary penalties (PRC 4601.1 and 4601.2).

If you have any questions you may contact me at (707) 459-7440.

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