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## **United States Department of the Interior**

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Julianne Polanco State Historic Preservation Officer Office of Historic Preservation 1725 23rd Street, Suite 100 Sacramento, California 95816

Dear Ms. Polanco:

The National Park Service (NPS) initiated consultation in a letter dated February 3, 2017 regarding a planned undertaking to issue a Right-of-Way (ROW) permit to the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for constructing and operating an emergency telecommunication site in Redwood National Park in Humboldt County and for access across NPS lands in Del Norte County. The State Historic Preservation Officer agreed to begin consultation on the undertaking in a letter dated April 5, 2017 (NPS\_2017\_0208\_002).

This correspondence is to notify your office that consultations in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. §306108) and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800 are no longer necessary. An undertaking on the part of NPS is no longer required for the related project.

## **Project Background**

The State of California, Cal OES, with assistance from Department of General Service (DGS), was the lead agency for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Red Mountain Communication Site Relocation Project (State Clearinghouse #2016112048). The initial proposal from Cal OES was to replace the Red Mountain tower with three new towers on surrounding peaks of lower elevations. One of the three towers was proposed on Rodgers Peak within Redwood National Park, and another at Alder Camp that would have required access from existing NPS roads.

The CEQA Finding of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the project was completed and certified on April 23, 2018. In this document, an alternative location to Rodgers Peak was identified and access to the Alder Camp location is no longer requested across NPS lands, such that a ROW permit for the project from the NPS is no longer required. Therefore

there is no longer a federal undertaking that would require the NPS to consult under Section 106 NHPA for the project.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Redwood National Park's Joint Chief of Resource Management and Science, Karin Grantham at (707) 465-7710 or karin\_grantham@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

Steven Mietz Superintendent

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