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Mr. Steve Lazar  
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County of Humboldt  
3015 H Street  
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Dear Mr. Lazar:

Thank you for giving Caltrans the opportunity to review and comment on a Conditional Use Permit for the annual operation of a special event known as "501TS Theater Camp" at the property known as County Line Ranch. The project site is adjacent to, and east of, U.S. Route 101, directly across from the northern terminus of State Route 271 and accessed from Cooks Valley Road. The site is approximately 8 miles south of Garberville, CA. The proposed permit describes the event as a private campout with theater, immersive art, amplified and non-amplified music, and other similar activities occurring over a 4-day period. It is anticipated that the 501T3 event would occur each of the next five years in June, with up to 3,000 attendees. We have the following comments:

Caltrans concurs with the requirement to prepare an operations plan and parking plan as conditions for permit approval as a first step in mitigating for potential safety impacts to US Route 101. These plans will need Caltrans' approval to ensure that the plans conform to State standards and adequately address any potential traffic safety impacts.

We note that the plans propose "no less than twelve traffic/parking attendants and three supervisors will be on shift during peak arrival periods to guide participants. Lower volume arrival periods will have a minimum of four traffic/parking attendants and two supervisors on shift." Further, the event anticipates 956 vehicles parked at the event's first year, and "peak check-in throughput is 280 vehicles per hour, with the ability to burst to 560 vehicles per hour with supervisors and reserve staff assisting with check-in at peak times if necessary." In addition, the plans stipulate "all attendees are expected to camp on-site." The application includes language indicating that event attendees will be prohibited from leaving the event as a pedestrian. For safety purposes, this measure must be enforced.

As a condition of permit approval, Caltrans further requests that State Route 271 be closed to "local traffic only" and that "no event advertising shall be visible from the State right of way."

The applicant will need to obtain an encroachment permit from Caltrans to conduct traffic control at the intersection of County Line Road and US Route 101. The traffic control contractor must be a California licensed C31 contractor. Encroachment Permits for the County Line Ranch location are now handled by the District Office in Eureka. For more information or to request an encroachment permit for traffic control, please contact the Eureka permits office at 707-498-5864 and refer to the following website:  
<<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>>.

Please contact me with questions or for further assistance with the comments provided at (707) 684-6879 or by email: <[jesse.robertson@dot.ca.gov](mailto:jesse.robertson@dot.ca.gov)>.

Sincerely,

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