

1-412-A Site Summary - Soldier Frank Point**1-412-A****County:** Mendocino **ACP Division/Segment:** MN - B - S01**NOAA Chart:** 18620**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 39.75708 -123.83803**Site Description:**

This site is a rocky point on the map that has very limited on scene response options. The site is owned by Mendocino Redwood company. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Site is within the following State Marine Protected Area: Double Cone Rock SMCA. The site is comprised of exposed rock cliffs, wavecut platforms and exposed vertical seawalls. Strong currents and large waves will preclude on scene response under typical sea conditions.

Seabird rookeries (03-09): pelagic cormorant, pigeon guillemot, marine mammals including Steller sea lions, red abalone, groundfish (EFH).

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 1A Exposed Rocky Shore

2A Exposed wave-cut platforms in bedrock, mud, or clay

5 Mixed sand and gravel beaches

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	black oystercatcher	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	Brandt's cormorant	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	pelagic cormorant	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	pigeon guillemot	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	western gull	FP	Year-round	Mar-Sep
Birds	marbled murrelet	FT, SE	Year-round	
Mammals	pinnipeds	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	Steller sea lion	FP		

FT-Federally Threatened, FE-Federally Endangered, FP-Federally Protected, SE-State Endangered, ST-State Threatened, SP -State Protected, SR-State Rare, SSC-Species of Special Concern, BGEPA-Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, SSSP-State Special Status Species

List of Key Contacts:

Type	Name/Title	Organization	Phone
C	/Coordinator	Native American Heritage Commission	(916) 373-3710
C	/Coordinator	Northwest Information Center	(707) 588-8455
E	/	Mendocino Redwood Company	(707) 463-5111
O	/24hr	CalFire Howard Forest Emergency Command	(707) 459-5336
O	/	Mendocino County Sheriff's Department	(707) 463-4086
T	/	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service-Arcata	(707) 822-7201
T	/	US Fish and Wildlife Service-Arcata Field Office	(707) 822-7201

C – Cultural, Historic, Archaeological; E – Entry/Owner/Access; O – Other; S – Safety; T – Trustee; X – Exclusion or Security

Additional Site Summary Comments:

Breeding seabirds will use these rocks for nesting in the spring. Offshore rocks provide roosting and nesting habitat for birds and haulout locations for marine mammals. Care should be taken so that response activities do not flush wildlife from these areas. The rocks are sensitive to human intrusion year round, especially during nesting season (03-09) when the adults are on eggs and until the young have fledged from the nest. The offshore rocks have cultural significance for local tribes.

For further information about coastal access in this area, please refer to the California Coastal Commission's California Coastal Access Guide. For photos of the coastline in this area, please refer to the California Coastal Records Project (www.californiacoastline.org).

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological sites are known to exist in the area, however, the exact locations of these sites must be ascertained by contacting the Native American Heritage Commission at (916) 373-3710, the State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and/or the Northwest Information Center (707) 588-8455.

Concerns and Advice to Responders:

The rugged coastline will prevent onshore response over most of this area. Off-site measures including dispersants should be considered when a spill threatens to impact this area. Overflights should be careful to maintain flight path and altitude clearance distances that are large enough to prevent the flushing of birds and marine mammals from their nests, roosts, and haulouts on the offshore rocks in this area.

Hazard and Restrictions:

Extreme current, high energy shoreline, offshore rocks. Private property, locked gate access.

Site Strategies:**Site Validation Level: II**

Strategy: 1-412.1 Objective: No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

Strategy: This site is best protected by preventing the oil from arriving here, when possible. Off-site response options including dispersants should be considered.

Table of Response Resources

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Directions: Inaccessible rocky headland lying about 2 miles north of Cape Vizcaino. Nearest road is Usal Road. Take Hwy 101 to Hwy 1 at Leggett, go south on Hwy 1 to 14.9 miles, turn west on unmarked dirt road (4WD required at times) just south of Usal Rd.

Land Access: Locked gates. Contact Mendocino Redwood Company. No direct access to site.

On-Water Limitations: Nearest launch and facilities in Fort Bragg

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: none

Communications Problems: Remote, limited communications

