

1-432-B Site Summary - Inglenook Creek and Sandhill Lake Creek**1-432-B****County:** Mendocino **ACP Division/Segment:** MN - D - S01**NOAA Chart:** 18626**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 39.52499 -123.77683**Site Description:**

This site is within MacKerricher State Park managed by State Parks. This site is bounded roughly between the mouths of the two creeks that flow across the wide sandy beaches that are backed by vegetated dunes. Inglenook Creek and Sandhill Lake Creek (also known as Fen Creek in most State Parks documents) are seasonal creeks that flow across the beach. The presence of woody debris well back into the streams where they cross the dunes indicates considerable tidal and winter storm influence. These seasonal creeks may provide salmonid habitat during high flow regimes. Oil spill response at the mouths of these creeks is not likely to occur under these high flow conditions.

Sensitive resources include marsh habitats within stream mouths and dune vegetation. Western snowy plover (FT)(01-12), FWS Critical Habitat, nesting period (March 15-Sept 15). Nests directly on sand within dunes. Anadromous salmonids: chinook (FT) and coho salmon (FE/SE), steelhead trout (FT): all life stages, estuary use year round. Tidewater goby (FE,SSC) may be present, northern red-legged and foothill yellow-legged frogs (both SSC) in creeks, globose dune beetle (01-12) found within area of two creeks. Sensitive plants including Howell's spineflower (FE,ST), Menzies' wallflower (SE, FE), leafy reed grass (SR), and pink sand-verbena (CNPS 1B.1) are found near the two creeks.

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 3A Fine- to medium-grained sand beaches

10A Salt - and brackish-water marshes

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Amphibians	foothill yellow-legged frog	SE, SSC	Year-round	Mar-Aug
Birds	Western snowy plover	FT, SSC	Year-round	Mar-Oct
Fish	tidewater goby	FE, SSC	Year-round	
Fish	coho salmon - north of Punta Gorda	FT, ST	Year-round	Nov-Apr
Fish	steelhead - Central/Northern California	FT	Year-round	Nov-Apr
Fish	chinook salmon - Winter-run	FE, SE	Year-round	Oct-May
Plants	Howell's spineflower	FE, ST	Year-round	
Plants	Menzies' wallflower	FE, SE	Year-round	

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
O	/24hr	CalFire Howard Forest Emergency Command	(707) 459-5336
O	/	Mendocino County Sheriff's Department	(707) 463-4086
O	/Supervisor Ranger (24hr)	NORCOM State Parks Dispatch	(916) 358-1300
T	/	California Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Fort Bragg	(707) 964-9078
T	/Sector Superintendent	California State Parks, Mendocino District	(707) 937-5804
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:

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:

Clean up at this site would probably be a part of a larger effort to clean the entire beach from Pudding Creek to 10 Mile River. Getting access and controlling public use on this popular recreational bike and jogging path between Pudding Creek and Ward Avenue will require coordination with the local agencies and State Parks.

Hazard and Restrictions:

The site is remote and can only be accessed by foot or from all-terrain vehicles after authorization by State Parks. No access from old Haul Road.

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

Strategy: 1-432.1 Objective: General response: clean up after the beach has been oiled.

Strategy: When personnel are sent to this site, they should be prepared to create authorized access corridors across any dunes to the wet sand zone on the beach with State Parks. Workers should generally stay away from the upper intertidal sandy beach habitat where western snowy plover may be nesting. Peak nesting period occurs from March 15-Sept 15.

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Directions: From Fort Bragg turn north on Hwy 1 and go north about 10 miles to Ten Mile River. Same access as for Ten Mile River (1-430-A) into the general area of the two creeks. Inglenook Creek is about 2 miles south of the mouth of Ten Mile River and is only accessible by foot or all-terrain vehicles after authorization from State Parks. Sandhill Lake Creek (aka Fen Creek) is south of Inglenook Creek by about .4 mile and has similar access restrictions. The access gate near Ten Mile River is locked, but keys can be obtained from Caltrans. Note: no access from old Haul Road but access from south may be authorized from Ward Avenue.

Land Access: Foot or all-terrain vehicles. Locked gates.

On-Water Limitations: Water access is probably not an option at this site.

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

Communications Problems: Remote, limited communications

Additional Operational Comments: The beach is designated by FWS as western snowy plover Critical Habitat. Contact State Parks prior to initiating any response here for access authorization. These shorebirds lay eggs in small cryptic nests at the upper tidal edge. Responders must keep their activity on paths below this area when working on the beach. Coordinate designated access paths with State Parks to and from the beach to minimize potential impacts from response traffic when working in this area. Authorization and biological monitoring required.

