

1-474-A Site Summary - Greenwood Creek to Cuffey's Cove**1-474-A****County:** Mendocino **ACP Division/Segment:** MN - G - S002**NOAA Chart:** 18626**Map Book:** CA Road Atlas**Decimal Degrees:** 39.1357 -123.72873**Site Description:**

This site includes the coastline between Cuffey's Cove and Greenwood Creek near the community of Elk. Greenwood Creek State Beach is managed by State Parks. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Rocky headlands, offshore rocks, and seasonal inlet to Greenwood Creek with small pockets of fringing marsh behind the coarse-grained sand beach.

The marsh provides habitat for many kinds of waterfowl, waterbirds, and shorebirds that forage there year-round. Salmonid migrations through the estuary would occur mostly during high water flow events during winter and spring. Seabird nesting (03-09) nearby include pelagic cormorant, pigeon guillemot, ash storm-petrel (SSC), and shorebirds including black oystercatcher. Pacific harbor seal haulout area, river otters; anadromous salmonids include chinook (FT) and coho salmon (FE,SE), steelhead (FT): spawning runs (09-06), juveniles/smolts (02-08); groundfish (EFH), red abalone. Sensitive plant communities nearby include deceiving sedge, Mendocino Coast paintbrush, Point Reyes checkerbloom, short-leaved evax (all CNPS 1B.2).

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 2A Exposed wave-cut platforms in bedrock, mud, or clay

1A Exposed Rocky Shore

6A Gravel Beach

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Amphibians	Northern red-legged frog	SSC	Year-round	
Birds	waterfowl		Year-round	
Birds	shorebirds		Year-round	
Birds	seabirds		Year-round	
Fish	chinook salmon - Winter-run	FE, SE	Year-round	Oct-May
Fish	coho salmon - south of Punta Gorda	FE, SE	Year-round	Nov-Apr
Fish	steelhead - Central/Northern California	FT	Year-round	Nov-Apr
Mammals	harbor seal	FP	Year-round	Mar-Jun

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	/	Bureau of Land Management	(707) 825-2300
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:

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 currents, offshore rocks, high energy shoreline, short steep beaches in some areas

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

Strategy: 1-474.1 Objective: Shoreline Pre-Clean: Resource Specialist Supervision Required

Strategy: Pre-clean debris before oil arrives. This site needs to be assessed for pre-cleaning (equipment) requirements. (See strategy #2)

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Strategy: 1-474.2 Objective: Assess site conditions for response needs.

Strategy: Complete an overflight or send personnel to the site to assess the prevailing conditions and appropriate response, if any.

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Directions: Take Hwy 101 to Hwy 128 just north of Cloverdale, follow Hwy 128 west to Hwy 1, turn south on Hwy 1 until town of Elk is reached. Access to Greenwood Beach and the mouth of Greenwood Creek is by trail from the parking lot across from the Elk General Store. The trail has been accessed by heavy machinery and could be quickly improved to allow access by heavy machinery equipment again. Foot access by St Anthony's Beach and Harbor House Inn Beach by private foot trail.

Land Access: Locked gate access, OK for heavy machinery. Contact State Parks first.

On-Water Limitations:

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: The parking lot in Elk has a moderate amount of space, but lacks restrooms (vault toilet in parking lot). Phones, fuel, food, and supplies may be available in the area, lodging is limited to small inns and B&B's.

Communications Problems: Remote, limited communications

Additional Operational Comments:

