

County: **Mendocino**  
 USGS Quad: **Bear Harbor**

Thomas Guide Location  
 CA Road Atlas  
 NOAA Chart: **18620**

Latitude N  
 39 53'  
 Longitude W  
 123 55'

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#### SITE DESCRIPTION:

Jackass Creek is a remote location with a very small tidal inlet within Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. Any response is limited to offshore access or by foot traffic only. Small tidal inlet within the Sinkyone Wilderness. Trustees recommend against on-site response. Habitat damage could result from intrusive response. The inlet shoreline consists of coarse grained sand and granules.

#### SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

#### RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Sensitive habitats, see general site description section. Oiling of estuary is primary concern (01-12).

Shorebirds and seabirds abundant in area (01-12). Peregrine falcon (01-12) found in area.

Pacific harbor seals abundant in area

Leafy reed grass (CNPS List 4.2)(01-12)

#### CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

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) 653-4082 and State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and/or Ms. Leigh Jordan, Coordinator of the Northwest Information Center (707) 588-8455.

#### KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

Type	Name / Title	Organization	Phone
O		NORCOM State Parks Dispatch 24-hours	(916) 358-1300
O		Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept.	(707) 463-4086
O		Sinkyone Intertribal Wilderness Council	(707) 468-9500
T		California State Parks North Coast District	(707) 445-6547
T	Randy Brown	US Fish and Wildlife Service	(707) 822-7201
O	Troy Nicolini	National Weather Service Woodley Island	(707) 442-2171

#### 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](http://www.californiacoastline.org)).

# 1-404 -A Site Strategy - Jackass Creek

County and Thomas Guide Location  
CA Road Atlas Mendocino

NOAA CHART  
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# 1-404 -A

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## CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

See general site description section. Trustees advise against on-site response.

## HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Trustees recommend against on-site response. Habitat damage could result from intrusive response.

## SITE STRATEGIES

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

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no type and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
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## LOGISTICS

### DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)

Take U.S. hwy 101 north to state route 1 at Leggett. Go south on state route 1 to M.P. 90.91. Take Usal Road (4WD may be required at times) north 8-10 miles (name of Usal Road changes to Timber Ridge Road). Access to Jackass Creek is limited to foot traffic only from either the Bear Harbor trailhead in the north or the Usal trailhead in the south. Maintenance of roads to Jackass Creek ceased when the area became a wilderness state park. Contact Sinkyone Wilderness State Park to discuss access. Jackass Creek is a remote location with a very small tidal inlet within Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. Any response is limited to offshore access or by foot traffic only.

**LAND ACCESS:** Very limited. Foot only

**WATER LOGISTICS:** Bear Harbor is not improved. Shallow draft vessels only.

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking Nearest launch is Shelter Cove  
and Services Available:

### FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

Small unimproved campground at Usal Creek.

**COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:** Remote, communications are limited.

**ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:** Site is within designated Wilderness. Response is limited.



