

County: **Mendocino**
 USGS Quad: **Fort Bragg**

Thomas Guide Location
 CA Road Atlas
 NOAA Chart: **18626**

Latitude N Longitude W
 39 24' 30" 123 49' 30"

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

These sites include the mouths of four streams south of the town of Fort Bragg. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Four seasonal tidal inlets (Hare, Digger, Mitchell, and Jughandle creeks) excising coastal bluffs and flowing across medium grained sandy beaches are found within this site. Small lagoons occasionally form within each creek, but because of the ephemeral nature of the lagoons, wetlands (marshes) have not formed. High tides probably overwash into the lagoons.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

This is a highly populated area with many environmentally conscious neighbors who use these beaches for recreation.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Besides the possibility of migrating salmonids in the small creeks, these beaches commonly provide recreational opportunities.

Shorebirds and seabirds

Red abalone

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
T		California State Parks Mendocino District	(707) 937-5804
O		Fort Bragg VFD 24-hour Dispatch	(707) 459-5336
O		Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept.	(707) 463-4086
O		Ft. Bragg Police Department	(707) 964-0200
T	Rick Hanks Manager	California Coastal National Monument	(831) 915-4621
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).

1-448 -B Site Strategy - South Fort Bragg

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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Environmentally friendly response efforts must be delivered quickly to prevent the local community from attempting to initiate their own clean-up efforts. Pre-cleaning and hand crew oil collection efforts should commence ASAP to minimize injury to the public.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

The near shore waters around this area tend to be rocky reef habitat with many submerged rocks. High surf conditions are also common here.

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. Response at these beaches will likely be limited to picking up oil that is stranded along the shoreline or pre-cleaning the swash line to minimize oiling of drift and debris.

Strategy 1-448.1 Objective: Prevent spilled oil from floating to this site.

Conventional on-scene response is not possible at this site. Protect with off-site response measures only.

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
1-448.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Protect with off-site response measures only.	

LOGISTICS

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

Take U.S. hwy 101 to Willits. Go west on state hwy 20 to state hwy 1 at Fort Bragg. Turn south on state hwy 1.

Hare Creek - From hwy 1, just south of the Hare Creek bridge, turn southwest on Old Coast Road at M.P. 59.60. After .2 mile turn west on Cypress Road. Follow to 18700 Cypress Road. A small, steep foot trail leads to the creek. Equipment access on the northside of the river. Turn west at signal light leading to College of the Redwoods and follow road to its end. Access will be difficult because of private property along river bank. Contact property owners. Some damage might occur to lawns and fences. Otherwise the slope to the river appears low enough to permit equipment access.

Digger Creek may be accessed by foot or by car through the private botanical gardens at 18050 Ocean Drive, just south of Hare Creek. The garden's phone number is (707) 964-4352 ext. 16. Additional light equipment access from the North side of Digger Creek can be made by first contacting Holly Kucher @ Ft. Bragg Rental.

Mitchell Creek - from hwy 1, south of Fort Bragg, turn west on Ocean Drive at M.P. 57.50. Follow Ocean Drive .3 mile to Pine Beach Inn parking lot.

Jughandle Creek - Access by foot only from parking lot on west side of hwy 1, south of Fort Bragg, at M.P. 56.00. These sites include the mouths of four streams south of the town of Fort Bragg. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument.

LAND ACCESS: Foot access. Some private properties - need owner permission

WATER LOGISTICS: None.

Limitations: depth, obstruction

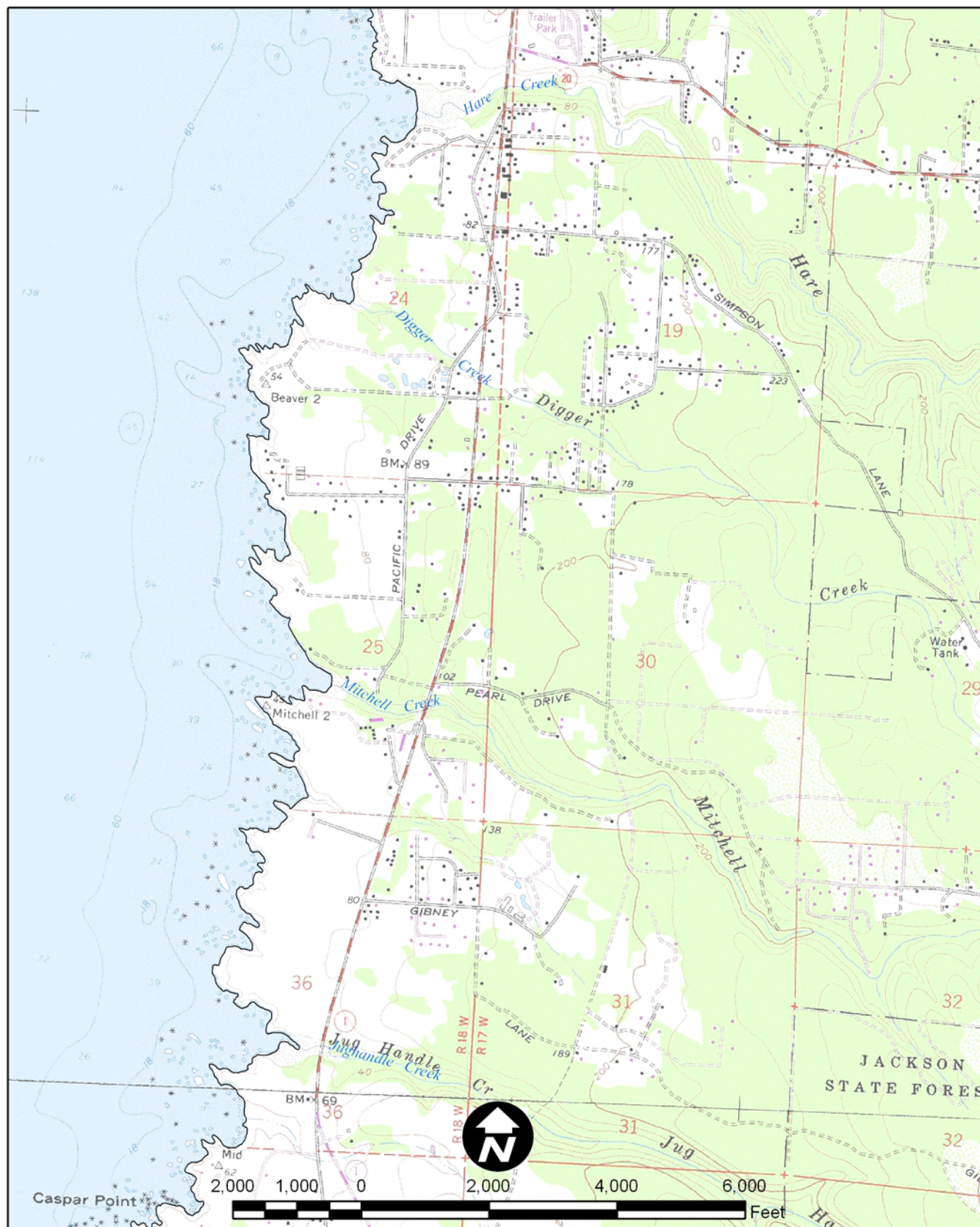
Launching, Loading, Docking Closest launch is Noyo Harbor
and Services Available:

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

No staging at these sites

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:



CDFG-OSPR & USCG Site: 1-448 Name: South Fort Bragg

Jeff Dayton (OSPR) & Jo Sanders (OSPR) Date: Oct 1, 2008

