

County: **Mendocino**  
 USGS Quad: **Mistake Pt.**

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

Latitude N  
 39 51'  
 Longitude W  
 123 54'

Last Page Update : 7/1/1996

#### SITE DESCRIPTION:

Little Jackass Creek is a remote location with a very small tidal inlet within Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. Site is associated with BLM's California Coastal National Monument resources. 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.

#### SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

#### RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

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

California sea lion haul out (largest mainland haul out in California)(5-8).

Pacific harbor seal haul out, 900+ animals observed.

Anadromous salmonids:

Coho salmon (FE/SE), steelhead trout (FT), Chinook salmon (FT) - all life stages, estuary use year round

#### 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) 373-3710, the State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and/or Mr. Bryan Much, 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          |
|------|---------------------|--|----------------|
| T    |                     | Mendocino District                       | (707) 937-5804 |
| O    |                     | Northern Communications (24hr)           | (916) 358-0333 |
| O    |                     | Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept.         | (707) 463-4086 |
| O    |                     | Sinkyone Intertribal Wilderness Council  | (707) 468-9500 |
| E/T  | David Ledig Manager | BLM California Coastal National Monument | (831) 630-5006 |
| O    | Troy Nicolini       | National Weather Service Woodley Island  | (707) 442-2171 |
| T    | Joe Pecharich       | NOAA/Nat'l Marine Fisheries Service      | (707) 583-3189 |
| T    | Bill Pinnix         | USFWS Arcata Field Office                | (707) 845-6858 |

#### 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)).

# 1-406 -B Site Strategy - Little Jackass Creek

County and Thomas Guide Location  
CA Road Atlas Mendocino

NOAA CHART  
18620

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## CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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

## 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<br>number | harbor<br>boom | swamp<br>boom | Other<br>boom type | sorb<br>boom | Anchoring<br>no type and gear | Boom<br>boat | Skiffs<br>punts | Skimmers<br>No Type | Special Equipment or comment<br>No and kinds | staff<br>deploy | Staff<br>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) 8 - 10 miles (name of Usal Road changes to Timber Ridge Road). Access to Little 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 road to Jackass Creek ceased after this site became part of a wilderness state park. Little Jackass Creek is a remote location with a very small tidal inlet within Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. Site is associated with BLM's California Coastal National Monument resources. Any response is limited to offshore access or by foot traffic only.

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

### WATER LOGISTICS:

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, limited communications

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

