

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

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

Latitude N Longitude W  
 39 26' 30" 123 49'

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#### SITE DESCRIPTION:

This rocky point is west of the community of Fort Bragg and just north of the Noyo River mouth. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument. Rocky coastal headland consisting of wave-cut platforms, bedrock outcroppings, and seastacks (85%). About 15% of shoreline lies within pocket coves consisting of coarse grain sand and pebbles. Short section (200 feet) riprap near mill outfall. Moderate debris consisting of algae and light woody debris found on most beaches. Area fully exposed to wave energy

#### SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Breeding seabirds will use these rocks for nesting in the spring. Offshore rocks provide roosting and nesting habitat for birds and haul out locations for marine mammals. Care should be taken so that response activities do not flush wildlife from these areas. The offshore rocks have cultural significance for local tribes.

#### RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

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.

Seabird colonies

Haul outs for Harbor seals

Groundfish (EFH)

Epibiotic communities: mytilus, barnacles, urchins, red abalone

Algal communities consisting primarily of Nereocystus, Postelsia, various laminaria, and encrusting coralline algae. Phyllospadix (surfgrass)

#### 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
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
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)).

# 1-442 -A Site Strategy - Soldier Point

County and Thomas Guide Location  
CA Road Atlas Mendocino

NOAA CHART  
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# 1-442 -A

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## CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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The rugged coastline will prevent on shore 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 haul outs sanctuaries on the offshore rocks in this area.

## HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Extreme current, high energy shoreline, offshore rocks

## 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.

Strategy 1-442.1 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
1-442.1	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. Go north on state hwy 1 to Oak Street in the town of Fort Bragg. Turn west into the former Georgia Pacific Corporation Mill. This site lies entirely within Corporation boundaries. This rocky point is west of the community of Fort Bragg and just north of the Noyo River mouth. Offshore rocks in the area are managed by BLM as part of the California Coastal National Monument.

## LAND ACCESS:

## WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

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

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

## COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

## ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

