

County: Monterey **ACP Division/Segment:** MT - F - S007 MT - G - S001**NOAA Chart:** 18680**Map Book:** B**Decimal Degrees:** 36.36924 -121.90896**Site Description:**

Site area includes offshore rocks and portions of rocky bluff between Rocky Creek and Hurricane Point which are a significant seabird colony nesting area collectively called the Castle-Hurricane Colony Complex. Directions lead to multiple overlook sites from bluffs. Site upcoast boundary (36.379176°, -121.905684°), downcoast boundary (36.359344°, -121.906108°); length 1.36 miles. Site is within the California Sea Otter Game Refuge, Bureau of Land Management California Coastal National Monument, and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Seabird nesting colonies include ashy storm-petrel, black oystercatcher, Brandt's and pelagic cormorants, common murre, and Western gull. Brown pelican roosting site.

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 1A Exposed Rocky Shore

2A Exposed wave-cut platforms in bedrock, mud, or clay

List of Resources at Risk:

	Resource Name	Status	Presence	Sensitivity
Birds	California condor	FE, SE	Year-round	
Birds	peregrine falcon	FP, SP	Year-round	Mar-Jun
Birds	seabird colony		Year-round	Apr-Aug
Insects	Smith's blue butterfly	FE	Year-round	
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round	Apr-Sep
Mammals	pinnipeds	FP	Year-round	
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	Year-round	

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
T	/Natural Resources Specialist	BLM, CA Coastal National Monument	(831) 582-2200
T	/Emergency Responder, 24-hr	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary	(831) 236-6797
T	/Agency Representative	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	(707) 575-6050
T	/Spill Response Coordinator	US Fish and Wildlife Service	(805) 644-1766

C – Cultural, Historic, Archaeological; E – Entry/Owner/Access; O – Other; S – Safety; T – Trustee; X – Exclusion or Security

Additional Site Summary Comments:

Concerns and Advice to Responders:**Hazard and Restrictions:****Site Strategies:****Site Validation Level: II**

Strategy: 3-507.1 Objective: No Onsite Options: Consider Offshore Containment/Recovery/ART

Strategy: Onsite protection is not feasible due to coastline type.

A) Recommended response strategy is on-water containment and recovery.

B) Pursue feasibility of alternative response technologies (e.g. dispersants and in-situ burning) to reduce the volume of oil reaching the site.

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Directions: From Carmel-by-the-Sea, site is 13.1 miles south of Rio Rd. on Highway 1. Northern parking north of Castle Rock: shoulder of Highway 1 northbound lane (36.376953°, -121.903976°), Postmile: Route 1 MON 59.9; 5 parking spaces. North-central parking at Bixby Bridge: shoulder of Highway 1 southbound lane (36.372615°, -121.903204°), Postmile: Route 1 MON 59.5; 7 parking spaces. South-central parking at Hurricane point: large, paved shoulder of Highway 1 southbound lane (36.357353°, -121.902799°), Postmile: Route 1 MON 58.3; 12 parking spaces. Southern parking south of Hurricane point: shoulder of Highway 1 southbound lane (36.353273, -121.901209°), Postmile: Route 1 MON 58.0; 22 parking spaces.

Land Access: No site access from land. Parking areas are observation points. The southern Castle Rock overlook is accessed from the Bixby Bridge parking area, walking path along the southbound lane.

On-Water Limitations: Nearest vessel launch site is Monterey Harbor (22 nautical miles).

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: None.

Communications Problems: AT&T, weak cell phone signal. All other providers, no cell phone signal.

