

County: Monterey **ACP Division/Segment:** MT - J - S002**NOAA Chart:** 18700**Map Book:** B**Decimal Degrees:** 36.00866 -121.51979**Site Description:**

Limekiln Creek meets the ocean at a small mixed sand and gravel pocket beach. The creek passes through the southern side of the Limekiln State Park campground directly underneath the Limekiln Creek Bridge. This site is the only safe shoreline access for several miles in both the upcoast and downcoast directions. The creek bed topography and perennial outflow prevent tidal influence but high tides may push oil into the lower reaches of riparian habitat. Site is within the California Sea Otter Game Refuge and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Nesting seabirds in the surrounding area include pelagic cormorant, pigeon guillemot, and Western gull. A sensitive plant species grows in the forest habitat within the campground.

Resources at Risk:*ESI and Habitat:* 5 Mixed sand and gravel beaches**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
Fish	steelhead - Central/Northern California	FT	Year-round	Nov-Apr
Insects	Smith's blue butterfly	FE	Year-round	
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round	Apr-Sep
Mammals	Southern sea otter	FT, SP	Year-round	
Plants	Santa Lucia bedstraw	SR	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	/Dispatch, 24-hr	California State Parks (Dispatch)	(916) 358-1300
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:

Moderate recreational use. SCUBA diving area.

Concerns and Advice to Responders:

SCUBA diving area. A sensitive plant species grows in the forest habitat within the campground.

Hazard and Restrictions:**Site Strategies:****Site Validation Level: II**

Strategy: 3-570.1 Objective: Deploy Sorbent Boom

Strategy: Creek bed topography and perennial outflow prevent tidal influence but high tides may push oil into the lower reaches of riparian habitat. Deploy sorbent boom at the creek mouth above the intertidal zone. This strategy is only applicable during moderate to low creek outflows.

Table of Response Resources

Equipment	Sub-Type	Size	Unit	QTY	Unit	Last Page Update
Boom	Sorbent			150	feet	<i>Strategy Updated:</i> 3/18/2022
Stakes				6		<i>Last Test:</i>
Staff				2		

Logistics:

Directions: Site is 24.3 miles south of the Big Sur U.S. Postal Service Office on Highway 1, just south of Lucia. Paved road that descends into canyon from Highway 1 northbound lane at Limekiln Creek Bridge (36.008636°, -121.518191°), Postmile: Route 1 MON 20.9; 25 parking spaces.

Land Access: Vehicle access to creek mouth and beach from campground.

On-Water Limitations: Nearest vessel launch sites are Monterey Harbor (53 nautical miles) and Morro Bay Harbor (54 nautical miles).

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Campground may be suitable for a small staging area. Restrooms on site.

Communications Problems: No cell phone signal.

