

County: Monterey **ACP Division/Segment:** MT - K - S001**NOAA Chart:** 18700**Map Book:** B**Decimal Degrees:** 35.87508 -121.44759**Site Description:**

Small mixed sand and gravel pocket beach beneath steep, rocky cliffs at the base of the unincorporated community, Gorda. Gorda Beach is a pupping and haulout site for Northern elephant seals. Gorda Beach is located on public land. Site upcoast boundary (35.875590°, -121.447985°), downcoast boundary (35.874417°, -121.447207°); length 0.09 miles. Site is within the California Sea Otter Game Refuge and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

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
Invertebrates	black abalone	FE	Year-round	Apr-Sep
Mammals	Northern elephant seal	FP	Year-round	Dec-Apr
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	/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:

No site access from land.

Concerns and Advice to Responders:**Hazard and Restrictions:**

No site access from land.

Site Strategies:**Site Validation Level: II**

Strategy: 3-580.1 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: Site is 35.2 miles south of the Big Sur U.S. Postal Service Office on Highway 1 at Gorda. Parking area on shoulder of Highway 1 southbound lane (35.875741°, -121.445869°), Postmile: Route 1 MON 10.1; 7 parking spaces.

Land Access: No site access from land. Parking area is an observation point.

On-Water Limitations: Nearest vessel launch sites are Monterey Harbor (61 nautical miles) and Morro Bay Harbor (42 nautical miles).

Facilities, Staging Areas, Command Posts, Available Equipment: Gorda has the only gas station between Big Sur and Ragged Point.

Communications Problems: No cell phone signal.

