

1-155 -A Site Summary- Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park

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County: **Del Norte**
USGS Quad: **Sister Rocks**

Thomas Guide Location
CA Road Atlas
NOAA Chart: **18603**

Latitude N
41 40'
Longitude W
124 08' 30"

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

The rugged shoreline and offshore rocks within a quarter mile of shore are managed by Redwood National and State Parks as part of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park and Redwood National Park. Offshore rocks, rocky headlands from Enderts Beach to Damnation Creek.

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 rookeries (04-09): Brandt's and pelagic cormorants, Western gulls, common murre, pigeon guillemots - adults present (01-12).

Double crested cormorant (01-12)

-Breeding/nesting (03-09)

Marbled murrelets (FT,SE)(01-12) feed in open waters.

Black oystercatchers prevalent around mouth of Damnation Creek (01-12)

river otters are found north and south of Midway Point (01-12);

seal haul out on beach north of Midway Point (01-12)

Rocky-intertidal MARINE monitoring sites at Enderts Beach and Damnation Creek.

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		North Coast Redwoods District	(707) 445-6547
O		Northern Communications (24hr)	(916) 358-0333
E		Redwood National & State Parks	(707) 464-6101
O	Troy Nicolini	National Weather Service Woodley Island	(707) 442-2171
T	Bob Pagliuco	NOAA/Nat'l Marine Fisheries Service	(707) 834-2215
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).

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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 currents, offshore rocks, high energy shoreline, short steep beaches in some areas.

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 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
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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 S. from Crescent City. Exit onto Enderts Beach Road at MP 23.85. Continue to parking lot at end of road. Access to beach area via foot trails.

Foot access also to Damnation Creek Beach via foot trail from Hwy 101 MP 16.00. The rugged shoreline and offshore rocks within a quarter mile of shore are managed by Redwood National and State Parks as part of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park and Redwood National Park.

LAND ACCESS: Foot access only

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking

and Services Available:

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

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: Remote, limited communications

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS: Most of this area is difficult to access

