

County: **Mendocino**
 USGS Quad: **Bear Harbor**

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

Latitude N
 39 53'
 Longitude W
 123 55'

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

Jackass Creek is a remote location with a very small tidal inlet within Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. Any response is limited to offshore access or by foot traffic only. Site is associated with BLM's California Coastal National Monument resources. Small tidal inlet within the Sinkyone Wilderness. Trustees recommend against on-site response.

Habitat damage could result from intrusive response.

The inlet shoreline consists of coarse grained sand and granules.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Sensitive habitats, see general site description section. Oiling of estuary is primary concern (01-12).

Shorebirds and seabirds abundant in area (01-12). Peregrine falcon (01-12) found in area.

Pacific harbor seals abundant in area

Anadromous salmonids:

Coho salmon (FE/SE), steelhead trout (FT), Chinook salmon (FT) - all life stages, estuary use year round

Leafy reed grass (CNPS List 4.2)(01-12)

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		Mendocino District	(707) 937-5804
O		Northern Communications (24hr)	(916) 358-0333
O		Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept.	(707) 463-4086
O		Sinkyone Intertribal Wilderness Council	(707) 468-9500
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).

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

See general site description section. Trustees advise against on-site response.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Trustees recommend against on-site response. Habitat damage could result from intrusive response.

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 north to state route 1 at Leggett. Go south on state route 1 to M.P. 90.91. Take Usal Road (4WD may be required at times) north 8-10 miles (name of Usal Road changes to Timber Ridge Road). Access to Jackass Creek is limited to foot traffic only from either the Bear Harbor trailhead in the north or the Usal trailhead in the south. Maintenance of roads to Jackass Creek ceased when the area became a wilderness state park. Contact Sinkyone Wilderness State Park to discuss access. Jackass Creek is a remote location with a very small tidal inlet within Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. Any response is limited to offshore access or by foot traffic only. Site is associated with BLM's California Coastal National Monument resources.

LAND ACCESS: Very limited. Foot only

WATER LOGISTICS: Bear Harbor is not improved. Shallow draft vessels only.

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking and Services Available: Nearest launch is Shelter Cove

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

Small unimproved campground at Usal Creek.

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: Remote, communications are limited.

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS: Site is within designated Wilderness. Response is limited.

