

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:3/18/2022</i> |
| 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.

