

**3-165 -A/B Site Summary- Majors Creek Inlet / Red, White and Blue Beach****3-165 -A/B****County:** Santa Cruz**Thomas Guide Location****Latitude N****Longitude W****USGS Quad:** Santa Cruz

970, 971

35° 58'

122° 08.9'

**NOAA Chart:****Last Page Update:** 6/30/2014**SITE DESCRIPTION:**

Deep pocket beach with natural sand berm protecting creek inlet. Creek creates estuary along back dunes and then meanders along base of cliff to the north end of beach. Both ends of beach are enclosed by wave cut platforms. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources. Majors Creek Inlet, also called Red, White, and Blue Beach.. Medium/coarse sandy grain beach. Creek empties on west side of the beach. Washover terrace present and modest marsh in channel behind beach. Private access/campground.

**SEASONAL AND SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN**

Creek supports winter steelhead run. Lagoon may contain YOYs Jan-Oct.

**RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN**

Primary resource is species of concern listed below and their respective habitats.

Coastal sea birds including brown pelicans and cormorants. Black swift (CA Species of Special Concern). Black swift nest (elevation 20 ft.) located in seacave in a rocky coastal cliff above "second cave" in SE side of Sand Hill Bluff.

While not a significant gathering site, Southern Sea Otters (FT) are common throughout Santa Cruz and Monterey counties and may be present near-shore year round.

Steelhead trout (FT) use estuary for staging and rearing and creek for spawning.

Site is located within Black Abalone Critical Habitat. Actual presence of black abalone is unknown.

Kelp beds are common near-shore.

There is a locally rare plant, Erysimum fransiscanum in the area.

**CULTURAL, HISTORIC, AND ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES**

Contact the California Dept of Parks and Recreation - Office of Historic Preservation (Eric Allison: 916-445-7044), and the Northwest Information Center (Bryan Much, Sonoma State College: 707-588-8455) for specific information on historic or cultural resources in this area.

**KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)**

Type	Name	Title	Organization	Phone
T/E/C		Santa Cruz District	CA Department of Parks & Recreation	(831) 335-6390
O			Santa Cruz County Sherriff	(831) 471-1121
T/E/C		Northern Communications	CA Department of Parks & Recreation	(916) 358-0333
O	Chris Coburn	Resources Planner	Santa Cruz County - Environmental Health Services	(831) 454-2763
T	Scott Kathey	Emergency Response Coord.	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary	(831) 647-4251
E/T	David Ledig		BLM California Coastal National Monument	(831) 630-5006
E/T	James Weigand	Ecologist	BLM	(916) 978-4656

**ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:**

Private access/campground. Red, White and Blue Beach is a recreation area (nude beach).

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**CONCERNS AND ADVICE TO RESPONDERS:**

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**HAZARDS AND RESTRICTIONS:****SITE STRATEGIES**

Strategy 3-165.1 Objective: Exclude oil by berming, place sorbent boom 30' landward of berm to ensure oil exclusion

Close off inlet with sediment dike (medium-grain sand) or appropriate equivalent. If there is streamflow, underflow pipes must be included to allow for discharge. Vehicle access to south beach only.

Strategy 3-165.2 Objective: No action necessary - oil excluded by natural berm or significant creek outflow.

No action necessary when outflow is sufficient to keep oil from entering creek or a naturally formed berm will exclude oil (and surf will not overtop). Assess and monitor site to ensure situation remains stable. Maintain summertime berm at creek mouths if present.

**Table of Response Resources**

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no	tvpe and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No	Type	Special Equipment or comment	staff deploy	Staff tend
3-165.1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		600' 6" PVC pipe, dozer or equivalent berming		
3-165.2									0				2

**LOGISTICS**

**DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)**

Access road to beach is private. From Santa Cruz, take Highway 1 north, past Wilder Creek and Baldwin Creek. Turn left on first road past Coast Road (approximately 1 mile). Cross the railroad tracks and turn left onto dirt road paralleling railroad tracks. Turn right onto dirt road with yellow closure bar/gate. Continue onto farm field skirting road. Access for personnel only. Vehicles can be driven to within 1/4 mile of inlet mouth. On south beach, seaward of sediment dike. NOTE: there is no entrance point for heavy equipment. Deep pocket beach with natural sand berm protecting creek inlet. Creek creates estuary along back dunes and then meanders along base of cliff to the north end of beach. Both ends of beach are enclosed by wave cut platforms. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources.

**LAND ACCESS**

Foot only. Vehicles can be driven to within 1/4 mi. of inlet

**WATER LOGISTICS:**

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking

and Services Available:

**FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:****COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:****ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:**

