# Department of Toxic Substances Control
# Site Visit Report

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| **To:** | Morgan Bigelow | **Date(s) of Visit:** | August 24, 2026 |
| **From:** | Katherine Henry | **Weather:** | Overcast |

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| **Site/Project Name:** | Georgia-Pacific Corporation |
| **Activity/Site Code/WR#:** | 87095/202276/NA |
| **Purpose of Visit:** | To inspect and document the condition of the fencing around Pond 8 to prevent unauthorized access; Pond 8 access must be restricted by a fence per the by the 2022 First Order Amendment for the site. |

**Summary of Activities:**

DTSC staff held a safety tailgate meeting at Noyo Harbor at 1:55 pm, then drove to the site, arriving at 2:15 pm. Staff began the inspection at the Coastal Trail entrance located off Chief Celeri Drive, one block west of Main Street near cross street W Alder Street. First, we walked west to the end of the fenceline that restricts access to the part of the mill site that includes, but is not limited to, Pond 8. We observed a breach in the fence where trespassers could access the beach or the ponds along that fenceline (see Photos 7-9 and Attached Figure 2 note). Next, after completing viewing of that portion of the fence, we walked back toward our point origin before turning right/south to walk the portion of the fence that meets the fenceline of the Fort Bragg Wastewater Treatment Facility. DTSC did not observe any breaches of that fenceline. DTSC departed from the site at 4:40 pm.

**Personnel Onsite**

Katherine Henry, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), DTSC

Kim Walsh, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory), DTSC

**Field Notes/Details:**

In areas where the fence is not readily accessible due to dense vegetation, fencing is often intact and upright. In some of the more accessible areas, panels appear to have been repaired (see Photos 2, 5, and 6 for example). There is a complete breach of the fence in an area where the fence is below the elevation of the Coastal Trail, where one can access the full fence panels and cut them to gain access to a beach that is otherwise inaccessible to the public. See the attached photos and Figures 1 and 2 attached to this report; Figure 2 include an electronic markup of the approximate locations of select photos.

**Comments:**

As had been reported to DTSC by the public and the media, the fence was observed to be breached in a location that allows trespassers the easiest access to the beach visible from the trail. This is an area that is obscured from view when simply walking along the trail as it is the only place where the fence is below the trail and there is sufficient space for people to walk and cut the fence without being easily seen by trail users. DTSC staff observed someone exit the breach in the fence during the site visit; that same person had previously been observed walking among the rocks on the beach.

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| 1 | No Trespassing sign at mid-trail entrance (closest entry to Operable Unit E [OU-E]) |
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| 2 | Social trail where fence was repaired |

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| 3 | Bent fence (possible ingress to OU-E; food wrapper observed on the other side of the fence) |
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| 4 | Fence in foreground from same area as Photo 3 looking toward the ocean |

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| 5 | Repaired fence with social trail (picnic or camping spot; blanket on other side of the fence) |
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| 6 | Fence panel with lighter wire and wider mesh than panel to the right (likely a repair) |

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| 7 | Breached area of fence (accessible from, but below the Coastal Trail; photo taken from opposite side of tree as Photo 9) |
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| 8 | Showing access from Coastal Trail to area shown in Photo 7(photo taken from opposite side of tree as Photo 9) |

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| 9 | Fence wide open at breach (DTSC showing width); a trespasser that had been on the beach was observed walking through fence back to Coastal Trail shortly after photo was taken |
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| 10 | Empty signpost (one of several observed along the trail) |

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| 11 | Gate to beach access |
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| 12 | Dam and spillway area from the gate shown in Photo 11 |

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| 13 | View of fence section looking toward Pond 8 |
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| 14 | Gate south of interpretive display along Coastal Trail |

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| 15 | Signage at east end of Pond 8 (Private Property, No Trespassing) |
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| 16 | Unmaintained stockpiles and asphalt debris on former Georgia-Pacific property, across the Coastal Trail southeast of Pond 8 |

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| 17 | Gate at West End of Pond 8, near Fort Bragg Wastewater Treatment Facility |
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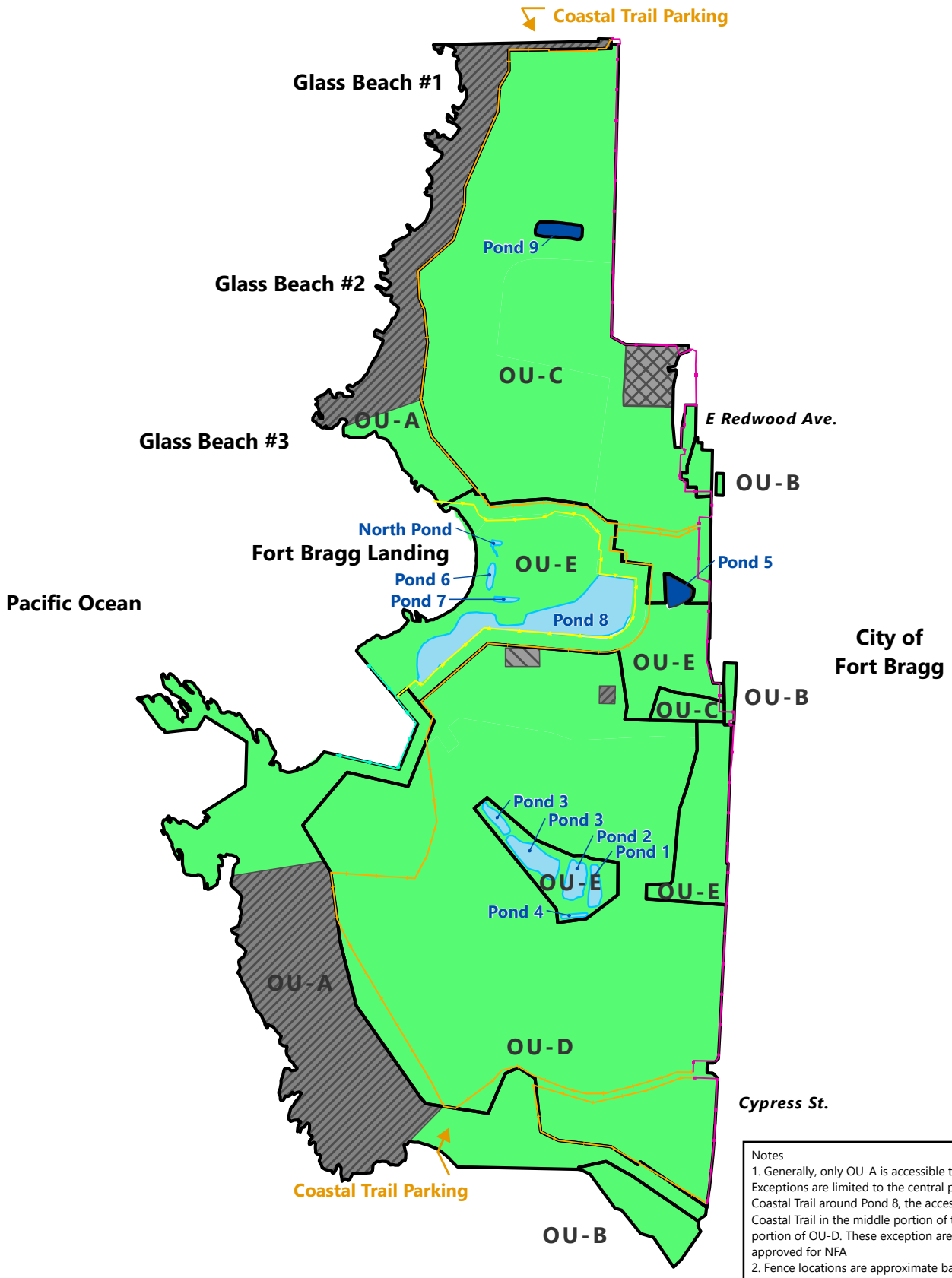
| 18 | Repaired fence panel near Fort Bragg Wastewater Treatment Facility |




Notes
1. Generally, only OU-A is accessible to the public. Exceptions are limited to the central portion of the Coastal Trail around Pond 8, the access route to the Coastal Trail in the middle portion of the site, and a portion of OU-D. These exception areas are approved for NFA
2. Fence locations are approximate based on aerial imagery and site photos and are not based on survey data

# Fencelines

Mendocino Railway
Fort Bragg, California

**Figure 1**

Legend

- No Futher Action - Soil
- No Further Action - Sediment
- Pond - Sediment Remedy To Be Approved
- Soil Restricted Area
- Soil Vapor Restricted Area
- Soil and Soil Vapor Restricted
- City of Fort Bragg Coastal Trail Fence - Pond 8 Area
- City of Fort Bragg WWTP Fence
- City of Fort Bragg Coastal Trail Fence - Other Areas
- Mill Site Owner Fence

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1 inch = 1,000 feet

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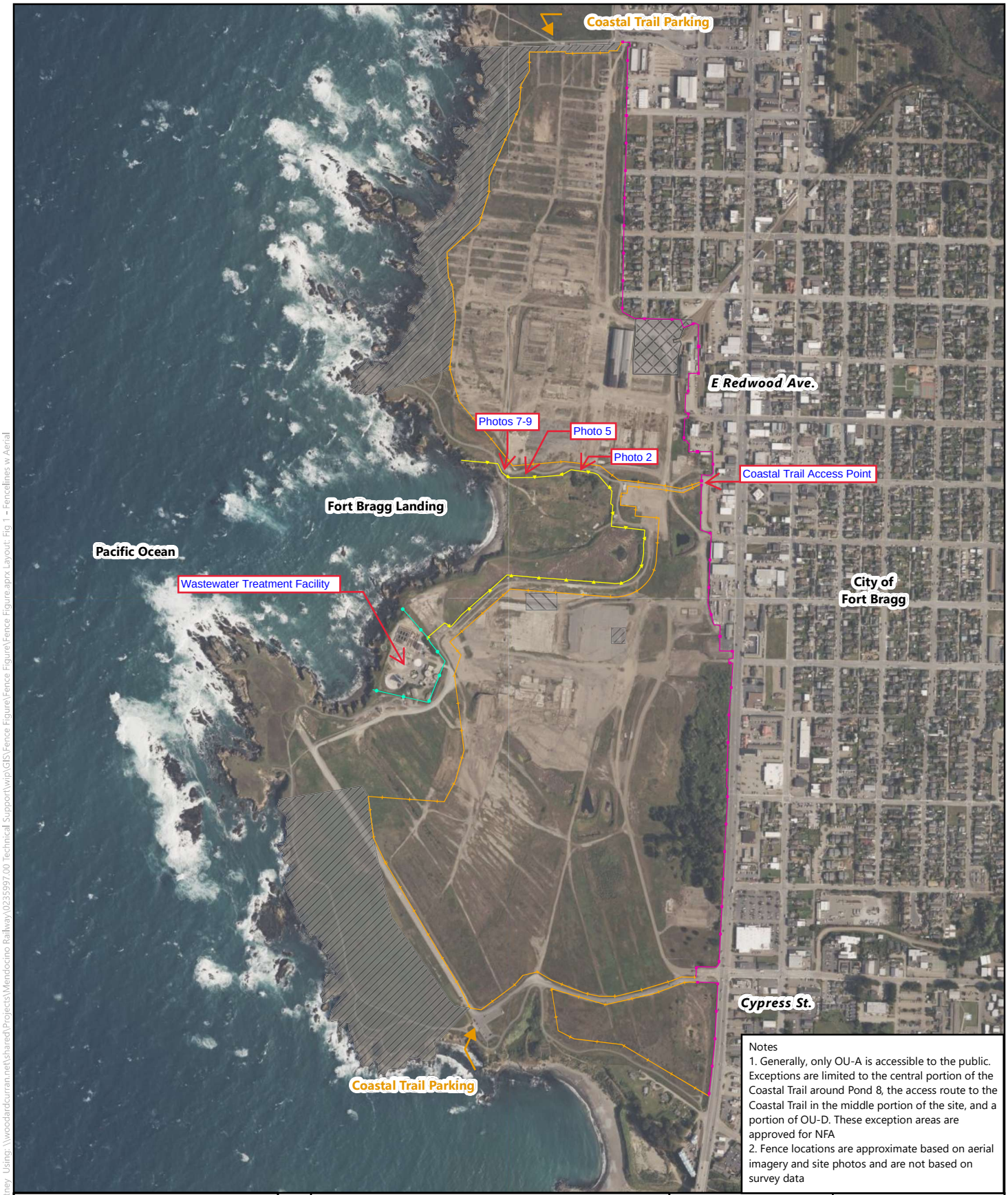


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# Fencelines with Aerial

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Fort Bragg, California

**Figure 2**

Legend

- Soil Restricted Area
- Soil Vapor Restricted Area
- Soil and Soil Vapor Restricted Area
- City of Fort Bragg Coastal Trail Fence - Pond 8 Area
- City of Fort Bragg WWTP Fence
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