

Route: Highway 169 South

Segment #: 1

Segment Description: Weitchpec to Martin's Ferry Bridge

Begin MP: 0.0

End MP: 3.4

County: Humboldt

Road Maintenance by: Caltrans

Overview: This segment begins at the intersection of Highway 169 and Highway 96, near the Yurok Tribal Offices and Community Center in Weitchpec. It ends at the Martin's Ferry Bridge, which provides the only vehicular crossing between Weitchpec and Klamath connecting the Yurok Reservation to points west. Scenic and natural resource values are evident throughout the segment. There are numerous cultural sites within proximity of this segment including a village and Brush Dance site. These provide both interpretive opportunities and significant challenges to protect the sites from adverse impacts. The road is narrow and winding with numerous blind curves and is shared with construction truck traffic, requiring slow travel speeds. The Caltrans Route Concept Report (2010) identifies various future widening improvements for safety purposes. There are currently several widened areas along the shoulder that have been informally used as pullouts. These could be improved in coordination with Caltrans efforts as small (1 – 2 car) turnouts with interpretive signage or kiosks, providing appropriate traffic control signs were installed along the road. Intermittent breaks in the forest provide scenic vistas of the river at multiple locations. Visitor services are limited to a guide business with cabins located at Spey-gee Point. The Yurok Tribal transfer station is located adjacent to the route but below the elevation of the road and is screened from view.

Location (MP)	Resource Value(s)	Description	Comments
0.0 – 3.4	Scenic Cultural Natural	Forest and river views throughout; Many cultural sites; Diverse riparian and upland ecosystems with fisheries and wildlife;	Numerous interpretive opportunities related to cultural, natural, and scenic resource values; These interpretive opportunities could provide basis for significant eco/cultural tourism based recreation; Possible pullouts at MPs 0.2, 0.8, 1.3, 1.9, 2.1, 2.8, and 3.2
0.0	Scenic Cultural Natural	Bridge over Klamath River above confluence with Trinity River	Bridge is decorated with Yurok Tribal colors and designs; Community Center provides opportunity for visitor services and interpretive education;