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Noelle c/o California Assemblymember William W. Monning,
The Monterey District of the Los Padres National Forest is looking forward to working with all participating parties in identifying the Big Sur segment of the California Coastal Trail. The guiding principles for designating the trail on National Forest System lands are found in the Los Padres National Forest Land Management Plan (2005). The following statements are excerpts or interpretation from said plan:

Our recreation program emphasizes the need to enhance trail opportunities while minimizing resource damage and conflicts with private landowners. Project management decisions will be consistent with the enforceable policies of the California Coastal Act and the Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan.

To meet our program emphasis, we will consider conversion of suitable existing roads that meet the need for trail-based recreation, in this case the California Coastal Trail.

Portions of the proposed California Coastal trail are likely to pass through wilderness. The Forest will not consider construction of new trails in wilderness. Designated wilderness is administered in such a manner that leaves them unimpaired and preserves their wilderness character.

Hope this helps for now,
Jeff