

REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES AND
MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR WESTERN SNOWY PLOVERS

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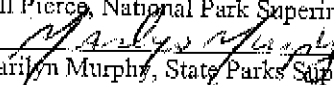
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The following changes should be made to Redwood National and State Parks Staff Responsibilities and Management Strategy for Western Snowy Plovers, approved 3/17/2005.

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A.2 Visitor Services and Resource Protection Division

Add the following sentence immediately before the last sentence of this section:

The CDPR Gold Bluffs Beach Ranger will supply copies of each vehicle permittee's quarterly beach access log to the CDPR Ecologist and Fish and Wildlife Branch Chief on a quarterly basis, as received.

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B.2 Vehicle Beach Access Permit Holders

Section B.2 should now read, in its entirety:

Improving vehicle beach access permit holders' knowledge of western snowy plovers and their ecology will help to protect the species. Therefore, all vehicle beach access permit holders will be required to provide certification that they have attended a western snowy plover training session that includes the following:

- a. Biology, ecology and behavior of the western snowy plover
- b. Identification of plovers and other common beach shorebirds
- c. Threats to the plovers and their habitats
- d. The current and range wide status of the western snowy plover
- e. Regulatory status of the snowy plover including salvage of carcasses
- f. Reporting sightings of the western snowy plover
- g. Night time driving and identification of the western snowy plover

Licensees are responsible for obtaining their own training that must be given by a qualified person with a current 10(a) (1) (A) permit issued by the USFWS.

All vehicle beach access permit holders will annually receive literature about western snowy plover ecology, current management policies, and potential temporary restrictions when they renew their permits.

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A.3 Restrict Activities - VSRP, RMS and CDPR Ecologist, MAINT

Add the following as first sentence of this section:

From January 1st – February 29th vehicle speed limits will be restricted to 10 mph when adult plovers are present.

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B.5 Brood protection – VSRP, RMS and CDPR Ecologist

Section B.5 should now read, in its entirety:

Temporary brood protection zones (BPZ) will be designated when a brood is present, which is typically a 31-day period after hatching. The BPZ could extend up to four miles north and south of the nest site (USFWS 2001), unless monitoring indicates that a larger or possibly smaller area is adequate for protection based on the brood's proximity to, and the potential for, human disturbance. The BPZ includes the waveslope and the sandy beach area up to 1000 feet inland from the waveslope. Regulatory signs and symbolic fencing will be used if necessary and feasible to designate the north and south boundaries of the BPZ. Within the entire BPZ the beach will be closed to dogs, horses, and kite flying, but the waveslope adjacent to the BPZ will still be accessible and open to pedestrian travel and vehicle traffic. Vehicles will be restricted to a 5 mph speed limit when traveling along the waveslope adjacent to the BPZ. If broods are detected within ¼ mile of a high visitor use area, then managers will have the option of designating a temporary brood protection area (BPA), depending on the brood's proximity to, and the potential for, human disturbance. Regulatory signs and symbolic fencing will be used to designate the BPA, which could extend up to ¼ mile north and south of the brood, excluding the waveslope, and include the sandy beach area up to 1000 feet inland from the waveslope. No human access would be allowed within the BPA, but the waveslope adjacent to the BPA would still be accessible to pedestrians and vehicle traffic. Pedestrian travel above the waveslope within the BPA would be allowed along marked corridors if the BPA significantly overlaps a high visitor use area.

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B.6 Enforcement - VSRP

Law Enforcement (LE) Rangers will communicate with all beach vehicle access permit holders and visitors about the presence and approximate location of snowy plovers, nests, and broods on park beaches. LE Rangers will continue to enforce existing regulations and enforce any new regulations and temporary restrictions within the nest and brood protection areas (see Section II, B.4, and B.5).