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DUNE RESTORATION PROJECT

Titusville, Fla. -- Canaveral National Seashore will close Playalinda Beach north of Parking Lot #10 from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., March 4 through 6, 2008, for a dune restoration project. It is necessary to temporarily close the area in the interest of public safety because of the use of equipment at the worksite, the narrowness of the beach in that area and the condition of the dune.

The work will be completed with assistance from students from Bowling Green State University, OH, during a three-day volunteer service project. Canaveral National Seashore Superintendent Carol Clark said, "We have had help with various projects from Bowling Green students in the past. Their hard work and enthusiasm for resource projects such as dune restoration grows each year and we are thankful for their continued partnership with the National Park Service."

Another element of the dune restoration program is the relocation of the marker designating the "back country" area. A recent report by the National Park Service determined that dune erosion and vegetation loss from storms and visitor use call for a slight expansion of the "back country" area. The marker relocation will help alleviate that damage and give the area time to recover naturally. The "back country" sign will be relocated from grid marker 71 to grid marker 73. The relocation will be in effect until the restoration process is determined to be successful. Visitor access to the backcountry area will continue to be by permit only.

For more information, contact Chief Ranger Eric Lugo at 267-1110.

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