

# Please Help Save Our Beaches and Dunes: NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ALLOWED



Louisiana along with Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, New Jersey, and New York regulates the use of motorized vehicles on beaches and dunes. Scientific studies have shown that motorized vehicle use causes significant damage including compaction and displacement of sediment, destruction of vegetation which leads to erosion of dunes, and destruction of habitats and breeding grounds for wildlife.

## How Do Motorized Vehicles Impact Beaches and Dunes?

**Vehicles include:** trucks, cars, 4 wheelers, and golf carts



Google Earth: Caminada

Sand is compacted by vehicles, crushing invertebrates – a food source for birds

I live in the sand!



CPRA: Caminada

Birds nest in the sand, eggs are hard to see

Can you spot the eggs?

Compacts sediment

Destroys vegetation

Destroys wildlife habitat

Accelerates erosion

Vegetation can take years to recover!



Google Earth: Caminada

Vehicle ruts destroy vegetation

Vehicles accelerate erosion



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Sand on rutted dunes is easily displaced by wind

# Thank you

for protecting our coast!

## STATUTES

- ❖ A permit for motorized vehicle use is required for monitoring, scientific research, and restoration.
- ❖ LSA Revised Statute 38 §213 provides for state regulation of driving on levees and integrated protection projects.
- ❖ LSA Revised Statute 49 §214.5.8 provides for state regulation of driving on beaches and dunes.

## REPORTING

Call the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Office to report violators:

**(985)447-0821**

## Enjoy the Beach!

