

On Sunday October 20, 2024 I was walking on Heceta Beach and observed a person using a BobCat to excavate large amounts of sand on the public beach approximately ¾ - 1 mile north of Driftwood Shores resort area.

The Bobcat operator was digging out a road from their home, through the dunes down to the flat part of the beach and piling the excavated sand on both sides, creating a huge sand wall approximately 15 feet high by approximately 100 feet long on each side.

Estimates of distance, height and length are approximate.

This is a public beach and also a designated Snowy Plover Management area.

On Monday October 21, 2024 I contacted OPRD. On October 23, 2024 OPRD reported back that they had been out to the site, inspected it, took photos, and their ocean shores permit team were beginning an investigation.

On October 31, 2024 I informed Charlie Plybon of Surfrider.

On November 19, 2024 OPRD notified me they sent notice to the landowner, and also sent me copies of relevant ORS.

On January 7, 2025 OPRD notified me "The landowner had been contacted and educated and agreed to no further work. The landowner was essentially on probation for 3 years, in which time if additional violations occurred, an elevation of enforcement could occur". The person who destroyed this section of beach was not required to restore the beach to its previous state, nor were they required to financially compensate the state for damage done to our public beach.

Is it acceptable for landowners to knowingly violate Oregon law and destroy Oregon beaches with no expectation they provide restoration and restitution?

I firmly believe our laws protecting public beaches, and enforcement of those laws must be improved.

Please pass HB2925 to enable this work to begin.

Sincere appreciation,

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Florence Jetty Access

From Hwy 101, head east on Heceta Beach Rd. Turn north to stay on Heceta Beach Rd. The parking area is adjacent to the Wood Shores Hotel.

From Hwy 101, head south on Heceta Beach Rd. Turn south on Jodendron Drive. Turn west on North Rd.

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Carl G. Heintz
Memorial
Heceta Head
State Scenic Viewpoint

Western Snowy Plover Management Areas

Watch for Seasonal Restrictions
During nesting season, March 15 – Sept. 15