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Dunes work shifts to northern Flagler County – north of Washington Oaks State Park beginning September 19

September 14, 2023 – Efforts on the FEMA emergency dune project will shift to the section of coastline south of Marineland, including the areas of the Beach Haven and Matanzas Shores neighborhoods.

The work will be staged from the River-to-Sea Preserve on the west side of State Road A1A, and the trucks will access the beach on the north access road at Washington Oak Gardens State Park. Motorists should expect traffic delays and dump truck traffic on the roadways between Marineland and Washington Oaks Gardens State Park beginning Tuesday, September 19.

“They will start placing sand in front of the Beach Haven neighborhood access and work south to Washington Oaks Gardens State Park for approximately four weeks,” said Flagler County Coastal Engineering Administrator Ansley Wren-Key. “Then they will focus on the northern portion of the project.”

Efforts are being made in collaboration with the Town of Marineland to keep the beach parking lot open for events throughout the duration of the project which is expected to be finished by mid-November.

The dune restoration work, which is being done with post-Nicole emergency funds, will be consistent from River-to-Sea Preserve to Beverly Beach to the south. This northern terminus completes the dune work for this year where about six cubic yards of sand per foot will have been placed on the northern 11.6 miles of the coastline.

“The remaining FDEP and FEMA funds for beach and dune recovery will be spent on a larger beach nourishment project,” Wren-Key said. “It will go through a design and permitting phase.”

Old Salt Park has re-opened, and Jungle Hut Park should be open Wednesday or Thursday (September 20 or 21).

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“This work is critical for Flagler County, and we appreciate everyone’s continued patience,” said County Administrator Heidi Petito. “We apologize for any inconvenience to our residents and visitors who love to visit our beaches.”

Updates on Coastal Projects can be found on the new Coastal Management webpage at <http://www.flaglercounty.gov/departments/engineering/coastal-management/coastal-projects>.

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