

Managing Visitor Use for Snowy Plover Recovery on the Monterey Bay

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Agenda

At the Reserve:

Introductions (Grey Hayes)

A quick round of introductions

On the Bus:

Natural history and conservation of the Snowy Plover (Kriss Neumann)

This is an introduction to the day's focal species so that participants can better put the day's focus on managing visitor use into context.

At Sunset State Beach:

Overview of management and monitoring of visitors and snowy plovers – causes of nest loss and timeline of management and monitoring

Sunset State Beach: the landscape context, visitor use and snowy plover nesting in the Monterey Bay region

Lunch!

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Catered by Feel Good Foods, Santa Cruz

Back on the Bus:

Questions and answers about Sunset State Beach

Introduction to Salinas River Wildlife Refuge

At Salinas River Wildlife Refuge

What is habituation? How does habitat structure interact with snowy plovers and visitor use? How important are low-use areas to the Monterey Bay Snowy Plover population?

On the Bus back to the Elkhorn Slough Reserve:

Discussion of the day's main points

Review of visitor impacts planning tools