



Beach Briefs - December 15, 2014

Beach Tilling to Begin January 5

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District will till the sand placed in the 2013/14 renourishment project starting in January 2015. Tilling will begin on January 5 on the renourished portion of Sanibel. It will then move to the north end of Captiva on January 6 and progress south toward Blind Pass. The work is being performed by Advantage Construction Group of North Port, Florida, and is projected to take a total of a week, weather permitting.

Tilling is required to lessen the impact of compacted sand on sea turtle nesting and hatching activities. The turtles prefer soft sand for digging their nests and laying their eggs. It is scheduled so that it will not interfere with piping plover nesting, which begins February 1, and sea turtle nesting, which begins May 1.

The project includes tilling and dressing the sand and leveling any escarpment that exceeds 18 inches in height and is more than 100 feet long. A tractor pulling a rake with tines (see the picture below) will till the approximately 30,350 linear feet of renourished beach to a minimum depth of 36 inches. Operations will be conducted between dawn and dusk. The use of horns, whistles, and signals will be kept to a minimum to ensure a quiet operation while maintaining job site safety. There will be minimal disruption to traffic on roads adjacent to the beach.

Residents and beachgoers are required to remove all obstructions, including umbrellas, chairs, and canopies, between the dunes and high tide lines, that might interfere with the work. Beachgoers are asked to avoid the area where tilling is being done until the tractor is a safe distance away and to heed all signs and instructions from tilling personnel. Questions should be directed to CEPD by calling us at 239-472-2472, or by emailing us at mycepd@mycepd.com.



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