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**CAMERON COUNTY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE CONTINUATION
OF SAND DUNE PRESERVATION EFFORTS WITH THE UNVEILING
OF NEW ROAD SIGNAGE**

Cameron County is pleased to announce the unveiling of road signs reading “Driving On The Sand Dunes Is Prohibited” continuing Sand Dune Preservation efforts and as outlined on the 2019 adopted Cameron County Erosion Response Plan. Cameron County in partnership with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will place 7 signs along Park Road 100-North, and at the entrance of Cameron County Beach Access No.5 and Cameron County Beach Access No.6.

The Dune System on South Padre Island and throughout the Gulf Coast are unique in nature and are one of the most precious natural resources that provide coastal protection against tropical storm surges, hurricanes, and high tides. The dunes in place prevent or reduce area coastal flooding, structural damages, and most importantly are pivotal for South Texas’ ecological habitat.

It is important that residents and visitors are aware of the preservation efforts and that driving on the sand dunes is prohibited and against the law. All violators will be subject to civil and/or criminal penalties (Texas Transportation Code section 750.003; Texas Natural Resources Code 63.093, and Title 31; Texas Administrative Code 15.4(c)(6)).

The signage unveiling ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the Cameron County Beach Access No. 3 located at 28495 State Park Rd 100, South Padre Island, TX 78597.

“The posting of these signs is one of the many steps we’ve taken to ensure that our exceptional coastal beaches and natural resources remain preserved. Last year, we re-nourished approximately 2,200 linear feet of shoreline at Isla Blanca Park and through our great partnership with state agencies, we are pleased to announce this additional coastal preservation effort,” stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

“Cameron County is very proud of our coastal beaches and is committed to preserving our dune system. The signage will help to deter any driving on the dunes that we all know is detrimental to the ecological system. I urge everyone visiting our beaches to respect the rules of not driving on the dunes and instead help protect them for future generations,” stated Cameron County Commissioner Precinct 1 Sofia C. Benavides.

“Safety, roadway maintenance and environmental sustainability by ensuring the preservation of the sand dunes in South Padre Island are important to TxDOT,” stated TxDOT Pharr District Engineer Pedro R. Alvarez, P.E.

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“The beaches on South Padre Island are one of the most precious natural resources that we have in South Texas. Our sand dunes is what protects infrastructure, property and habitat. This is a testament of the County’s commitment to enhance, protect, and promote our beautiful coastal beach areas and the array of great public beach access amenities we have in Cameron County. Thank you to the Texas General Land Office and Texas Department of Transportation for the continued collaborations,” stated Cameron County Parks & Recreation Director Joe E. Vega.



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