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SOUTHEASTERN BEACH MOUSE RESEARCH PROJECT

Titusville, Fla. – Canaveral National Seashore will be assisting with a multi-agency research project involving the protected Southeastern Beach Mouse. All Terrain Vehicles will be utilized by biologists and volunteers to access numerous survey sites in the dunes along Playalinda Beach and Apollo Beach. Work on this project will begin Monday, February 22, 2010 and continue through Friday, February 26, 2010.

The Southeastern Beach Mouse occurs in coastal habitats along the east coast of Florida. Its range formerly extended along about 280 km of the coast, in beach dunes, from Volusia to Broward counties. It is now restricted to about 64 km of coastline, having been extirpated in the southern portion of its former range. Extensive habitat loss because of commercial and residential construction along the Atlantic coast has left a fragmented population in small pockets of suitable habitat. This survey will help researchers determine the status of the southeastern beach mouse along the Atlantic coast. For more information, contact John Stiner or Candace Carter, Resource Management at 267-1110.