



# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Point Reyes National Seashore  
Point Reyes, California 94956

IN REPLY REFER TO:

### Determination of Temporary Pet Restriction

#### 36 CFR 1.5 Closures and Public Use Limits

- (a) Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the Superintendent may:
- (1) Establish, for all or a portion of a park area, a reasonable schedule of visiting hours, impose public use limits, or close all or a portion of a park area to all public use or to a specific use activity

**1. Temporary Pet Restriction Location:**

The beach area between 0.5 mile south of the North Beach parking lot and 0.75 mile north of the South Beach parking lot.

**2. Duration of Temporary Pet Restriction:**

The beach area will be closed to visitors with pets from Friday, June 7, 2019 through Wednesday, September 30, 2019.

**3. Who is affected by Temporary Pet Restriction?**

Visitors with pets. All visitors with pets will be restricted from entering the temporary no pet access area.

**4. Justification for Temporary Pet Restriction:**

To facilitate the survival of multiple federally-threatened western snowy plover nests and hatchlings that are located within the 0.75 mile pet closure area between North Beach parking lot and South Beach parking lot.

**5. Additional Justification/Details for Temporary Pet Restriction:**

Pet restrictions around western snowy plover breeding beaches at Point Reyes is a current practice. Pets add additional disturbance to the plovers due to the similarities pets have with natural predators. Disturbance by pets can lead to nest abandonment, nest failure, adult fatigue, decreased adult fitness, and chick fatality. Pets are currently allowed on the entire beach between North Beach parking lot and South Beach parking lot due to lack of plover nesting activity in the area since 1995. The recent rise in successful plover breeding activity in the past few years necessitates the temporary pet restriction action. Now that multiple nests and hatchlings are present, a reduction in pet access needs to be implemented.

  
Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore

5 JUNE 2019  
Date: