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Shoreline Restoration Work to Begin at McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge

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SABINE PASS — The Texas General Land Office (GLO) and multiple partners are set to begin work on the restoration of approximately 17 miles of the McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) shoreline in Jefferson and Chambers counties.

The restoration project will span from High Island to Sea Rim State Park and will improve the shoreline by widening its beaches to better accommodate recreation, stabilizing the shoreline against further erosion by planting native species and constructing dunes, as well as protecting its marsh system, which acts as a critical habitat for wildlife.

Beach closures for this project will begin on August 10, 2022 and occur in approximately 4-mile sections. The public is asked to respect posted warnings and avoid driving vehicles in designated work zones or active construction areas. Please note that violations will be subject to citation. Once closed sections have been completed, the restored areas will be opened to the public for use. Construction is expected to continue through December 2023.

The GLO is committed to preserving Texas' coastal environment through continuous efforts to keep our beaches clean, safe, and easily accessible to the public. Through this restoration project and others like it, the GLO will continue to partner with coastal communities to preserve the future of the Texas coast.

Project partners include McFaddin NWR, Jefferson County, Chambers County, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), Natural Resources Damage Assessment (NRDA), Deepwater Horizon Texas Trustees, United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act (RESTORE), and Salt Bayou Workgroup.