

Piping Plovers End Off-Roading On Cape

(AP) ORLEANS Many beaches on the westernmost portions of Cape Cod have been closed to off-road endangered piping plover.

Orleans officials voted last night close the town's part of Nauset Beach starting next week.

Vehicle access to the Cape Cod National Seashore's eight-mile off-road vehicle corridor has for the first time been closed to protect piping plovers.

Chatham police closed the town's portion of the beach earlier this month to protect the nesting shorebirds.

Orleans officials say the closures are necessary to comply with state and federal endangered species laws.

The Orleans beaches could be closed to vehicles through the end of July.

The closures are bound to anger those people who pay for off-road vehicle permits.



The Piping Plover (file)