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Subject: my observation last Tuesday afternoon at 2:10PM
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Nora, Cyndy, Mike, Bob, and Frank I posted this info on RDT. This truck was not driven in a safe manner, considering a plover nest was in a hatch window.

If any poor little plover gets stuck in a tire rut in CHNSRA, it is because NPS cannot stop driving in the nesting area just before a nest hatches.

Tuesday afternoon I took the wade/walk out to the point. A white NPS pickup drove out to the point. The tire tracks showed the truck went below the "carsonite" stake at the surf line (the tide was rising 2.5hrs after low) so it had to put drivers side tires into water to do that. The truck stayed low thru the enclosure, just at the high tide line. Once out of the enclosure, this truck was driven up near the dune line coming out, at a good clip. After that, it did a u-turn and drove back down the center of the beach until it retraced its tracks thru the enclosure, except this time staying along the high tide line going back out into the public part of ramp 44.

What irks me is nobody was watching in front of this truck, the truck was going faster than it should (just to u-turn when the driver saw us) about 20mph. This is just before the whole area was closed for hatched plovers.

I could not see any bird observers anywhere out there, I looked for them. To me, being that close to the hatch window, that nest should have been observed. There should have been a walker in front of that truck, or the truck should have been driven slower. IMHO

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