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Aeolian Sediment Transport on Managed Coastal Systems

Beach nourishment is used to restore the sediment budget on eroding shorelines and protect human infrastructure. These managed systems have design geometries and source sediment characteristics that differ from what would occur under natural conditions. Dunes are designed primarily to provide protection against wave attack and flooding. They are often constructed using earth moving equipment and sand fences that create a linear feature with little topographic diversity. In New Jersey, the backshores of these managed systems are often raked to remove beach wrack (litter) and maintained as "slabs of sand," and vegetation that would naturally colonize the beach is eliminated. This presentation will present results of a two-year field investigation to assess differences in sediment transport across backshore and foredune environments in New Jersey that are managed for shore protection with those that are allowed to evolve naturally. Results from instrumented field studies will be reported that assessed differences in transport rates from the beach to foredune caused by changes in beach width, sand fence deployment, and vegetation on raked and unraked backshores.

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