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To Whom It May Concern:

Matt Nuzzo and I have the support of the national organization, Water Sports Industry Association ("WSIA"), to represent watersports enthusiasts on the issue of off-road vehicle ("ORV") access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The WSIA's stated mission is "to provide visionary leadership to increase participation in water sports and to supply members with education and legislative action." The watersports-user group includes participants in kiteboarding, windsurfing, surfing, sailing, kayaking, wakeboarding, skimboarding and other water-based active sports.

It is vital that the watersports-user group not be overlooked. The users within our group range from local residents and business owners to international manufacturers and industries. This group comprises millions of participants worldwide, and among those, well over 1 million participants specifically recognize Cape Hatteras as a premier location for watersports based on conditions and the current ORV access to the soundside and ocean waters.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of people visit this area specifically to participate in watersports. Indeed, the watersports group may be one of the largest combined user groups of the National Seashore. Watersports enthusiasts flock to the National Seashore for the perfect combination of wind and waves. These conditions can be discovered due, in large measure, to the current beach access plan, allowing any combination of wind and swell direction to be found.

Accordingly, our position as representatives of the watersports-user group is pro-ORV access, and our interest is to be recognized as a vital stakeholder to maintain and improve access for watersports users in locations within the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

We are committed to remaining open-minded and level-headed and to diligently participate in the public comment and negotiated rulemaking process. We encourage anyone who would like to respond to this statement or make any comments regarding the watersports-user group to email Trip directly at [trip@realkiteboarding.com](mailto:trip@realkiteboarding.com).

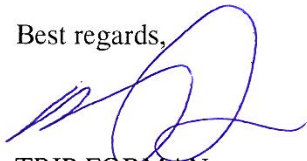
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Thank you for your time and attention to these important issues.

Best regards,



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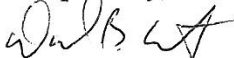
Dear Superintendent Murray:

After reading Ted William's article in the Jan.-Feb. issue of Audubon, I must say that if even half of what he reports is correct, there's cause for real concern at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. More and more it seems that our National Parks are coming under siege from competing interests. My understanding of the law is that our National Parks are one of the few places where protection of the resource, let alone endangered species, should take priority. The situation described by Mr. Williams at Cape Hatteras National Seashore suggests otherwise.

But there is always more than one side to a story, so I'm writing to get your take. Are the events Mr. Williams has chronicled representative at the National Seashore?

Much obliged for your consideration and response.

Respectfully,



Dave Colavito

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February 16, 2007

Superintendent  
RE: Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/EIS  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954.

BY: .....

*MBM  
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Dear Sir:

Protection of habitat for nesting colonial waterbirds and other wildlife should be at the core of any management plan for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Habitat conservation is a fundamental purpose of our national parks, and I am confident that we can both offer sound protection strategies for our wildlife and great recreational facilities for fishers and beachgoers.

Areas such as Pea Island, Cape Point and the flats near Oregon Inlet provide unique habitats for wintering ducks and for such species of concern as piping plover, American oystercatcher and common tern. We must come up with a plan that preserves this habitat, while addressing legitimate concerns of the fishers.

I feel that beach access for people is important, too. However, we should not be allowing people in off-road vehicles to use this national and world treasure as their private drag strip without regard to wildlife that need to share this area. Regulations should establish commonsense rules for drivers that keep them away from nesting areas and the dunes, and we must enforce those rules.

Besides, uncontrolled drivers create dangers for other citizens. They threaten and disturb the activities of sunbathers and walkers. Birding also is a prime people activity at the Seashore, and is the fastest-growing outdoor recreational activity in the United States. Planning should address the rights and recreational opportunities of these taxpayers, too. The tourist economy of the Outer Banks is a vital interest of the State of North Carolina.

The management plan should also address the problematic route of NC Highway 12. As recent as January, the road was overwashed with no hurricane in sight. The short bridge options for replacing Bonner Bridge make no financial sense in the long run. We will just be pouring more money into maintaining Highway 12 in a futile Canute-like effort to hold back the seas. Eventually, we will have to move the road west, anyway, with tomorrow's inflated dollars. We should bite the bullet now and build the long bridge.

Sincerely,



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February 7, 2007

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Mike Murray Superintendent  
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Dear Mr. Murray:

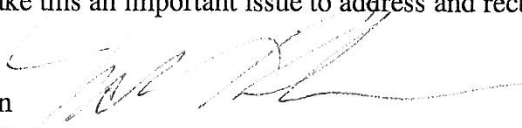
I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the safety of beach-nesting birds at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I and many of my friends are seriously concerned about the wellbeing of these waterbirds, some of which are on the endangered species list. We need to be compassionate, sensitive, and civilized in our management of earth's wildlife. And it is important to protect the animal kingdom for future generations to enjoy.

In a short period of time, Cape Hatteras National Seashore has gone from one of the most important nesting sites to one of the most threatened. The number of birds that nest on the Seashore's beaches have dropped extremely in recent years. There is great need for adequate protection for the nesting birds.

The current destructive situation can be reversed. One of the primary reasons for the decline is human disturbance due to off-road vehicle use. Many baby birds have been crushed to death under the tire of a "pleasure" vehicle. But it is possible to eliminate this danger and the loss of life for the birds. Nesting birds and off-road vehicles can co-exist on the shore provided that protection measures are implemented to keep vehicles away from the nesting areas during the mating and nesting season.

Our sea-birds are threatened and in danger. You have the power to ensure the safety of the birds and other wildlife at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. By making the right decisions based upon the preservation of animal life you can make it happen. I sincerely ask you to make this an important issue to address and rectify.

Yours truly,  
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January 31, 2007

Superintendent  
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RE: Off Road Vehicle Management Plan/EIS  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Dear Sir or Madam:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Off Road Vehicle Management Plan for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am an advocate for assured ORV access balanced against the need for environmental and wildlife protection. And I have a suggestion as to how this balance can be accomplished.

It is vital to the economy of the Outer Banks that the Park Service find a way to allow Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) access to the beaches in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This access is the basis for a large part of the tourist trade that comes not only from North Carolina, but also from many other states in the Eastern United States. While driving in Virginia, I recently saw an Ohio ORV with the vanity plate "FISHOBX".

My immediate interest in urging ORV beach access is based upon my family's ownership of property in Ocracoke, NC. Although we are not wealthy, our investment is substantial and we depend on tourists and fishermen for rental income so that we can continue to own and manage our property. An integral part of continued liquidity is making the beach attractive to tourists, which means ORV access.

I hasten to add that our wildlife and environmental resources also require protection and preservation so that not only we ourselves, but future generations as well will be able to have access and enjoyment of them as well.

So the task is that of balancing what may appear to be competing interests, but which are in reality not so far removed from each other. We want to be able to drive our ORV onto the beach today, but we also want to preserve the beach itself together with its animal and plants and its general environment so that we will continue to want to enjoy it in the future.

The Park service has done a good job of balancing these interests during recent summers by the use of access corridors. These corridors, set aside for use by ORVs, also provide for large areas to be set aside (at least in Ocracoke) for bird and wildlife habitat. This plan appeared to work well and satisfied most.

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I believe perhaps a good approach is the establishment of general guidelines which will require ORV access to the beaches, but providing that access be curtailed (but not completely) to allow for appropriate environmental and wildlife protection. The fine tuning of how much access and where should be left to a volunteer panel comprised of citizens, scientists and government officials so that the balance of access and protection could be varied as conditions require. I would propose that local County Commissioners from Dare and Hyde Counties be allowed to appoint members and that likewise the Park Service appoint members as well.

We as citizens need to have ORV access assured at least to some degree so that tourists and fishermen will continue to come. We do not want this ORV access to such a great extent that it will serve to destroy or negatively change the very thing that draws tourists to the National Seashore. Moreover, because of the dynamics of ever changing considerations this issue would best be handled on a continuing basis by a panel comprised of those interested in the sides of the issue.

I remain, with kind regards,

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Don Short', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R. Don Short

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February 10, 2007

Mr. Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 2795

Dear Superintendent:

I was born in North Carolina and have enjoyed the beauty of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I have been a birdwatcher for 45 years and have degrees in Zoology and Oceanography. I read an article in the latest issue of Audubon magazine which concerns me. I believe that beach nesting birds in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore such as piping plover, black skimmer, gull-billed tern, least tern, oystercatcher and wilson's plover are suffering severe declines in nesting success. One reason is disturbance during the nesting period by off road vehicles. Another cause of the drastic declines in beach nesting birds is losses due to introduced predators on the barrier islands(which could also be managed).

I think that any decisions concerning beach access by these vehicles should include representatives from the ORV group and representatives concerned with the preservation of birds and other wildlife of the barrier islands. The piping plover is actually increasing in numbers at the Cape Cod National Seashore because of restriction of ORVs during the breeding period.

I am not against people enjoying fishing in this area but I do think that nesting areas should be protected during the nesting period. Setting up little fences a few feet from the breeding birds nesting site is not enough to avoid disturbance. If the adult birds are scared away from the nest for any length of time the young birds will die in the extreme heat.

I am extremely disturbed by the policy of letting the ORV users decide the policy for beach access. Shouldn't Americans interested in preservation of beautiful parks be allowed representation for deciding the ORV policy too? Why has the ORV management plan required by law to be implemented in 1972 still not been implemented by 2007? Why is the National Park Service allowing the ORV management plan to be decided by a "negotiated rule process"? Doesn't the enabling act of 1916 for the National Park Service state as its legal mandate "to protect flora, fauna, land, water and the natural processes with which they interact". Didn't Presidents Nixon and Carter issue executive orders which forbade ORV use unless it can be demonstrated that it won't compromise natural values?

I know that the ORV group has a very loud voice but people like me that would like to walk on the beach at Cape Hatteras to observe beach nesting birds should be allowed to state their case. I am saddened to hear that Dr. Steve Kayota's son was almost run over by an ORV while playing on the beach and that Audubon field technician Sidney Maddock has been harassed by ORV chat rooms after testifying at a hearing at Kitty Hawk.

I will appreciate it if you could respond to this letter and inform me why you can not formulate an ORV beach access policy similar to the one at Cape Cod National Seashore for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore instead of the "negotiated rule process". Thanks for listening to the concerns of a citizen who does not want beach-nesting birds to completely disappear from the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Director of the National Park Service.

Sincerely,

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February 13, 2007

Mike Murray  
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Dear Mike,

*We enjoy the Cape Hatteras National Seashore for many reasons. The tranquility, the family getting together, and of course, surfing, fishing and driving on the beach all make our vacations at Cape Hatteras the "most special and memorable" every year.*

*My wife is a native "Tarheel" and we have been going to Hatteras for many years, actually since 1968. We loved it so much, we built a home in Avon, in Kinnakeet Shores in 1986, and we have been down every year since this date for every holiday, summer and occasion we can find.*

*We particularly enjoy the ability to take the family on the beach, including grandchildren, and find a "spot" that everyone can enjoy. And this is quite a feat when you consider we have grandchildren from age twenty one down to six.*

*Mike, we truly encourage you to keep our beaches free and open on Cape Hatteras. The pleasure we have derived over the years cannot be measured and we look forward to many more years of driving on and enjoying this beautiful area.*

*Many thanks in advance for your careful consideration of our wishes during the Negotiated Rule Making process.*

Sincerely,

  
Frank E. Laughon, Jr.

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February 12, 2007

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
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Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Mr. Murray,

I am writing to you as an Audubon Society member and past visitor to your Seashore to urge you to implement appropriate and science-based measures to protect the several species of beach-nesting birds that frequent Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Specifically, I encourage you to regulate the use of off-road vehicles on the beaches.

As you know, several beach-nesting species have suffered serious declines in recent years, due to habitat loss, increased predation and human disturbance. For example, on Hatteras and Bodie islands, from 1993 to 2004 the number of Common Terns declined from 385 pairs to 11; Gull-billed Terns declined from 11 pairs to 0; and Black Skimmers declined from 216 pairs to 13 (NC Audubon). Clearly, these birds need some help.

Two specific measures, if implemented between April 1 and September 1, could make a difference.

1. Divert vehicles around nesting sites or where chicks are present.
2. Close areas if necessary to provide an adequate buffer for nesting birds, to protect chicks from being killed, and to provide chicks with access to foraging habitat.

Responsible use of ORVs on the beach need not threaten the very wildlife that makes the Seashore a unique and beautiful place. Cape Hatteras is a national treasure—and it deserves to be respected and treated as such.

Best Regards,

Sarah M. Andrews



February 10, 2007

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Superintendent  
RE: Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/EIS Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
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As a long-time visitor to the Outer Banks, driving on the beach was always one of the most pleasurable things to do. We have always been recreational fishermen and the luxury of four-wheeling on the beach made it so much easier to enjoy. I love the Outer Banks and am a supporter of keeping the seashore clean and accessible to all. I think it has now come down to financing to allow the coexistent of beach driving and at the same time protection of the environment of the beach.

I would propose that every vehicle owner entering the Outer Banks must have purchased a vehicle access permit of varying degrees of cost ...lesser (preferably no cost at all) for the year round residents, higher for the part-year rental property owners/residents, and even higher for the visitors. This could be accomplished by having a daily, weekly, monthly, yearly and/or lifetime access sticker available for purchase....and enforced at the first access to the Outer Banks such as Hwy 64 from the East.....Hwy 158 from the North...and the Ferry terminals elsewhere.....covering all entrances to the Outer Banks. The funds collected from this permit could be used specifically for maintenance and enforcement of the Outer Banks beaches.

I know that I love visiting this area enough that this would be only a token amount to ensure the continued beach access and the preservation of this unique region. I was happy at the recent creation/enforcement of recreational fishing licenses for the Outer Banks. This proposed vehicle access permit could be issued in much the same manner, however, for every vehicle entering the Outer Banks.

We must find a way to preserve the Outer Banks as well as to preserve our right to access them. Please do not take the easy way out by simply outlawing beach access via motorized vehicle.

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Are there any additional issues that you think we should consider in developing the Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (see the public scoping newsletter <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha>)? Please provide any additional comments regarding the scope of the Off-road Vehicle Management Plan/EIS below.

1. Acknowledge that An ORV use impacts wildlife - even when the ORVs obey the rules ; there is still noise, tire, tracks interfering w birds & wildlife movement , etc.
2. Only allow surf fishermen to use ORVs on the beach. And limit the Areas ; times based on best practices for wildlife /birds.
3. Acknowledge that economies have a way of cycling & re-bounding.  
~~How can fisheries be managed~~
4. Use a bussing system and bus for fishermen.
5. Boat in fishermen.
6. Combine conservation with dealing with NC's obesity problem. There are alot of overweight people in this room. Require fishermen to start WALKING to go fishing.
7. If they are truly so concerned w People with disabilities , then provide a disability van.
8. Stop blaming ORV users who disobey rules.  
ORV use harms the beaches.

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I believe that first priority should be given to protecting birds and other wildlife (e.g. turtles). This means that all access to the best bird nesting areas, such as Cape Point and the areas adjacent to the inlets, should be prohibited during nesting season. The areas can be open to pedestrian traffic (e.g. walking) during non-nesting periods.

All vehicle traffic should be prohibited on the beaches adjacent to dwellings.

The remaining beach areas should be divided into two roughly equal portions:

1. An area restricted to non motorized uses.
2. An area open to most uses including motorized beach driving subject to suitable restrictions - e.g.
  - No driving on vegetated areas or on dunes
  - No speeding
  - No ~~right~~ driving between sunset and sunrise

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I feel it is contradictory to the intent of Congress when establishing the CTRVRA for ALL CITIZENS that there should be any diminution of the MULTI-Use concept for the beaches and soundfront. While some may advocate dedicated or "single use" set-asides for their own exclusive purpose, this is clearly an anti-social, deviant attitude. The thought that a Public Resource should be denied to many diverse users because a small minority of potential users are repulsed or offended by the mere sight of their fellow citizens recreating in a different manner is un-egalitarian and contradictory to the concepts of our Constitution.

Furthermore - when the "elitist" user is not present, a public resource lies fallow and unused by entitled citizens... This is inefficient and unsupportable.

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I think permits with a month minimum would weed out some of the people who aren't serious fishermen (seniors fishermen = more likely to respect the beach). People who come in to drink + carouse over a weekend might be deterred.

Also, strict limits on ORVs during the bird/turtle nesting season. Only so many allowed on the point per day. Really limit ORV + bird interactions during this time.

Finally, part of an ORV permit system would include a mandatory class ~~taken~~ taken annually, no matter what the permit period of time is.

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ORV plan / scoping meeting

I am a tourist. I am from NY (Hudson Valley) and have been coming to Cape Hatteras National Seashore since the late 1960's. I have no economic interest in the area. My interest lies in the ability to be able to navigate / negotiate driving the beach.

I do not consider myself an expert on what's best for all parties involved. I do have an opinion on ORV use (as most here do). I firmly believe that Beach access whether by vehicle or foot (pedestrian) should be allowed. While arguments exist that ORV users are destroying the habitat (natural resource), can anyone tell me that a 3-day Nor'easter doesn't destroy the habitat (natural resource) or any other natural event (hurricane doesn't destroy the habitat (natural resource)). While agreeing that the above are natural events, ORV usage should not be disallowed due to misaligned perceptions of others.

The decision to allow ORV as well as pedestrian access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore should be based on common sense and not emotion. If an area is deemed unsafe (width) by NPS, then ORV (maybe even pedestrian usage) should be curtailed until such time as deemed safe by NPS personnel. The question may arise what is safe; and frankly that is a very good question to which I don't have the expertise to answer but would hope that NPS personnel are capable of providing this answer.

I do not consider myself an extensive ORV user of the beach, I do however consider myself lucky / and to be honest privileged to experience driving the beach as well as having the ability to show my family the different areas of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore other than the areas in front of the villages.

I have witnessed occurrences of ORV users driving in front of the villages during peak season and would not recommend this scenario if for no other reason than there are to many visitors on the beach in front of the villages. The National Seashore designation implies **SAFE** use for all who want to use the resource.

The most important need for Cape Hatteras National Seashore is the presence of NPS personnel. While understanding the issue of manpower (or lack thereof), it needs to be understood that without NPS presence, rules / regulations etc. are words and only words. Enforcement of the rules / regulations needs to be in the hands of personnel responsible for the care and maintenance of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore (NPS). The only way disrespectful visitors will ever abide by the rule is to enforce the rule.

- 1) Ramps / turnouts etc. currently established appear to be adequate at least as far as I'm concerned. At ramp locations the following should be made available: 1) **RULES** for using the beach for ORV or Pedestrian traffic; 2) dumpsters; 3) air stations (re-fill tires); 4) water; 5) ferry schedule; 6) emergency contact numbers (medical, law enforcement, NPS). Additional ramps / turnouts as warranted / needed. However, additional ramps/ turnouts must be deemed necessary based upon the need, not because of surplus of annual funding that needs to be spent. To build a ramp / turnout just because there is money available is not the right solution. Protecting the Cape Hatteras National Seashore for future generations is the ultimate goal. How this is achieved is open for negotiation as it should be, protection of this wonderful resource is our responsibility.



Consideration should be given to widening the beach in areas that have been hit hard by natural events (nor'easters, hurricanes) {reclaim the beach}. Areas currently deemed protected (Pea Island) should remain protected for obvious environmental reasons. If and when the time comes and Pea Island is no longer considered an environmentally protected / sensitive area then consideration should be undertaken to open the beach for traffic (pedestrian or vehicular). However, NPS needs to have the final say.

- 2) Seasonal Closures – should be mandated per rental season in front of the villages or when deemed necessary by NPS. However, re-opening of these areas should also occur once tourist season is over (especially in front of the villages). Typically, as I understand, the tourist season is roughly mid May – Labor Day weekend. As for temporary closures for other reasons (turtle nesting, bird nesting, etc.), NPS should have the final say. That said common sense should be one of the primary factors. Closing an area that is not in close proximity to a sensitive area should remain open. Again, NPS needs to be the lead in this determination and I can't stress enough NPS needs to be the lead. Closed areas should be re-evaluated on a timely basis and when warranted should be re-opened in a timely manner. Enclosures should have further setback from the actual nesting site in an attempt to minimize pedestrian / vehicular damage. Also the enclosures should be constructed in a manner that impedes pedestrian access (stronger wire, low shock wire etc.). Place sensors within the protected areas, when activated, respond and react accordingly. We have placed sensors along the ocean floor throughout the world to monitor for any abnormalities why not use this type of technology or related technology. I realize that there is a cost associated with this type of endeavor as well as the potential for an increase in manpower but. Most important, visitor education toward proper use of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore needs to be stressed. Every visitor (vehicular or pedestrian) needs to be informed of his or her responsibilities relative to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. If we can land a man on the moon and send a telescopic satellite (Hubbell) to view far away planets technology must be made available that will monitor, record and report any abnormality to sites deemed to be protected by NPS personnel. Communication between parties that use the Cape Hatteras National Seashore for recreational purposes (fishing, surfing, walking, admiring the surrounding environment etc.) is crucial for any plan to work. Should protected sites be under video surveillance, I would hope that this would not be the case. I believe that users for the most part will abide by clearly defined rules / regulations. Those that don't, I have no sympathy for and neither should anyone else including law enforcement and the judicial process.
- 3) Safety closures on the beach should be based upon experienced NPS personnel determining that due to circumstances (wind, hurricane other natural event) the beach is not safe to traverse, (to close to water, to close to dunes, potential of harming resource because of the lack of room. However, re-evaluating the closed area(s) should be undertaken in a timely manner. Upon this re-evaluation, the area in question is opened or remains closed pending the next re-evaluation.

- 4) Enforcement of the rules is paramount to protecting the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I admit this will require funding at the federal level but it cannot be stressed enough, without enforcement, rules are simply words. While many will abide by the written rule as they currently do, there will be those that for whatever reason will feel the need to place their individual goals above those of the majority of users thereby jeopardizing the use by the majority.

In general, ORV / pedestrian users that I have witnessed using the beach are concerned about protecting the beach and it's resources. Unfortunately, it only takes a few inconsiderate individuals to cast aspersions in the eyes of those that for their own reason(s) have determined ORV usage / pedestrian traffic should not be permitted on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. There are laws / rules etc. that are enacted to protect something / someone. However, the laws / rules do not punish the innocent. They are meant to punish the offender. There is always going to be the self-absorbed individual who for whatever reason feels the need to push the limit. There is nothing that can be done about this type of individual except punish when caught breaking the law / rule (i.e. Speeders, corporate / white-collar crime, etc.). Negotiated rule making is a democratic process. The process needs to hear input from all interested parties and take into consideration all aspects of the result. It is **NOT** and should never be a process that is controlled in structure, format or composition by any 1 interested party / group. The Cape Hatteras National Seashore should not become an Oligarchy (controlled by the rule of a few). Ultimately, NPS is the final authority in how the Cape Hatteras National Seashore will be governed based upon policy / rules / laws whatever that are currently on the book or to be enacted. That said no group should be barred from enjoying this wonderful natural resource just to placate a select few.

America for all her faults is still a democracy and as a taxpayer, I feel I have the right to voice my opinion. Maybe I'm being naïve when I say that democracy is not supposed to be bought and paid for. To me a democracy represents the ability to sit down together, discuss an issue and ultimately resolve the issue presented fairly and honestly. While some representative(s) of the process may not agree with the ultimate decision, the decision has been reached in a democratic manner. It is not a scenario where if I don't like the decision, I'll take my ball and go home. If the final decision is to curtail ORV / pedestrian use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I won't like the decision but I will respect the rule.

2/23/07

To: Mike Murray Superintendent,

Re: Off-road Vehicle Management Plan/EIS Cape Hatteras National Recreation Seashore

Mike, as you know I moved to the Outer Banks (Southern Shores) when my wife & I retired in late 2005. We primarily moved here to fish the surf on Hatteras Island. In 2004 and into 2005 there was (and still is) contentious debate about how much & how long some of the most productive surf fishing beaches should (could, would) be closed to mobile surf fishermen and other beach users. As time progressed you were appointed to Park Superintendent. The attention you are giving this thorny issue has given us (mobile surf fishermen) and the anti-ORV groups some light at the end of both of our tunnels. Bringing Thayer Brodie onboard has brought a fresh mind and eyes to sort out the hype from fact into what birds need as well as the mobile surf fishing folks. Both can co-exist on the beaches of the Cape Hatteras National Recreational Seashore.

Putting porta-potties & dumpsters at each access ramp provided us (the beach users) a place to unload, among other things, the trash we pick up daily, when we are out fishing. To me, cleaning up around where I setup to fish is a no-brainer. I try to leave every place I go better than I found it. The storms we have here bring fresh flotsam & jetsam on every high tide. I have pulled very heavy pieces of netting off as well as several large poles out to where a loader could get to them. If this stuff remains on the beach it becomes a place where predators could stalk fledglings or eggs, and detracts from the beauty of the seashore.

The step the N.P.S. (you & Thayer) took in letting us create a route behind the dune line giving all of us access to the "point" at high tide last spring was masterful, thank you. The careful placement of the "symbolic fencing" allowing both birds & us (mere humans) routes to productive feeding & fishing areas by splitting the fine lines of what the U.S.F.W. & the birders wanted, as well as the needs of the mobile beach users, again, was deftly done. We as a group (mobile beach users) are getting through to the individual beach abuser (donut makers, fence crossers, and just plain rude 4x4 drivers, plus the litter'rs) and the amount of damage they do is decreasing. Many of us (if we are witnesses) to blatant law breaking, would gladly join your Rangers in court to testify, if necessary. Most of us will call and report bad behavior, last spring I called about several Jet Skis romping in the surf near Hatteras Inlet. To make sure the message is clear, violators should get more than a wrist slap, stiff fines should be given.

The main culprit that keeps birds like the Piping Plover from making a comeback on the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Recreational Seashore is Mother Nature. She's a cruel mother, with regular Nor' Easters & hurricanes overwashing almost all the beaches in the Park, eggs & fledglings stand poor chances of survival. There is nothing any man can do to prevent nature's wrath. The same forces that make it hard for some birds to make it are what bring the fish to the shores of the Seashore. Two currents colliding into Diamond Shoals bring the largest species of coastal swimming fish (Red Drum, Striped Bass,

Cobia, and too many large sharks to name) within reach of fishermen standing in the surf. Man has been trying to catch these fish since we have been able to. Dwindling numbers of some of the fish in years past has led us to catch & release almost all we can hook. Gone are the days of greed where fish were stacked like wood to rot in the sun. Yes, there are some who don't get it, but their numbers are dwindling.

Efforts like teaching the young visitors to our Seashore how to fish, and respect Mother Nature, pay off in ways we cannot imagine. The children tell their parents what they learned and two generations go home with a wish to come back again to experience the gifts this Seashore offers.

Oregon Inlet beaches are being washed away, as well as the sand around the Bonner Bridge pilings. The area that over washes yearly has very little high ground, if any, for air breathers to flee to in the storms. The beach between Rodanthe & Avon get changed, being washed away to the dune line only to rebuild itself with the next change of wind. Hatteras Inlet beaches were washed away last spring leaving no room for man or bird on the once expansive sand flats. We are lucky that Ocracoke Inlet still is intact. The "point" shifts with every storm, meandering back and forth. Some days there is a pool on the southward side, sometimes a thin spit going way out at low tide. None can predict this, or hope to control any of it, either.

The negotiated rulemaking coming up will boil on all sides at once. The rules are going to change; special care must be taken to weed from the stake holders; the skills, the empty groups that do not exist except for one person claiming it so. Any group threatening a lawsuit has no right to a seat at this important table, or in any discussion regarding what needs to be accomplished in the negotiated rulemaking process. All sides will have to give some; The mobile beach user so far (to me) already has given time and again. You stopped this quite a bit last spring, thank you. There are many who write that have not a clue, about what they are saying. There should be no limit to beach users, unless all the beach users, including feathered animals and furred ones as well, are limited. Too many of anything can outstrip the resource it depends on. Payment of a yearly fee for every vehicle that uses the off-road parts of the Park could offset the costs of monitoring our feathered friends, somewhat, if beaches are not closed wholesale as in years past. Don't charge me for something & then say I can't use it. With the way Mother Nature treats us, all of our good intentions can be turned on its head at any time.

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Mr Mike Murray  
 Superintendent, Cape Hatteras NS

Sir:

I am saddened by what I have read in Audubon. You know the contents of the article.

It does correspond to what I have seen on occasional visits to the seashore.

There are better examples of seashore management, including restriction of motor vehicle use, including on the Great Lakes.

I urge you to do what you can to return Cape Hatteras National Seashore to a quieter, less confrontational, and more positive environment.

Ronald A. Beckus  
 Florence, Wisc.

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Feb 14, 2007

Dear Mr Murray,

I read with horror the  
 Ted Williams article  
 "Beach Bombs" in the  
 most recent Audubon  
 magazine. The mandate  
 of the Park Service is  
 to preserve and protect  
 for future generations - not  
 to hand the park over  
 to any special interest  
 groups because they resort  
 to bullying and violence.

The Joni Mitchell song  
that warns "you paved  
paradise and put up a  
parking lot" could  
have been written for  
Hatteras Island.

Thank you  
Ellen Johnson

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- ① someone has to step forward to protect wildlife regardless of monetary press. It is the LAW
- ② Break law - make fine reflect seriousness of crime - Large fine 1 or 2000 \$ - revoke fishing license for a meaningful period of time - 1 + years.
- ③ there is room for both - fisherman are proving the law is a scuff-law when it comes to them.

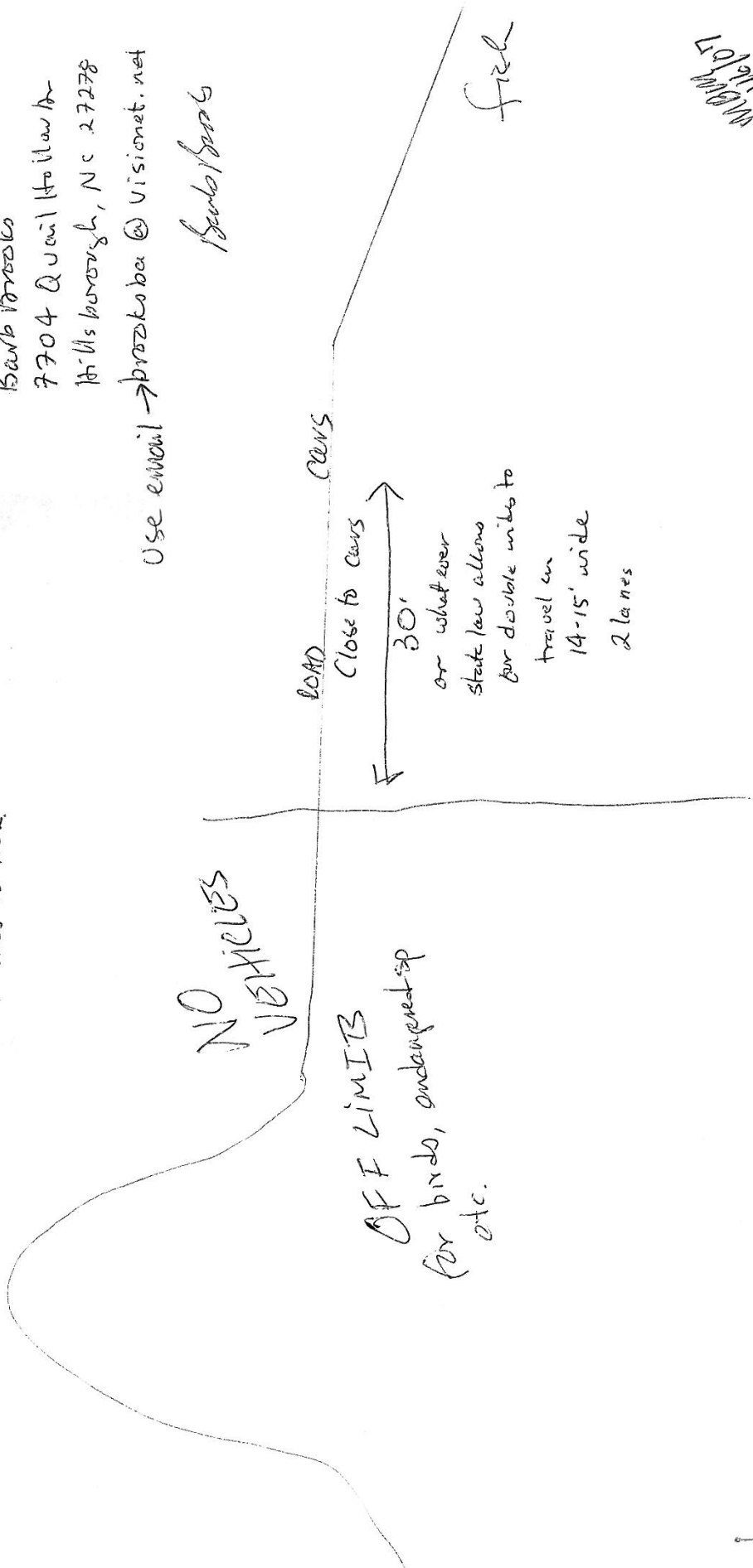
I just really don't see why the below can't work.

- fish = sea
- birds = behind dunes/ponds.
- road in middle.

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To :

BY: .....

Mike Murray, Superintendent, Cape Hatteras NAT. Seashore

Dear Sir,

As an avid fisherman who enjoys surf fishing I feel the right/privilege to drive on the outer banks beaches should be protected in our National Seashore and surrounding townships. I also feel that shorebirds such as the piping plover should be protected and that it is the National Park Services responsibility to insure this (within its jurisdiction).

Sure, fishing at the Point might be better than the north beach or ramp 3A but for the survival of a species I'll deal with temporary beach closures or convoy style guided passage thru nesting areas.

If some kind of compromise can be reached to allow anglers to prime fishing spots I'm all for it - however I think the birds, turtles, etc. should be protected first and foremost.

Thanks for listening,

Rick Schultz  
6443 Niblick Rd  
Grifton, NC 28530  
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Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras Nat. Seashore  
Mantea, N.C.

The article in the Jan.-Feb. Audubon magazine about Cape Hatteras Nat. Seashore both shocked and angered me.

The flouting of other federal laws as well as the General Authorities Act and the executive orders of two past presidents which forbid OPV use unless it can be demonstrated that it won't compromise natural values is clear. But the seashore's own enabling legislation that it be permanently reserved as a primitive wilderness is quite apparently meaningless!

To read that the Park Service is terrified of the OPV people and their lobby is disgusting! I am once again ashamed of our federal government and its bureaucrats for its cowardice and catering to big moneyed interests. What are you being paid for??

I am sickened and angry at the callous and uncivilized attitude of the nasty, adolescent behavior of the OPV owners. And am likewise disgusted with the UPS for your spineless disregard of the nation's laws, so typical of the Bush administration.

Sincerely,

*Mr. Joseph Schatz*

Mr. Joseph Schatz  
POB 23  
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Dear Superintendent Mike Murray,  
Please protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore from ORVs. Give these people a small chunk of land away from the seashore and let them destroy it to their hearts content, but get them off the habitat for the turtles and plovers.

This is a National Seashore, not just for abuse by a small group.

Thank You

Robert Paradise

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All user groups would like to think that their purpose and use of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore are the most important, but to openly try to manipulate the opinions of the public and give reason for the NPS to second guess themselves on policies and procedures is inexcusable.

Audubon Society has failed to mention many positive outcomes of having ORV use on the beaches at not only Cape Hatteras but other seashores throughout the country. Several whales, turtles and seals have beached themselves and due to the ORV users initial efforts to contact proper authorities, some of these sea dwellers have been able to be returned to the sea or taken to a facility for continued care of them like the Baltimore Aquarium and other appropriate facilities. Without the ORV users access, these sea dwellers may not have been found in time resulting in a higher mortality rate.

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In closing I would encourage you to discount and dismiss any and all letters that are filed from organizations as a result of this technically inaccurate and propaganda article bashing the Dept of Interior, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and finally ORV users for enjoying nature for the purpose of recreational fishing as we have known it historically for many years.

I would like to thank you at this time for helping ORV users maintain access to our beaches so we can enjoy the outdoors for recreational fishing.

With Regards,

Chris Linton

AMSA member # 1166

OBPA member

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With Regards,

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Mike Murray Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Mr. Murray:

I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the safety of beach-nesting birds at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I and many of my friends are seriously concerned about the wellbeing of these waterbirds, some of which are on the endangered species list. We need to be compassionate, sensitive, and civilized in our management of earth's wildlife. And it is important to protect the animal kingdom for future generations to enjoy.

In a short period of time, Cape Hatteras National Seashore has gone from one of the most important nesting sites to one of the most threatened. The number of birds that nest on the Seashore's beaches have dropped extremely in recent years. There is great need for adequate protection for the nesting birds.

The current destructive situation can be reversed. One of the primary reasons for the decline is human disturbance due to off-road vehicle use. Many baby birds have been crushed to death under the tire of a "pleasure" vehicle. But it is possible to eliminate this danger and the loss of life for the birds. Nesting birds and off-road vehicles can co-exist on the shore provided that protection measures are implemented to keep vehicles away from the nesting areas during the mating and nesting season.

Our sea-birds are threatened and in danger. You have the power to ensure the safety of the birds and other wildlife at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. By making the right decisions based upon the preservation of animal life you can make it happen. I sincerely ask you to make this an important issue to address and rectify.

Yours truly,  
Deborah L. Edwards



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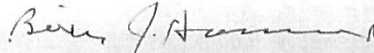
Dear Superintendent Murray:

This is to make a plea for a solution to be found considering the problem of ORV's running over nesting sites on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. While I don't surf fish much anymore I do enjoy driving to the "point" to see birds and wildlife. There must be a compromise in order for all to enjoy the greatness of Hatteras.

Seeing pictures of a crushed bird nest and reading about a café offering fried Piping Plover on the menu do not bode well for a meeting of the minds.

In reading the Management Plan it seems that appropriate language is used to address the conflict. Whatever the problem is it is now time to resolve the issue before more wildlife is lost.

Sincerely Yours,



Billy J. Hammond

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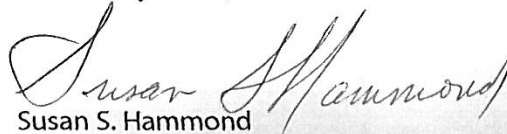
Dear Mr. Murray,

I have read much about what has been happening at Cape Hatteras National Seashore concerning ORV's and nesting bird sites where the Park Service has not taken action to keep ORV's from using nesting sites of endangered species of birds. When individuals were cited for violations they were not prosecuted.

Having lived near the Bogue Sound area a lot I have watched the decline of shore birds, Piping Plovers (endangered), Oyster Catchers, and Black Skimmers to such an extent that when I see one it gives me real pleasure. The way things are presently going I do not expect to see many of the above mentioned birds within the next decade.

Please take a stand. Do not let ORV's invade the nesting sites of colonial birds. Please let us set aside and protect sites for nesting birds.

Sincerely Yours,

  
Susan S. Hammond



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Mike Murray, Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore,  
1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954

Feb 7, 2007

Dear Mr. Murray,

I have just finished reading *Audubon Magazine's* article "Beach Bums" which details the destruction of endangered and protected beach-nesting birds on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. From the article a main danger to these nesting birds is the rampant and inconsiderate use of Off-road vehicles on your seashore. The article depicts these ORV users as yahoos and troglodytes who care nothing about the environment. Bumper stickers like "I love Piping plovers, they taste like chicken!" are offensive to all decent people.

I don't know what you can do about this problem; perhaps you could start by obeying and enforcing the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and other government orders pertaining to your area of responsibility!

My family and I were going to visit North Carolina this Spring specifically to go bird-watching but from the impression I get from this *Audubon* article I imagine we would be accosted by gangs of roving ORV riders, hooting and hollering like some demented rednecks, who would then shoot us where we stand and drag us behind their ORVs! Well, I won't be coming to North Carolina nor spending any of my money there until you get this problem solved according to the laws it is your responsibility to uphold. And I will be telling everyone I know about this situation on our supposed National Seashore at Cape Hatteras!

Sincerely



Dave Hyde

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Mike Murray,  
Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
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BY:.....

Dear Mr. Murray.

I am a Californian resident, on the way to move into Asheville NC. I fell in love with Asheville, last year when we visited my mother, who lives in Tennessee. I thought North Carolina, beautiful, decent, lovely, healthy and fairly progressive. My husband and I are deciding to call it home.

However, we became most alarmed and horrified after reading an article in last month issue of Audubon Magazine. How dare North Carolina overlook and encourage piping plover endangerment by allowing Off Road Vehicles to drive up to the beach front?

This is appalling. Not only are ORV's noisy, they pollute the air and ruin Significant Ecological sites and now kill these beach birds? We are amazed at the ignorance displayed here. Please restrict ORV's from the beach front. ORV's are a ridiculous past time, burning fossil fuels and creating a noisy disturbance wherever they are ridden.

Deeply concerned,  
Celeste Dye  
643 Maltman Ave #101  
Los Angeles, CA 90026

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FEBRUARY 8, 2007

Mr. Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Mr. Murray:

Please restrict off road vehicles in our National Seashore so that birds and the fragile beach environment are not harmed by them. I actually do not see any need for them on a National Seashore, which I expect my government to manage for the protection and benefit of the wildlife and natural features. There are certainly plenty of other beaches in North Carolina where ORVs seem to have full access in the off season months.

Sincerely,



Cavett French

MBW  
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250 Bison Trail  
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Superintendent  
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Dear Superintendent Murray:

Fifty five years ago my passion for surf fishing began. It did not take long for me to recognize the many benefits owning a beach vehicle (beach buggy) would provide. Today they are called ORVs, but I feel age allows me to call them what I have always known them to be called. By today's standards my first beach buggy was rather primitive, but nevertheless, I have very fond memories of fishing trips utilizing this buggy. After purchasing the buggy I quickly learned it provided greater mobility, access to remote areas, ability to carry more gear, comfort for my family, and a place to get out of bad weather, if only for a short while.

Through the years I and my family have enjoyed many surf fishing adventures from Maine to Portsmouth Island utilizing a beach buggy. During the early years our concerns were fish and bait availability, weather, etc. During slow fishing periods I would take the time to instruct my children about the history of the area we were visiting, local plant and wildlife, and other issues of interest to them. Very early on my children learned about beach ecology. Those were very enjoyable times for me.

Now that I am in my older years, being able to access the beach with a beach buggy is even more important if I am to be able to continue to enjoy the sport I love so much.

When compared to my surf fishing beginnings things are very much different today. We have the so-called environmentalists, anti-access folks or "social engineers" that are attempting to make everyone conform to their way of thinking. They are working to end a past-time I have loved these many years by making beaches off-limits. It is not only surf fishermen being attacked, but boat fishermen are under attack as well, as these "engineers" try to make vast areas of the oceans off-limits to all by creating Marine Protected Areas or MPAs. Fishermen are not the only outdoors people being affected as all across America these anti-access, anti-recreation people are attempting to make large areas of our forests and parks off-limits as well.

Superintendent Murray, I don't envy the position you and the National Park Service are in: trying to please everyone. However, I encourage you, when looking down a very crowded beach, to see what is really occurring there. See fishermen who are enjoying themselves, whether seasoned or a beginner catching his or her very first fish; see children playing in the sand with their parents; see a child trying to understand the many

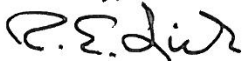
mysteries of a sea shell; and hear the happy squeals of a baby when the little waves rush in to touch his/her toes for the first time. I have participated in these memorable events and fully believe this is what a park should be about: folks enjoying themselves in their chosen form of recreation. More importantly, when all the fun is over and the folks leave, my many years of experience tell me the beach and its inhabitants are still fine. If there ever is any sort of negative impact, I suggest you look at the cost/benefit ratio. I am confident the cost will be very minimal when compared to the thousands of man hours of recreational opportunities provided. Is that not the intention of our parks?

Another very important point is the economy of the local communities. The summer time hoards are, for the most part, only at CHNS for three months, while beach buggies laden with rods and reels are seen through the entire year. The economic loss would be significant if beach buggy fishermen were to face additional restrictions at CHNS.

As the Negotiated Rule Making Process moves forward I hope my views, and those of many who are users of the resource as I am, are considered. In addition, I hope the Board remembers when our National Seashores were established they were originally to be managed as National Recreational Areas. Many beach buggy anglers, this writer included, worked to establish our Seashores for future generations to utilize and enjoy as we have.

Thank you for considering my views and I wish you much success during the Negotiated Rule Making Process. I am confident my organizations OBPA and NCBBA will work to achieve success along with you.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Lick  
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John Zeiger

63 Beacon Hill Rd.

Ardsley, NY 10502

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2/12/07

Mike Murrey  
Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Mr. Murrey,

I was very angry to learn in Audubon (Beach Bums, Jan.-Feb. 2007) that off road vehicles are given free rein in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Reckless drivers endanger the lives of endangered shorebirds—piping plovers and least terns—sea turtle eggs, and innocent people walking along the beach. In fact, since many children play on the seashore, is it fair to allow ORVs to threaten them? Also, although most ORV drivers probably are responsible people, they don't all follow the rules. Many cross the string fences protecting seabird-nesting areas, and disturb or kill the nestlings. Also, ORV drivers often leave garbage and fishing bycatch—sharks and skates—on the beach, which attracts predators like gull and raccoons. Our National Seashores were created support the pleasure of the majority of the people and to preserve wildlife, not to support destructive interest groups. ORV use must be restrained in Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Sincerely,

John Zeiger

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2730 Monticello Drive  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106  
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Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Superintendent Murray,

I'm writing to show support for conservation efforts directed toward protecting nesting birds during critical periods in their life cycles. I understand that a small but vocal group of ORVers are very hostile to any restraint placed on their vehicular beach access. It is unfortunate that they cannot tolerate sharing even a portion of the beach for a small part of the year in order that beautiful birds such as terns and skimmers can successfully reproduce and continue to grace our shores and lift our spirits with their lovely, acrobatic maneuvers.

I am sure you are well aware that it is entirely possible to create win-win solutions so that people can enjoy the beach AND birds and other creatures can do what they need to do to survive and thrive. I urge you to follow the best practices that science, wildlife management and political acumen have to offer; confident that in so doing you will preserve what is worthwhile and leave a legacy reflecting vision, collaboration, prudence and compassion.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. Robertson



“To Everything  
There is a Season;  
And a Time for Every Purpose  
Under Heaven”

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Ms. Linda Revere  
PO Box 914  
Boise City, OK 73933

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was the seashore opened  
ORU's in 2004? Since  
who do civilians dictate to  
the National interest at  
Cape Hatteras on anyplace else!

They run over nests - threaten  
you obviously - Chesting  
shore birds have enough  
difficulty with weather and  
predation of eggs by birds -  
rob (ghost) attacks and loss  
of shelter and food.

What kind of man lets ORU's  
dominate his actions to do  
his Job !!

The Outer Banks belong to us all  
not just ORU's - Fire them  
Keep them ORU's - DO Some  
Thing for those without  
voices!! Linda M. Revere



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Ms. Lydia Garvey  
429 S 24th St  
Clinton, OK 73601-3713

JAN 12 2007

Dear Mr. Murray  
Outer Banks Group

I strongly urge you to NIX ORVs!  
The destruction is needless, senseless  
and against the mission of Our  
Public lands.

Do your job - Protect our waters,  
lands & wildlife.

Your attention to this most  
urgent matter would be much  
appreciated by all present &  
future generations of all species.

Thank you,

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1/12/07

The Outer Banks is not a thrills/chills land  
but precious, sacked wildlands where  
species (our relatives) are trying to survive  
Such severe disrespect is intolerable.

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682 National Av  
Winchester, Va  
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Dear Superintendent,

I am very concerned about the impact of uncontrolled ORV use. Shore birds breed for a very brief period of time and are susceptible to disturbances. The National Park System was established to protect natural systems and wildlife. On National Parks there should be no accommodations for wildlife deaths.

It is time to rein in  
the uncontrolled use of ORUs and  
the damage they are causing to  
wildlife and ecosystems. Thank  
you.

Sincerely,

Mar A. B.

Jan 11, 2007

Dear Sup. Murray,

Just a brief note to express my deep concern over how ORV users seem to be "bullying" the management of Cape Hatteras Wild Season. I believe the bird life is more important than the amusement of the motorized recreation crowd.

P.S. no reply needed

Sincerely,  
Dee Peck

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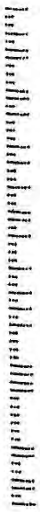
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PATRICK "RICK" LAW

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DEAR MR. MURRAY,

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS FOR WILDLIFE EVERY WHERE, ESPECIALLY AT CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE WHERE ORY & HUMAN IMPACT IS RESULTING IN NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR WILDLIFE, ESPECIALLY WATERBIRDS & SHOREBIRDS.

MYSELF & OTHER RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE & ORGANIZATIONS SOLICIT YOUR SUPPORT OF A SCIENCE BASED MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT ADEQUATELY PROTECTS HABITATS FOR WATERBIRDS & SHOREBIRDS, THAT REMOVES NON-NATIVE PREDATORS FROM NESTING AREAS & PROVIDES APPROPRIATE BUFFER ZONES BETWEEN PEOPLE & NESTING BIRDS. WILDLIFE NEEDS YOUR HELP & SUPPORT.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Law

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*A personal note...*

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1/4/07*

*Mike Murray  
Supt.  
Cape Hatteras Nat'l. Seashore*

*1/4/07*

*Dear Mr. Murray:*

*It is appalling to me that ORVs are  
allowed in areas of beach nesting  
birds,*

*I appeal to you to see that the  
practice is discontinued and that  
efforts toward this end be  
hastened to stop the slaughter  
presently occurring.*

*Yours sincerely,  
Welyn Durkee  
Minneapolis, MN. 55411*



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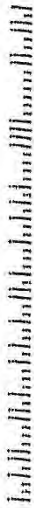
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Manteo N.C. 27954

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Superintendent Murray,

I am writing to you because of a very disturbing article in Audubon Jan/Feb 2007 that I read. In short, the article described a deterioration of the beaches at Cape Hatteras Nat'l Seashore due to off road vehicle use. As a result, a severe drop in the population of various shore birds and a dangerous situation for casual beach walkers.

I urge you to implement an entire closure of Cape Hatteras Nat'l Seashore to any off road vehicles. The very idea of driving one's car or truck on the sand of some barrier island beach is bizarre and not romantic or macho. It is indicative of one's lack of imagination, appreciation and reverence for the value of natural places. It is also down right laziness.

So, to prevent further destruction to Cape Hatteras, please protect this island from off road use so the wildlife & the people that really appreciate the island's beach can be protected.

Sincerely,  
Clifford Bove  
P.O. Box 305  
Locust Valley, N.Y. 11560

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Dear Mr. Murray,

I am writing to express my concern for the wildlife at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The irresponsible use of ORVs, the illegal use of fireworks, & massive development along the Outer Banks in the past 30 yrs., just to name a few, are wreaking havoc on the animals, particularly the bird population. It also doesn't help that many ORV operators leave unwanted catch (such as sharks & skates) behind instead of releasing them back into the water, leave discarded bait & fish entrails behind, & litter, which attracts predators such as cats, raccoons, & gulls.

It's unfortunate that many ORV operators have a blatant disregard for the rules, wildlife, & even humans. Many refuse to follow the speed limit & let chicks cross & rejoin their parents when they wander into traffic (after all, it was the animals' territory first). Not only do chicks & eggs (birds & sea turtles) get run over, but ORVs destroy wrecks, create ruts chicks cannot climb out of, & prevent many birds from nesting & reproducing.

It is time to stop fearing ORV operators; politics should not even play a part in this. This is a matter of preservation, conservation, & safety. Stricter regulations must be instituted & enforced if the natural beauty of this area is to



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~~is~~ protected.

I thank you for your time & kind attention.

Sincerely,  
Denise Lytle



Ms. Denise Lytle  
73 Poplar St.  
Fords, NJ 08863

cc: Mary A. Boman, Director  
National Park Service

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Dear Mr. Murray;  
 I am outraged by the  
 willful destruction of  
 birds by those damn  
 drunken hicks! Since  
 Buck & "Chucky" are at  
 sale of spec. interests,  
 they have to be punished!  
 Keep up the good fight -  
 I helped some doves here  
 I am proud of it.  
 Shame on ORU'S scam -  
 stop them however!

Mr. B. Clark  
 Michigan

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January 11, 2007

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National park Drive  
Manteo NC 27954

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Dear Sir,

I just read a piece about Cape Hatteras National Seashore in the latest issue of Audubon magazine which prompted me to write. In April of 2006, we spent several days on the Outer Banks camping at a National Park campground. We liked the location of the campground and its easy access to the beach. It was a great surprise to us to find the beach always crowded with big trucks and SUVs. We could not imagine that such vehicles would be allowed on the beach; we had never seen that before. We noted the constant coming and going of vehicles and the deep ruts they made in the sand. We also noted that sitting on the beach could be dangerous. It was necessary to be aware of the trucks that gathered speed as they approached the incline that led out to the exit because they were not particularly careful about us. It was not our idea of a lovely day on the beach listening to the waves and the birds. Instead we listened to truck engines revving and breathed truck fumes.

It seems that the owners of ORVs have bullied the Park Department into giving them preferential treatment over other users of the beaches and certainly over the wildlife. After visiting the Outer Banks, my husband and I agreed that we had no desire to return. We have stayed at the National Park campground at Assateague several times and prefer that area.

It would appear, Mr. Murray, that you have your work cut out for you. I wish you luck, and I hope you get the support necessary to accomplish the mission of the National Park Service.

Very truly yours,

*Joyce Allan*      *George H Allan*

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193 Andover St  
North Andover MA 01845

January 9, 2007

Mary A. Bomar  
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National Park Service  
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Mike Murray  
Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
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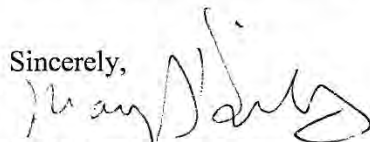
Dear Ms. Bomar and Mr. Murray:

I was appalled to learn that the National Park Service is failing to protect nesting shorebirds on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The picture of the least tern chick lying dead in an off-road vehicle track in the January-February issue of Audubon Magazine brought tears to my eyes. Why aren't you doing your jobs?

The Park Service has a duty to preserve and protect our National Parks and Seashores for future generations and for everyone in the country. Instead, the Park Service is placing the selfish desires of a well-organized group of off-road vehicle users ahead of interests of all other National Park uses. If all resources are managed in this way, there will be nothing left for anyone. What sort of country do we want to leave our children?

I want my daughter to be able to enjoy seeing shorebirds as she grows up. I also want to know that there are places in this country set aside for wildlife. We humans have enough places to drive cars and build houses. Let the shorebirds nest in peace. This is what National Parks are for – leaving "native ecosystems unimpaired for future generations."

Sincerely,

  
Mary S. Kilpatrick

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All user groups would like to think that their purpose and for use of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore are the most important and is in their opinion, but to openly try to manipulate the opinions of the public and give reason for the NPS to second guess themselves on policies and procedures are inexcusable.

Audubon Society has failed to mention many positive outcomes of having ORV use on the beaches at not only Cape Hatteras but other seashore over this country. I know of several mammals that have strayed from the oceans and beached themselves and a ORV user has called for help and the mammals has been cared for and we have actually gained knowledge of the species, then returned it to complete a natural life in either the open waters or in a facility to care for them like the Baltimore Aquarium.

The ORV user group has come under much criticism and has been labeled the bad guy for enjoying nature in their application. ORV users have been told that they deliberately choose to run over plovers and turtles. Also that we destroy the beaches and dunes, we leave the beaches full of trash, drive to fast on the beach, and so on. All of the previous are untrue as a majority and as a matter of fact ORV user will abide any postings be it nests, speed limits and when an ORV user exits the beach will take all of the trash with them and even pickup the trash in the area where they enjoyed the day at the beach.

In closing I would encourage you to discount and dismiss any and all letters that are filed from organizations bashing the Dept of Interior, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and finally ORV users for enjoying nature for the purpose of recreational fishing as we have known it historically for many, many years.

I would like to thank you at this time for helping ORV users maintain the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors for recreational fishing.

Thank you,



Jim Bryant  
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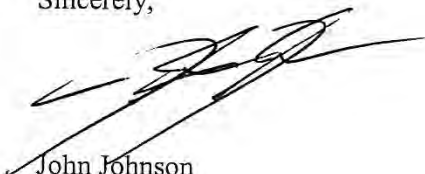
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Sincerely,



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Sincerely  
*Carl DiRocco*

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Sincerely

Andrew Fonda

*I'm pretty sure we also received an e-mail (same text) from Mr. Fonda. Will be a redundant comment. MBM*

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29001 Boyce Rd.  
Punta Gorda, FL 33982  
January 10, 2007

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Dr.  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Mr. Murray,

I am writing about the urgency of a ORV management plan for the National Seashore. It is terrible that birds needing the nesting habitat of the seashore are not adequately protected from human interference and killing. Many bird species are in decline and they need help. Your seashore should be protected as as complete an ecosystem as possible and ORV users should not be allowed to destroy it.

It is an ethical, if not legal requirement, that we Americans respect the marvelous variety of lands that have been set aside for conservation. If they are allowed to be degraded and to lose their animals and /or plants we will all be losing a part of our heritage. ORV recreation should take a back seat to protection of the seashore and should use other sites.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,



Norma Hamilton

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Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Dear Mike,

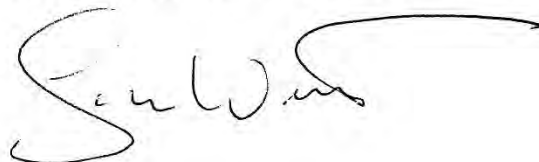
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Les Wooten PO Box 1105, Ocracoke, NC 27960



Randy Bradley  
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January 14, 2007

BY:.....

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
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Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Mr. Murray,

Please do what is needed to protect beach nesting birds at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We have already lost too much habitat areas in this country. The time is now to draw a line in the sand to hang on to what wildlife diversity we have left in this country.

Recreational vehicle owners have no right to steal natural heritage from me or any other citizen of this country. If they want to enjoy the great outdoors they must do so without destroying the very outdoors that came to enjoy. I would certainly not allow anyone on to my property if the only intent was to trash and destroy it. The off-road vehicle owners must not be allowed to destroy the nations wilderness areas.

I fully understand that the current administration in Washington treats with contempt the environment and all who support it but this will all end in two more years. I say this as a conservative and I wonder what has happened to the party I support. What has happened to the party of Theodore Roosevelt?

Please fulfill the mission of the National Park Service and do what's right to protect beach nesting birds on Cape Hateras National Seashore.

Sincerely,

*Randy Bradley*  
Randy Bradley

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1/13/07

Dan Lindner  
49 School Street  
Vergennes, VT 05491

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January 13, 2007

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Dear Mr. Murray,

I have learned with great dismay that Cape Hatteras National Seashore is failing to fulfill its mission, as mandated by the National Park System, to protect flora, fauna, land, water and the natural process with which they interact, unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. With breeding bird populations plummeting, while off-road vehicles run amok and their lobby pretty much calls the shots, the present situation will inevitably lead to a barren playground for noisy, polluting machines while nature once again comes in last. It's a scenario repeated again and again across the country, as the Bush administration pays lip service to environmental protection while failing to restrain those intent on motorized recreation to the detriment of all in their path.

It is my understanding that the Endangered Species Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act call upon National agencies such as the Seashore to place a high premium upon the protection of wildlife, especially those species threatened by human activities and other menaces. I also believe that executive orders issued by Presidents Nixon and Carter forbade ORVs in parks and other protected areas except where it can be demonstrated that their use does not compromise natural values. Finally, I believe that Cape Hatteras National Seashore's enabling legislation required it to be "permanently reserved as a primitive area."

I remember visiting the Outer Banks back in the seventies, enjoying the peace and the abundant birdlife I and my family found there. We put up with some pickup trucks on the beach; they weren't particularly intrusive in those days. ORVs, however are something else. I honestly don't see how they can even be permitted on the beach. And if they are to be permitted, they should be very strictly monitored and controlled. In fact, as I understand it, a management plan for ORVs was to have been implemented in 1972, 35 years ago! What's the holdup? Until operators of these machines prove themselves amenable to limitations vital to the safety of breeding birds and turtles, in terms of permissible areas, speed and behavior, they should be outlawed.

Here in Vermont we had a similar problem with snowmobiles. Although there is still a small "outlaw" element, a self-governing body (Vermont Association of Snow Travelers) has proven a reasonably effective means of self-regulation. But then, Vermonters historically have revered and protected their natural environment and wildlife. One could only wish the same were true of the ORV operators on the Outer Banks.

Please see to it that the Cape Hatteras National Seashore immediately steps up efforts on all fronts to fulfill the mandates of federal acts protecting wildlife and natural areas. The birds have no time to waste. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Dan Lindner





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Douglas C. McGlasson  
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Kernersville, NC, 27284

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January 14, 2007

Mike Murray Superintendent  
CHNS  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Mr. Murray,

I am an avid surf fisherman who has enjoyed ORV use at CHNS for more than 15 years. I would like to thank you for your supportive approach in meeting the challenge that has been placed on your department. As a former volunteer in the NPS backcountry, and an active, well informed outdoorsman, I understand the pressures that different user groups can place on managing our public resources. I have read the recent comments that the Audubon Society has published in their bi-monthly book, and found it to be inaccurate. Your department is not due such unbalanced and inaccurate criticism.

User groups with a mission to limit open access such as the Audubon society like to think that their purpose and use of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore is the most important. However, their tactics to manipulate public opinion in an attempt to influence the NPS on policies and procedures are inexcusable.

The Audubon Society publication fails to note the many positive outcomes of having ORV use on CHNS beaches and other seashores in this country. I know of several instances where ocean mammals have beached themselves and a ORV user has called for help, resulting in the mammal being rescued and successfully returned to open waters. These instances have helped increase knowledge of the species

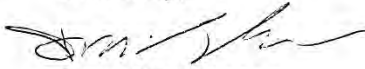
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Sincerely,



Doug McGlasson

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Arthur Noyes  
PO Box 222  
Atlantic, NC 28511

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1/15/2007

Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am writing to ask for your continued support for ORV access at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am very discouraged by the article published by the Audubon Society recently. I feel that they have greatly exaggerated the problems and are looking to make the beaches their own little elitist reserve. It seems that every time any well to do group buys property on or near the water they want to close every thing around them. Residents and visitors have been driving on these beaches since before the Park was opened, now the Audubon Society wants to change this heritage and they can't understand why there is resentment. I fail to see why there is not room for all user groups.

I think that the Park Service has done a good job with the insufficient funding that they receive. I feel that better enforcement is needed as well as user education. I know this is a difficult task. I am sure that you know of the many good things that the ORV groups have done in the Park.

I am worried that if this is the true feelings of the Audubon Society how can they honestly be a part of the Reg/ Neg for any management plan.

I want to thank you for keeping the park open for ORV access for fishing and enjoying this beautiful resource.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur Noyes

David A. Howell  
1806 Windsor St.  
Wilson, NC 27893

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*I Thank you for for support*



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Mindy-Alexander-FRIAN  
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Loyal cape hatteras visitors &  
fishermen for the last 20+ years  
Roger & Judy Kriznik's family  
633 Northampton St.  
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Mr. Mike Murray  
 Superintendent  
 Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
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Ms. Mary A. Bomar  
 Director, Nat'l Park Service  
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 Washington, DC 20240

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 Outer Banks Group

Dear Sir & Madam:

I just completed reading an article in the Jan-Feb 07 issue of Audubon, in regard of ORV use and practices on and in the Outer Banks. Such use, EVEN IF the article is greatly exaggerated (and we do NOT believe it is) as may be claimed by the OTV Industry and those few individuals who so claim ~~me~~ - the industry driven primarily by profit and individuals by complete disregard of the environment, animal or plant life or other people's concerns. These people apparently feel only that their "fun" should take priority over all other things.

My wife and I have visited the Outer Banks thrice in the past decade, the last time in May 2005. We really enjoyed the area. The Sea, the Sand, the Birds and All. How greatly diminished all this would be ~~without~~ without the turtles, various birds and the natural terrain. We do not enjoy OTV's speeding around, specially destroying nesting/breeding places and causing erosion (you cannot convince me otherwise, especially in such sensitive areas). They not only tear up the ground or sand, but the dunes, the grass, but even more tragic, the nesting areas. We also visited the shops in the area, the lighthouse (all of them, some for a second time) and other points of interest, like the Wright Bros. Nat'l Monument, Ft. Raleigh Nat'l Historical Site and from Orcaoke to Corolla. We greatly enjoyed walking the beaches and observing the wildlife.

Such areas (Parks, Wildlife Reserves, Refuges) are not meant for, nor should be open for such activities as this. It is, or should be, a place that both animal/plant life has a place to catch it's breath and raise their young and also where people (under certain restrictions) may go visit and enjoy. We do NOT agree with the current administration's decisions/practices on this. You have charge of something unique and very important to the people and the wildlife. DO it right.

Sincerely Yours,

Mr. & Mrs. William R. Powell - 308 N. Hobson St., Hillsboro, IN. 47949

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*Patricia Powell*

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Outer Banks Group

Mike Murray  
Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Sir,

We stayed in the Outer Banks enjoying Wright Brothers learning experience and the fine beaches with easy public access.

We are really concerned by the ORV traffic on these beaches.

Not only does this traffic destroy shore-nesting bird habitat, but we were surprised to find ourselves dodging an ORV traveling too fast for a crowded area.

We volunteer with Michigan Department of Natural Resources to protect nesting Piping Plovers along the Lake Michigan shores. We watch for hikers and their dogs. The nesting sites are fenced, but we are there to inform beach walkers of the need to avoid any activity that could cause the adults to abandon either eggs or hatchlings.

**No** ORV traffic is ever allowed on these beaches.

Why are ORVs permitted on your beaches?

Doesn't the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act along with your own General Authorities Act require you to protect shore-nesting birds?

Please exercise your responsibility to give protection to these endangered species.



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Director National Park Service  
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Outer Banks Group

Re: Ban ORVs While Shore Birds  
are Nesting.

Dear Sirs:

In Audubon magazine I read recently that ORV's have the right of way nearly everywhere on beaches at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and nothing is done to save nesting shore birds.

I read that when nets were put up by the Park Service to protect nests, ORV drivers complained. Nets were taken down and ORV's at once came in, driving right over nests and killing young nestlings....I saw photos of dead young shorebirds...That means piping plovers, sandpipers, sanderlings and other shorebirds that are already threatened by humans....

I live on the Jersey Shore and am amazed that this cruelty and waste of precious wildlife is allowed.

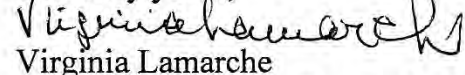
On Sandy Hook we also put up fencing and cordon off areas to keep pedestrians from disturbing nestlings. We have volunteers nearby who stay on the beach and warn people away during nesting season..

I see no reason why this cannot be done in North Carolina.

I therefore urge you to please enforce the ruling to keep ORV's off the sand when shorebirds are nesting..

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Virginia Lamarche

member Monmouth County Audubon

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In closing I would encourage you to discount and dismiss any and all letters that are filed from organizations bashing the Dept of Interior, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and finally ORV users for enjoying nature for the purpose of recreational fishing as we have known it historically for many, many years.

I would like to thank you at this time for helping ORV users maintain the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors for recreational fishing.

Michael Schomody  
1515 Mucus Road  
Haymarket, Va, 20169  
703 754 4872

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January 7, 2007

To the attention of Superintendent Mike Murray;

I am writing this letter in response to your request for input on what Hatteras Island means to me. I am a native North Carolinian, I grew up living in Belhaven N.C., I also spent a considerable amount of time living and visiting Ocracoke Island. My step-father was a general contractor who built on the island in the late seventies, so I remember what a great place the outer banks were before development took over.

I have loved coming to the outer banks all of my life. My wife also has been visiting the outer banks all of her life just like me. Her father purchased a summer home in Avon in the late seventies that he still owns and rents out today. We love to fish and have a 6 year old daughter who still cries when we have to leave the beach, ( no matter how long we have been on the beach).

As you can tell I am no letter writer, but I hope this short little note is enough to let you know how valuable access to the beaches of the outer banks is to my family. My wife and I have so many memories of great times with friends and family on the beaches, our biggest wish is that our daughter will be allowed to have the opportunity to make her own memories to share with her children. While understanding the need for preservation and conservation of resources, I do not know what good the resources are if we are prevented from enjoying them.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to another great year of fishing the outer banks.

Sincerely;  
David L. Hudnell



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MARY A. McBRIDE  
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January 8, 2007

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Mr. Murray:

It is disturbing to learn that you open the beautiful North Carolina seashore to off-road vehicles, particularly during the time when birds are nesting. The use of off-road vehicles on any beach destroys life and the surroundings there and most particularly the lives of innocent wildlife that are simply trying to live their lives in a safe environment that God created for them. It is thoughtless and cruel to allow the use of off-road vehicles on your seashores. Here are two quotes from great men from the past:

We need to "widen our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty."

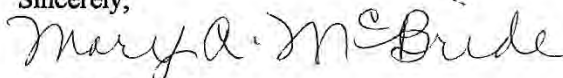
Alfred Einstein

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."

St. Francis of Assisi

Please stop and do not allow the use of off-road vehicles along any of North Carolina's seashores or anywhere else where wildlife live and have sanctuary.

Sincerely,



Mary A. McBride

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January 7, 2006

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Sir:

I am writing you about the management of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. My family and I have visited there for many years, but recently it has become a sad and dangerous experience because of off-road vehicles, unleashed dogs, jet skis and other environmentally destructive activities.

Professional park/land management policies should favor low-impact recreation over high-impact recreation for obvious reasons. When my family visits Cape Hatteras for swimming, photography, bird watching and family bonding, we do little if any damage to ecosystems, flora and fauna.

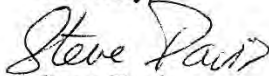
But off-road vehicles, jet skis and similar types of recreation absolutely destroy flora and fauna. They also create air, noise and water pollution, and endanger the lives of my family.

My family was almost run down by off-road drivers, many of whom are intoxicated on alcohol and other drugs. They have zero respect for ecosystems, flora, fauna, and even human life.

Motorized recreation should be banned from the Cape Hatteras land and sea corridor. Motorized recreationalists prevent my family from engaging in our low-impact recreation. These high impact folks harm birds, fish, people, and habitat.

I urge you to fight hard to protect flora, fauna, habitat, and those of us who want to hear the sound of wind and waves, not machines. Increase protected areas for birds and other life, and ban the machines. It's the moral thing to do.

Sincerely,



Steve Davis  
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CC: Mary Bomar, Director, NPS



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To: Mike Murray

From: Floyd T Morton III

Dear Mike,

I am sickened by an article I read in the Audubon magazine about the ORV in Hatteras. I am a husband, a father, as well as a surf-fisherman. I consider myself to be a conservationist and preservationist teaching my family how to appreciate our natural resources. "Beach Bum" as described in the article, I am not.

I live in Delaware where I am a director in a prominent fishing club. I come to Hatteras to vacation with friends and family. I agree some, not all fishermen can be "Beach Bums", so why keep everyone off the beaches?

The article I read was inconsistent with itself. With the loss of beach, ghost crabs, foxes, cats, raccoons, storms, and grackles how can ORV's be responsible for 99% of the loss of wildlife. I am a simple man, I don't have lots of money or a house in Hatteras or Wash. D.C. , but what I do have is common sense. Why should these people with clout and backing with a chip on there shoulder who wants the beaches to themselves have it all. I don't have much, but I am not asking for much either.

PLEASE KEEP THE BEACHES OPEN FOR ORV USE.

Floyd T Morton III

JAN 12 2007

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To whom it may Concern:

I would like to write and allow you to enter as a supportive letter to the Dept. of Interior and to Cape Hatteras National Seashore for the challenge that has been placed on your department. I understand that keeping all user groups satisfied is very complicated to do, and that from time to time must be very challenging, however the comments that the Audubon Society has openly published in their bi-monthly book is full of inaccuracies and your department is not due such criticisms.

All user groups would like to think that their purpose and for use of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore are the most important and is in their opinion, but to openly try to manipulate the opinions of the public and give reason for the NPS to second guess themselves on policies and procedures are inexcusable.

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Superintendent Mike Murray  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Superintendent Murray:

As a fisherman who has vacationed at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I wish you to know that you and your staff have provided me, my friends, and family with many enjoyable and memorable experiences. One reason for our enjoyment is the access that ORV's have to the beach. In contrary to recent comments by Ted Williams in an Audubon publication, I believe that the current polices and regulations provide for the needs of all user groups while protecting the environment and enhancing the natural resources of the National Seashore. In his writing, Mr. Williams sites the alleged actions of a few and uses a "broad brush" to paint the ORV community as a danger to little children and wildlife. Nothing could be further from the truth. ORV communities are family oriented and conservation minded. It is unfortunate that the Audubon Society has chosen to publish an article that is one-sided, full of inaccuracies, states opinions as facts, and contains undue criticism of your department.

Protecting piping plover is complicated like many other endangered species issues. It is all too easy to blame one user group as entirely responsible for the decline of the piping plover population. If Audubon was really serious about this issue at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, they would be calling for a comprehensive strategy that included reduction of all predation and increasing habitat. This would mean the trapping and removing all foxes, raccoons, cats, dogs, and gulls. This strategy would also advocate the use of eminent domain to remove home owners like Dr. Kayota (quoted in Audubon article), whose act of building a home in piping plover habitat has contributed to the piping plover's demise.

I know and admire Ted Williams. He has a lot of important and productive things to say about fisherman being good stewards of our environment. However, calling me a "Beach Bum" is neither important nor productive. I encourage you to consider the needs of all user groups and all causes of piping plover decline in evaluating your conservation efforts. I would like to thank you for helping ORV users maintain the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors while protecting and enhancing our natural resources.

Sincerely,  
  
Alan J. Evelyn

C: Director Mary Bomar  
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Mr. Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Care Hatteras National Seashore  
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In response to a recent article that appeared in Audubon magazine, I was made aware of the ORV problem at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. There appears to be an appalling abuse of the seashore by ORVs with completely inadequate response by the Park Service to protect endangered wildlife.

I travel frequently to visit National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges and have never witnessed such a flagrant disregard for the Endangered Species Act and Federal Migratory Bird Act. My family and I had considered traveling to the Cape Hatteras area and will not do so based on these conditions. My travels, as well as the travels of numerous birdwatchers in this country infuses the U.S. economy with millions, if not billions of dollars annually into local restaurants, motels, gift shops, gas stations, and other retailers. This income undoubtedly surpasses revenue from the ORV crowd. I mention this point so that if you do not care about the wildlife you are designed to protect, maybe you will care about money.

I frequently visit my mother in Florida and go to Cape Canaveral National Seashore, where this behavior would never be tolerated. Why is it tolerated at Cape Hatteras?

I urge you to enforce the existing laws for the benefit of wildlife and for future generations who have a right to appreciate the few natural areas remaining in this country.

Sincerely,

*Beth Sharlow*

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Mr. Mike Murray  
Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, North Carolina 27954

Dear Mr. Murray:

*As a member of the National Audubon Society, I was appalled to read in the January-February 2007 issue of the Audubon magazine an article titled, "Beach Bums".*

*The article focuses on off-road vehicles (ORVs) monopolizing barrier beaches on North Carolina's Outer Banks. The overuse of ORVs on your shorelines is disrupting and destroying the nesting attempts made by birds of your region.*

*I am sure you agree that it is of utmost importance to preserve and protect the ecosystems of our country, and that of your coastlines. It behooves you to take even more precautions to make sure nesting grounds are guarded and protected from the negligence of those who feel it is fun to run over a plover. Obviously, these people don't have much regard for their environment.*

*Would you please take this letter to heart and try to protect the nesting grounds of your shorebirds? Or one day, the Outer Banks may not have any birds to call their own.*

*Thank you for your consideration.*

Sincerely,  
Anna Maria Mannino



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"Liz Birdsall"  
<lizbirdsall@skybeam.com>

12/26/2006 05:40 PM  
MST

To: <mike\_murray@nps.gov>  
cc:  
Subject: Cape hatteraas ORV Management Plan

Dear Mr. Murray,

I would like to state that the current management plan of limited ORV access to the Hatteras National Seashore is fine. Please do not allow further vehicle traffic to the beach area, it would be most upsetting, for wildlife, and people enjoying the beach as well. Traffic if allowed on the beach would disrupt all that is treasured about the Hatteras National Seashore. Please I ask that you strongly consider limiting vehicle access to the beach and continue with the current management plan.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Liz Birdsall  
Berthoud, Colorado

I would be happy to comment further if you would like.



Geoff Meyer  
 <obxny1@yahoo.com>  
 12/28/2006 08:07 AM  
 PST

To: mike\_murray@nps.gov  
 cc:  
 Subject: ORV usage and negotiated rule making

Dear Superintendent Murray,

Though not a resident of the Outer Banks nor owner of a home / business, I felt the need to contact you about this very important issue.

First, let me say that I am not a big time fish-person (politically correct) nor do I visit the Cape Hatteras National Seashore other than when my family and I come down for vacation.

However, I have been coming to the Outer Banks since 1967-1968 can't remember exactly and have seen many changes (both good and bad). I use to be under the foolish impression that everything can stay the same (this is obviously not the case). Maybe I'm being naive, but the need for negotiated rules for ORV usage should be based on the ability to access the area in question (can the beach area in question be traversed safely or is there a need to close certain areas for safety / environmental reasons (see plover, turtle etc.)

I understand the need to block off the beach areas in front of the villages during the tourist season (too many people to safely negotiate the beach; though this may be questioned by those with more experience than I in driving the beach (yes I do drive the beach) and yes I even understand the need to block off areas for environmentally sensitive reasons. I also understand the need to block off areas that due to climate conditions are not currently safe to traverse. What I don't understand is the reason for negotiated rules. Yes, rules / laws are important, but to what point. Enforcement of said rules / laws is hit or miss at best or complete miss on other occasions. The law against speeding for example is on the books for a reason (vehicular / personal safety), but enforced by radar traps etc. (this does not catch all violators).

Is there currently any written law (federal / state) prohibiting the use of ORV's on Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches? If there is, then obviously it is not being enforced (I don't mean this as an insult) just the way it is. If there isn't, then NPS should implement usage policy(ies) that is (are) applicable (common sense) but also enforceable. If usage policy(ies) can't be enforced why have them in the first place. If it is determined that usage policy(ies) are necessary versus "**good ole common sense**" then it behooves the NPS to ensure applicable manpower is present so as to enforce said usage policy(ies). I have noted many occasions where people shoot fireworks on the beach. If I remember correctly, it is illegal to shoot fireworks off the beach anywhere along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Here's the ironic part of this scenario, how many locations along Route 12 currently sell **FIREWORKS**. I don't blame NPS for this, but the law is the law and NPS does not have the manpower to enforce this law to extent necessary.

To be honest I was pretty much under the impression that most people who drive the beach are fairly intelligent and responsible people. Yes, there will always be the **JERK, MORON, IDIOT** (s) in the group, just like there will always be people who for whatever reason decide to speed.

However, to implement usage policy(ies) just to implement usage policy(ies) is unproductive and can lead to unpleasant scenarios (see plover uproar of 2005). If no current law exists prohibiting ORV usage on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, "**COMMON SENSE**" should dictate usage policy and not the whim of any special interest group. I freely admit that I am a member of NCBBA and OBPA for reasons solely attributable to preserving access / rights to drive the beaches, not as I see fit but within specific policy. Does Negotiated Rule Making imply making a "**LAW**" or to establish a **USAGE POLICY**?

My memories of the OBX / Cape Hatteras National Seashore are many; from the days when the only place to shop for food in Avon was Charles' Store or drive down to Connors; or when Dockside Hatteras next door to Frank and Fran's tackle shop in Avon was the local movie theater; when highway 12 had no traffic lights, better yet, when highway 12 was closer to the beach. I remember the Lighthouse before it was moved, before the jetties and the sand bags in the hope to prevent erosion from reaching the Lighthouse; I remember when there was no Canadian Hole; I remember going out to the beach and being amazed as to how the ocean was so quiet / calm one minute and then how ferocious the same ocean became with the onset of a Nor'easter or Hurricane. I remember being chased 2 consecutive years from vacation because of Hurricanes.

I also remember the uproar that grew as a result of the Plover under the previous Superintendent. I refuse to bash someone who for whatever reason saw fit to institute policy that was counter-productive to all persons (including NPS) affected by the Plover. I would rather commend you as the new Superintendent for establishing a much better rapport / line of communication with all persons (individuals as well as commercially) who need / want / desire / wish access to the beaches of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. ORV usage has and hopefully will be permissible long after you and I retire to whatever / wherever. Granted, you will not be able to please everyone all the time, but you at least are willing to listen and provide feedback; it may not always be positive to some but at least you communicate (for that I personally thank you).

As a long time tourist, my sons have grown quite fond of the OBX and would rather vacation on the OBX than go somewhere else. I apologize for the length of this email but as you can see I am quite fond of the area and would like to see "**Common Sense**" used when ORV usage is discussed / negotiated. I also realize that there are other concerns that you need to deal with (the ponds, drainage, potable water etc.) but I am comfortable in saying that I think you will tackle the issues to the best of your ability and will try and do your best to satisfy as many if not all persons who live and / or visit the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. For me I think Cape Hatteras has found someone who truly believes that having the communication skill-set is not necessarily a bad thing.

With respect,

Geoff Meyer - resident of New York (unfortunately)

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01/05/2007 04:50 PM  
EST

To: caha\_information@nps.gov

cc:

Subject: From NPS.gov: Beach nesting shorebirds

Email submitted from: /caha/contacts.htm

Dear Superintendent Murray:

My husband, Tom, two Blue State residents of New York City, rendez-vous in the Outer Banks every few years with our Red State family from Charlotte and Houston. I can tell you quite honestly that we all are agreed that endangered shorebirds can and should be protected from human harm, whether pedestrian or motorized.

For ideas about how to win the necessary public relations war about this issue, I suggest you contact two places: the management of Gateway National Recreation Area, which waged a fierce but successful battle over this with the homeowners in the Breezy Point section of Queens (a NYC borough); and the town supervisor of East Hampton, a wealthy Long Island, NY, resort community where advertising mogul Jerry del Femina looked like a selfish pig in the eyes of his peers when he objected because nesting plovers forced him to relocate his July Fourth fireworks bash in 2005.

Godspeed in your efforts to follow the Bible's exhortation that we provide stewardship, not just dominion, over His Creation.

Sincerely, Elizabeth V. Mooney 100-10 Ascan Avenue Forest Hills, NY. 11375-6812  
718-261-6385

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Cyndy Holda  
01/05/2007 10:40 AM  
EST

To: Mike Murray/CAHA/NPS@NPS  
cc:  
Subject: Fw: From NPS.gov: avian protection

Cyndy Holda  
Superintendent's Executive Assistant

----- Forwarded by Cyndy Holda/CAHA/NPS on 01/05/2007 10:40 AM -----



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To: caha\_information@nps.gov  
cc:  
Subject: From NPS.gov: avian protection

Email submitted from: /caha/contacts.htm

Dear Mr. Murray:

I hope you will work to restrict recreation vehicles on the park's beaches. It seems to me that the very survival of animals that have lived for tens of thousands of years is more important than ORV's racing up and down a beach.

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Mike Murray  
01/08/2007 07:32 AM  
EST

To: "CAHA Cyndy" <cyndy\_holda@nps.gov>  
CC:  
Subject: Fw: What Hatteras means to me

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: "Erin Sharaf" [sharafel@cox.net]  
Sent: 01/07/2007 12:22 PM  
To: Mike Murray  
Subject: What Hatteras means to me

Mr. Murray,

I am writing to ask you to do everything in your power to protect the shorebirds of Hatteras Island. Humans have taken over so much of the earth and we have left so little for the other creatures who share it with us. It doesn't seem like too much to ask to give them some space and protection on the National Seashore. I walked to the point a few weeks ago while in Hatteras (I live in RI) and was haunted by the sight of a cormorant who had become entangled in someone's discarded fishing line. The poor creature was bleeding and couldn't fly or swim and was left to die on the sand. Even our seemingly benign actions (leaving a piece of line on the sand) can have dire consequences for other creatures. I ask for your compassion on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.

Thank you and happy new year,

Erin Sharaf

"True human goodness, in all its purity and freedom, can come to the fore only when its recipient has no power. Mankind's true moral test, its fundamental test (which lies deeply buried from view), consists of its attitude towards those who are at its mercy: \*animals\*. And in this respect mankind has suffered a fundamental debacle, a debacle so fundamental that all others stem from it." - Milan Kundera

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Mike Murray  
01/08/2007 07:33 AM  
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To: "CAHA Cyndy" <cyndy\_holda@nps.gov>  
cc:  
Subject: Fw: Beach Access

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Jenny Kindinger" [jennyk325@roadrunner.com]  
Sent: 01/07/2007 11:35 AM  
To: Mike Murray  
Subject: Beach Access

Dear Mr. Murray,

My family has vacationed on the Outer Banks for over 25 consecutive years, staying as far north as Corolla but mostly on Hatteras Island near Rodanthe. Last year was our first year staying in Buxton, and my first year to "The Point".

I read the recent article in Audubon magazine in disbelief of what was being said. Going out to "The Point" was a terrific experience totally unlike any of our other trips to the Outer Banks. Surely there has got to be a way that the 4WD vehicles and nature can co-exist. The area that the fisherman want access to is practically **inaccessible** to pedestrians. You certainly know that a fisherman or just someone who wants to be on the beach all day can't walk from the ramp area with coolers, chairs, towels, fishing gear, etc. It is impractical to even try transporting all that stuff over the sand on foot. Not only do I want to continue having the right to this part of Hatteras, I wouldn't mind a few port-a-potties and trash receptacles :)

That being said, I hope the powers that be realize the inaccuracies in the article. We don't want to drive down the beach in Rodanthe, Salvo or Avon. There are few places left on earth where we have the freedom to enjoy our beach to the fullest. The Point was a place that I observed people fishing on one side, and swimming on the other. It provided a protected area thanks to a sandbar, where little ones could play in the water without getting pounded by waves. People were fishing off the sandbar, too. Everyone shares this unique area and respects the wildlife. The fishermen realize that accessing this land cannot be taken for granted. If it gets closed off to ORVs, you're just going to be left with a bunch of sand out there and lots of disgruntled taxpaying tourists and locals.

I want Cape Hatteras to be accessible to the fullest for my children and their children to come. My father is legally blind, and has difficulty getting to the beach even with walkovers. Driving him onto the beach makes his life so much easier. I've read great things about you, and appreciate your dedication to the park I love so much.

Sincerely,

Jenny Kindinger  
Logan, Ohio

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"Dan Kiser"  
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01/05/2007 09:22 PM  
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To: CAHA\_Superintendent@nps.gov  
cc:  
Subject: Hatteras Island ORV management

Dear Mr. Murray,  
Many of my friends and family have been going to Hatteras Island for decades, drawn to it for its wonderful clean beaches and quiet lifestyle. Some of us have taken that next step and purchased homes to visit each year, hoping to retire in those same homes someday soon.

I'll be brief here, as I'm sure you're a very busy man. Please keep the beaches open as much as possible, without fees being charged. Those of us who have visited and poured our souls (and dollars!) into the island cherish the environments and the particular unique freedoms that come with Hatteras. It's tradition. It's what the islanders negotiated for years ago. It's what drives much of the economy. It's what's right.

Of course most of us agree with the NPS continuing its monitoring of the beaches and wildlife. The NPS has been doing a great job at balancing the needs of the visitors and islanders vs. nature and there is no reason this shouldn't continue. Please keep things as they are.

Regards,  
Dan Kiser (Avon, NC and Woodbridge, VA)

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Mike Murray  
01/05/2007 04:59 PM  
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To: Cyndy Holda/CAHA/NPS@NPS  
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cc:  
Subject: hatteras island national seashore

I've been visiting the CHNS for about 8 years now. I am not a resident of the island, but do enjoy my 3-4 weeks there every year. I am an avid surf angler, and love my time on the beach. I have a lot of fishing buddies on the island, as well as those that don't live there but fish as often as possible on the beaches, including Pea Island, Cape Point, and hatteras inlet. The vast majority of us are good guys, interested in the better good of the animals, including plovers and sea turtles, and not the slob many people would think of us as or label us. Most of us fisherman have learned to accept the limited beach space closed to the birds, such as last years closure near the hook and even though we don't like it, we accept it and comply with the rules. I do understand that some people disobey the rules, driving in bird enclosures or throwing trash on the beach. I am unaware if you are a fisherman or not, but i think you would find that most of us are good people, a great bunch of guys and girls who obey the regs and understand a limited amount of beach closure. However, I don't believe the people who disobey should have ORV access restricted for everyone else. Stiff fines or ORV restriction for ONLY THOSE WHO BREAK the rules is a much better answer in my opinion than completely shutting down the beach to off road vehicles. Many of us are just there to fish, we clean up after ourselves, and respect the wildlife. I know some of the plovers die from being crushed by vehicles, and some say they can get stuck in the ruts of the tires, but a ORV restricted beach would have its own set of hazards and small number of plovers on CHNS now and historically compared with other areas is not enough to do something so radical as completely closing off the beach to all ORV's to me. Cape point and teh rest of the island is sacred ground to drum fishing. It is many of our home away from home, a place we can go to get away from it all. A loss of access would be very bad fro many of the local buisnesses, and beach fishing is not only a source of income for many residents but is a way of life. I am unsure of where you stand on this issue, of access or closing the beach, but please consider those of us who follow the law and look forward to everyday we can spend on the beaches of Hatteras island.

Chris Storrs

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Mike Murray  
01/08/2007 12:21 PM  
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To: Cyndy Holda/CAHA/NPS@NPS  
cc:  
Subject: Fw: ORV comments

Mike Murray  
Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras NS/ Wright Brothers NMem/ Ft. Raleigh NHS  
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"Monette, Daniel"  
<Daniel.Monette@pognmail.com>

01/08/2007 11:58 AM  
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To: <mike\_murray@nps.gov>  
cc:  
Subject: ORV ISSUES

Mr. Murray, My name is Daniel Monette I am concerned about all the talk about beach closures. I fish on the outer banks 85-95 days a year. So I spend a lot of money that goes to the local economy. I have talked to my fellow fisherman about how many would come down to the OBX if the beaches were permanently closed to ORV's, and I think it is a safe guess that 80-85 percent would go else were. And I feel that the same goes for other beach users. If this were to happen the local economy would go downhill fast everyone is going to be affected by this matter. I respect the bird and turtle nesting sites and do all that I can to educate others of their importance. I also am a member of NCBBA and help with the beach clean ups I no that there are some bad seeds but please keep in mind there are more good than bad

Thanks for you time and the good job you have done since you took this office  
Daniel Monette

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Mike Murray  
01/08/2007 12:22 PM  
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To: Cyndy Holda/CAHA/NPS@NPS  
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"Doug Crumpton"  
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PCO.COM>  
01/08/2007 12:02 PM  
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To: "Mike Murray (E-mail)" <mike\_murray@nps.gov>  
cc:  
Subject: WHY CHNS IS SO IMPORTANT TO ME

Mr. Murray, I wanted to drop an email to let you know how important off road access is to me and the rest of my family. I have been going to Cape Hatteras since the fall of 1975 and my father before me in the early 60's. He is the main reason that I still go there every fall to fish the beaches of Cape Hatteras, from the wonderful memories through out my life of some of the best fishing trips that anyone could ask for.

Now at 43, my son is following the same path going with me and his grandfather to fish the beaches of Hatteras as we have for so many years. With the upcoming ORV management plan and the propaganda being spread by the environmental extremists I felt that it was necessary to let you know how important this resource is to so many that have used it responsibly and respectfully for so long. I shutter to think that my son who is now 7 would miss out on all that I have enjoyed for the past 30 plus years.

I saw an article by the Audubon Society that painted an ugly picture of fishermen using the outer banks of NC, honestly I doubt that whoever wrote that article has ever been past Nags Head nor have they ever seen what a Nor Easter like the one this past Thanksgiving can do to the beaches at Hatteras. I have seen it many times and there is absolutely no way that off road usage could have a fraction of the impact that the normal weather does on the resource.

Thank you for trying to bring balance back to the issue of off road usage since the departure of Belli(thank god he's out of there). You seem to be willing to see both sides of the issues at hand here and realize how important it is to keep access free and open on the island.

Doug Crump ton





Mike Murray  
01/08/2007 02:16 PM  
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To: Cyndy Holda/CAHA/NPS@NPS  
cc:  
Subject: Fw: ORV comments

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RMack74525@aol.com  
01/08/2007 01:58 PM  
EST

To: mike\_murray@nps.gov  
cc:  
Subject: CHNS & ORVs

Mr. Murray,

I do not envy you. ORV users vs. tree huggers vs. federal law, what to do? Are your instructions from whomever or whatever federal agency you are directly accountable to clearly laid out? Yours has got to be a tough position to be in at times.

My two cents worth now. My wife and I travel about 380 miles each way four to five times per year to visit CHNS. We have vacationed no where else the last 10 or 11 years. I am a responsible ORV user. I admit that as in any user group, that every OVR user is not always as responsible as they should be.

I was appalled to read the article by Ted Williams. How many innocent trees had to die in order to provide material to print his tunnel vision, closed minded, environmental wacko views? The scary part is the fact that the article was published by a "respected" magazine and a large part of the readers may assume that the author is some kind of "Expert" or that the article was written from an objective viewpoint. I was overwhelmed at the author's view on natural predatory behavior. It sounded to me like he wants to re-write God's natural laws. " I, GOD, deem the plover worthy of existence, but not you fox. I don't know why I even created you". If I remember correctly in another letter I read on the Internet addressed to you from some attorney representing some environmental group, they pointed out how slack enforcement was for permitting "kite flying" on the beach as the kite might be confused with a predatory hawk, causing the birds to flee the unhatched eggs thus resulting in the failure of said egg. At what time does it become absurd? As far as endangered species go as a whole, I do not understand why the federal government thinks it has the wisdom to discern which species is intended by God to continue and which is to end. With all the major environmental horrors that mankind inflicts on this planet, driving on a beach seems mighty small to me. Mr. Murray, this whole mess is about access. As an example, if all beach roads were closed and beach driving prohibited as the tree huggers want, who would ever set foot on the southern most end of Ocracoke island? With the exception of OVR users, how many people do you see using the beach even one mile beyond an existing parking area?

Enough of my ramblings. Good luck in the new year and trying to keep the peace. My wife and I hope the beaches at CHNS stay open to nearly unrestricted OVR use. If not, we will find another coastal park community at which to spend our vacation dollars. Cape Lookout or Portsmouth are closer anyway and do not seem to be suffering as much from restricted use and area closures. Even closer to home Fort Fisher State Park is an acceptable alternative September thru March when they have 24 hour access.

Thank you,  
Gene Mack

MBM  
1/03/07

6057 Ann Arbor Ave. NE  
Seattle, WA 98115-7618  
January 3, 2007

Mike Murray, Superintendent ✓  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Mary A. Bomar, Director  
National Park Service  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20240

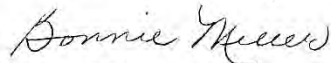
RE: Protecting Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Dear Superintendent Murray and Director Bomar,

In August of 2006, our president announced that his administration would promote a new park policy that would favor the protection of natural and cultural resources over recreation. Now I learn that Off Road Vehicle interests dominate the "stakeholders" group working supposedly for the goals of the National Park Service and to protect this precious resource for me and other visitors. This is a shame.

I would expect you both to protect this public land for all of us and for the future generations. Please do your jobs.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Miller

MBM  
1/28/07

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03 January 2007

Mr. Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo NC-USA 27954

**Re: "Beachbums" by Ted Williams (AUDUBON-Incite) Jan.-Feb.'07**

The term "beachbums" does not appropriately describe the character and behaviour of the Off-Road-Vehicle (ORV) users and Outer Bank Preservation members, who are bringing ruin to the seashores of Cape Hatteras National Seashore and North Carolina's Outer Banks. The word is much too kind, and, fails to do justice to who they think they are. These are America's politically correct juvenile delinquents, whose psychological orientation more matches the insurgents who the Nation is doing battle with in Iraq. They are the adultized infants and infantilized adults, whose sense of self-worth and significance are only achieved through unrestrained use in the size of their vehicles, and, the trash and tracks they leave behind in their passage. Their sensitivities seldom extend beyond themselves. They are selfish and greedy, and, do not know how to express themselves, but, through belligerent ignorance.

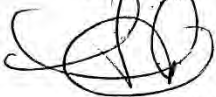
While this is sad; sadder still is the fact that they are our people. North Carolina Outer Banks is not the only place where they are found; although, the southern states have more than a fair proportion. But, they are found in California, Texas, and Nebraska and throughout the Nation and World. They do not care and want the World to know they do not care, except to leave their marks, as only so much more graffiti, on the World, so they World can lay witness to their being or passage everywhere. We have a psychological issue, with escalating ecological and legal implications. In an increasingly congested World this behaviour can only lead to war and the trashing of not only the national parks, but, the globe in which we all live and have to depend to survive. However, they are not concerned with anyone's survival and pleasure, with the exception of their own. Only they and their like-spirited are important.

Unfortunately, while no easy solution is readily available, offering them a seat at the table in the absence of others who are more caring and whose perspectives are more comprehensive is not only no solution, but, is only capitulating to the lowest common denominator in our society. These people are aggressive, hostile and mean-spirited; and, only through the strength of the vehicle they drive and the changes they wrought upon the environment do they believe we will come to know them. Our jails are already full, and, adding more will only worsen the situation. They believe they do not need others; and,

others believe they do not need them. The only solution will come when we all believe we really need each other; but, reaching that critical mass is far easier when numbers are fewer, rather than greater. The global demographic trends are not encouraging. Put to rhyme, "sweet green grass from east to west; lots of room to go and come; I love my fellow man the best; when he is scattered some".

The ultimate psychological culprit is the power of a person's ego. We have ourselves a growing mass of people, all of whom want to "be somebody important". They are unable to find pleasure in the quiet solitude of insignificance. These people cause trouble; but, the solution to their trouble will not be found in acquiescing to their untamed desires. All people need to understand, freedom in a civilized society is not without limits and restraint; and, one does spill their filth into the river from which we all have to drink. "Spare the rod and spoil the child!" – and some people never grow up!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. N. Luttich', written in a cursive style.

S. N. Luttich

cc: Ms Mary A. Bomar, Director (National Park Service)

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1/05/07

**FREDERICK E. AKERS  
470 MARGO AVENUE  
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(562) - 430 - 1249**

January 5, 2007

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

RE: Permitting Vehicles on the Beaches at Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Dear Superintendent Murray:

I have just read in *Audubon Magazine* about how Cape Hatteras National Seashore permits vehicles on the beaches despite obvious and appalling jeopardy to birds and other wildlife. This is a travesty.

I hope that you will have the courage to put an end to it.

Yours truly,



Frederick E. Akers

cc: Mary A. Bomar, Director, National Park Service

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1/08/07

3 Forestview Circle  
Lincoln, NE 68522

January 1, 2007

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Mr. Murray,

We were shocked and distressed to learn from a recent Audubon magazine article that you are permitting ORVs to be used at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, which we had assumed was protected as habitat for shorebirds and other wildlife and as a venue for nature-watching enthusiasts. We realize that recreational vehicle enthusiasts also need a venue for their activities; however a National Seashore, which is a sensitive ecosystem, is a completely inappropriate location for such high impact activities. It is our understanding that several federal laws - the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Treaty Act, and the General Authorities Act - forbid ORV use unless it can be demonstrated that it won't compromise natural values. Furthermore the Seashore's enabling legislation requires that it be permanently reserved as a primitive wilderness. Allowing ORVs is hardly conducive to maintaining a primitive wilderness. Although one of us (Rachel Simpson) has visited several times in the past, we as tourists have no desire to visit Hatteras now, both because of the noise pollution and danger posed by ORVs and because our recreational activity of nature-watching is absolutely incompatible with use of the seashore by ORVs. We urge you to take whatever measures necessary to protect the Seashore from destructive uses.

Thank you very much for your time. We look forward to being able to visit the Cape Hatteras National Seashore again when it is in a condition deserving of its reputation as a national treasure.

Sincerely,



Donald Umstadter and Rachel Simpson

cc: Mary A. Bomar, Director, National Park Service  
cc: National Audubon Society

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1/08/07

THOMAS A. WARHOL AND LISA SACKS WARHOL  
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January 1, 2007

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
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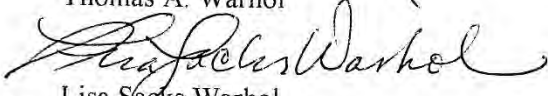
Dear Mr. Murray,

In this new year, we are writing to express our hope that changes will occur in the management of nesting bird habitat on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and that the National Park Service will implement its long anticipated management plan. Given the remarkable drop in plover and other nesting shorebird populations, the mission, at least to our concerned citizens' eyes, seems clear: protection of this precious resource and implementation of the basic conditions outlined in the Draft Interim Protected Species Management Strategy plan. Additionally, we'd like to express our hope that the final plan will be completed with expedited efficiency. **With populations as low as one successful nesting pair on the seashore in 2006, there could be no clearer call to action.**

We would also like to express our support for the plan to replace the Bonner Bridge that takes into account both protection of coastal habitat and the cheaper cost associated with the longer bridge plan that bypasses Pea Island.

As concerned citizens and supporters of sustainable alternatives to resource protection, we urge you to hold fast to the principles of the National Park Service to "protect unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations." Having worked in the field of natural resource management, we recognize the need for and difficulties of obtaining a balanced solution. However, clearly there can be room for a compromise that allows for at least the survival of these beach-nesting birds, and hopefully the recovery of their populations.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas A. Warhol  
  
Lisa Sacks Warhol

Cc: National Audubon Society

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Mr. Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
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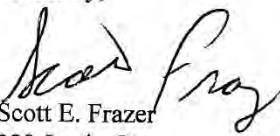
Dear Mr. Murray:

This letter is written to request your direct intervention to significantly reduce or eliminate Off Road Vehicle (ORV) access and use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The damage to natural resources, especially severe decline in successful bird nesting is directly a result of human activities, notably ORV use of Cape Hatteras. I have observed similar destruction to coastal areas near my home that required restrictions to recreational use to protect the public interest in natural resources. It is unfortunate that our increasing human population results in the need to regulate recreational activities. However, not to do so would be a violation of the public trust that you are legally mandated to uphold.

Please inform me of the process and time frame that is going to be followed to bring public use on Cape Hatteras into conformance with applicable federal laws. I would like to be added to your mailing list for this issue and participate in public hearings or review of plans that are conducted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Scott E. Frazer  
229 Justin Ct.  
Shafter, CA 93263



1054 SE 56<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Portland, OR 97215  
January 6, 2007

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Superintendent Murray,

In the fall of 2005 while visiting my sister in Winston-Salem, I spent a week on the Outer Banks including Cape Hatteras. With my binoculars in hand I was hoping for a time of peace and relaxation in the presence of nature, but that was not to be. With what seemed to be unregulated development and a blank check for ORV's, the region was not the restful haven I had imagined, and I came away most disillusioned.

After reading the article in the January - February 2007 issue of Audubon, it would appear the National Park Service in charge of this North Carolina national seashore has lost its direction as a protector and restorer of native ecosystems and instead has acquiesced to the demands of other powerful forces.

I urge you to make the protection of natural and cultural resources not recreation the priority in your role as Superintendent of Cape Hatteras National Seashore before it is too late.

Sincerely,

*Kathryn Sheibley*  
Kathryn Sheibley

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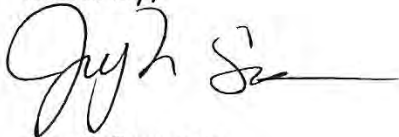
Dear Mr. Murray:

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I have just finished reading Audubons' article about beach nesting birds in their Jan-Feb 2007 issue. It seems to me that the National Seashore is doing very little the save migrating and nesting birds.

ORV's do not belong on the beach in my opinion and it's about time that stewards of the beach stood up for what is right, not what is popular.

Sincerely,



Joy L Swensen  
8442 Emerick Rd  
Baldwinsville NY 13027

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Dear Mr. Mike Murray

As I read, my copy of Audubon Magazine, Jan + Feb 2007 issue I am greatly saddened at the fate of all these birds. Due to the indecency, negligence, the uncaring carelessness of human beings, we drive worthless vehicles (wasting precious gas ORVs). These stupid vehicles should be banned from the U.S. How are these vehicles sold here in America?

You should not let these vehicles in here. Put these people in jail or make them pay a huge amount, which will discourage the stupid vehicles from using Cape Hatteras. Maybe we need a high Hurricane, like Katrina to wipe out these developments and stupid vehicles from coming there. See the Hurricane will be good for Cape Hatteras and all the Birds and Turtles but not the ORVs.

So, I would suggest that you should start taking care of the Birds and Turtles and do your job correctly because after all I am sure you have grandchildren and coming great grandchildren and

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you should think about their  
 future. Don't you want them  
 to see what you see now with  
 the birds and turtles.

I remember growing <sup>up</sup> in the  
 Jersey's in Stone Harbor, New  
 Jersey. There were 100 Ring-billed Gulls  
 in a flock or more. I just witnessed  
 30 Ring-billed Gulls in a flock in  
 Lake Okechobee, Florida in Oct 15th  
 2006. After all you are getting  
 a nice salary I am sure at just  
 don't be sad for the money.

Do Something Fast PLEASE  
 Sincerely

Eileen Hanson Lakeford

A Very Concerned Citizen Florida  
 all the Birds, Manatees,  
 Turtles, Alligators etc. Be  
 a sport do the right thing  
 upload the useless OR  
 they are not welcomed anywhere  
 in America not just Cape  
 Hatteras.

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~~MIKE MURPHY, SUPERINTENDENT, BEARSIS~~  
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It is important for me to drive on this Beach. I'm disabled and can't take my wife out fishing any other way.

This is one of the Best Places to Surf Fish in the world, and it is part of our National Heritage. President Roosevelt felt this way in 1937 and I am sure you know.

Thank You Sir,  
Sincerely,

Lawrence Holstein

LAWRENCE HOLSTEIN  
2803 MINT RD.  
MARYVILLE, TN, 37803

P.S. As a child I was a member of the Junior Audubon Society, I think the late Mr. Audubon would have found all these closures and the like a bit much himself!

Dear Mr. Murray,

Please do your job & enforce the  
 Endangered Species Act <sup>1973</sup> ~~not~~  
 not as a powerful lobby has persuaded  
 you to <sup>not</sup> enforce it. NO vehicles other  
 than safety & patrol vehicles belong on a National  
 Seashore. Your failure to enforce the law  
 seems as criminal as the acts that are  
 taking the lives of species listed as threatened  
 and endangered, i.e. against the law.

Max DeVane

287 Bunker Hill Road

Princeton, NJ 08540

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Mike Murray  
Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras State Seashore  
1401 National Park Dr.  
Manteo, NC 27954



You can help! Express your concerns for beach-nesting birds. Write Mary A. Bomar, Director of the National Park Service, and Mike Murray, Superintendent of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Mike Murray  
Superintendent  
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Dear Mr. Murray,

I was disappointed and saddened that we are not protecting our seabirds on Cape Hatteras, especially from off the road vehicles. Please return and to us report and protect our seabirds and our seabirds.

Thank you.

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### Is there hope for Cape Hatteras National Seashore?

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore is an Important Bird Area of global significance for migrating shorebirds (including Piping Plovers) and waterbirds, and state significance for nesting shorebirds and waterbirds. Today, Audubon North Carolina considers it to be North Carolina's most threatened Important Bird Area.

In the mid-1980's, the Seashore had the greatest number of nesting Least, Common, and Gull-billed Terns, and Black Skimmers of anywhere in North Carolina and the colonies were probably among the largest of anywhere on the Atlantic coast. There were more than 1,000 nesting pairs of terns and skimmers at Cape Point alone, several hundred at Hatteras and Ocracoke Inlets, and several smaller colonies with 50-150 pairs on the beach between Buxton and Rodanthe. Populations remained high for most species through the mid-1990s. Since the mid-1990s, nesting terns, skimmers, and Piping plovers in Cape Hatteras National Seashore have crashed. Nearly all nesting terns and skimmers have abandoned Hatteras Island and moved to a single nesting site on Ocracoke Island, and their numbers are declining. Piping plovers have declined from 15 pairs to only 5; American Oystercatchers have declined from 41 pairs to 24. Both species have experienced extremely low nesting success.

Three key factors are largely responsible for these declines: non-native predators, human disturbance, and failure to adequately protect nesting habitats. All can easily be remedied.

The National Park Service needs to implement a science-based management plan that adequately protects habitats for nesting waterbirds and shorebirds, they need to remove non-native predators from nesting areas, and they need to provide appropriate buffer zones between people and nesting birds. This can be accomplished while allowing vehicle access to nearly all Seashore beaches that have traditionally been open to vehicles. Some sections of beach will have to be closed to allow plover or oystercatcher chicks a place to forage and to prevent chicks from being run over by vehicles. These closures will only be for short periods while birds are using the habitats, which will be beneficial to all Seashore users.

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Jan 8, 2007

Dear Mr Murray,

We are wanting to show our concern for the beaches of Cape Hatteras. Each year more and more ORVs are using the beaches as roadways destroying the natural habitat and beauty of the once pristine grounds that had existed for so long. Please do all that you can do to limit the usage of ORVs on the beaches. It would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mrs. Jean Kaine



Jean Kaine  
4610 Peppercorn Place  
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Cyndy Holda  
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## National Park Service News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: DATE: December 11, 2006  
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### Federal Register Notice Published for Cape Hatteras ORV Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Superintendent Mike Murray announced that a Notice of Intent (NOI) has been published in the *Federal Register* today (December 11, 2006), announcing that the National Park Service will prepare an Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan (ORV Management Plan) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Seashore). This long-term plan is expected to guide the management of Off-Road Vehicle use in the Seashore for approximately the next 10 to 15 years. A separate Notice of Intent to proceed with negotiated rulemaking to develop a related ORV regulation is expected to be published in the *Federal Register* later this winter.

Scoping is an opportunity early in the environmental planning process for the public, organizations, and other agencies to suggest issues and alternatives that should be considered by the National Park Service (NPS) in preparing the ORV Management Plan/EIS. The Plan/EIS will assess potential environmental impacts associated with a range of reasonable alternatives for managing ORV use and potential impacts on park resources such as threatened and endangered species, soils, wetlands, wildlife, and cultural resources. Socio-economic impacts and effects on visitor experience and public safety will also be analyzed.

"This Notice of Intent is an important step in moving forward with the development of a long-term ORV management plan," said Superintendent Murray. "We know there is extensive interest in this issue and encourage the public to participate in this process."

The Notice on Intent can be found in the Federal Register at Volume 71, Number 237, Pages 71552-71553, or see attached PDF copy, or visit the following website:

**<http://frwebgate2.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/waisgate.cgi?WAISdocID=847068382709+1+0+0&WAISaction=retrieve>**

**DATES:** To determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the ORV Management Plan/EIS and to identify significant issues related to the ORV management at the Seashore, the NPS will conduct public scoping meetings in North Carolina at Buxton, Kill Devil Hills, and Raleigh, and in Washington, DC. Representatives of the NPS will be available at each of the public meetings to discuss issues, resource concerns, and the planning process. When public scoping meetings

have been scheduled, their locations, dates, and times will be published in local newspapers and posted on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CAHA>.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or requests for information should be addressed to Mike Murray, Superintendent, Outer Banks Group, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, North Carolina 27954. Comments may also be hand delivered to Mike Murray, Superintendent, Outer Banks Group, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, North Carolina. In addition comments may be entered on-line in the NPS PEPC Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CAHA>. To comment using PEPC, select the "Cape Hatteras National Seashore ORV Management Plan/DEIS project," select "documents," select this "Notice of Intent," and then select "Comment" and enter your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Murray, Superintendent, at 252-473-2111, extension 148 or email: [CAHA\\_Superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:CAHA_Superintendent@nps.gov). Further information about this project may also be found on the PEPC Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CAHA> including links to information about the NEPA planning process and the regulatory negotiation process.

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Mike Murray  
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To: "CAHA Cyndy" <cyndy\_holda@nps.gov>  
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Subject: Fw: Topic: Right of access to National and State parks.

Comment for ORV EIS file.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Brian Cain" [bcain@everware-cbdi.com]

Sent: 01/05/2007 10:22 PM

To: Mike Murray

Subject: Topic: Right of access to National and State parks.

Mike,

The opinions and misinformation contained in <http://audubonmagazine.org/features0701/incite.html> , give me considerable cause for concern.

I visit the Cape Hatteras National Seashore frequently to admire the beauty of the area, the animals and birdlife, and to fish the surf.

I am more than aware of the risks surrounding human encroachment on wildlife domains, but believe that selected prohibition of access to such wonderful natural resources presents an unconscionable restriction on the rights of many who are very conservation minded.

There will inevitably be a few whose careless trespass creates opportunity for the fanatical conservationist to lobby for additional restrictions, but the fanatic is not alone in their abhorrence of the loss of wildlife of whatever form.

My point in writing is to ask that you help temper the radical demands of the ardent conservationist groups and, rather than support the imposition of draconian restrictions, require that the Parks services, who already have the authority and responsibility, actually ensure that the native floral and fauna receive adequate protection.

Many thanks for your attention to my request,

**Brian Cain**

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Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
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Dear Mr. Murray,

December 30, 2006

I am writing to you today to encourage you to continue to work hard to protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I hope that you have also received my email on this matter. I just learned in the recent Audubon magazine that there are ORV's completely destroying the beach; running over bird eggs and chicks, crushing turtle eggs, and running bird out of the area. I was just so angry when I read that article. I could hardly finish it because I wanted to express to you how I feel about this matter.

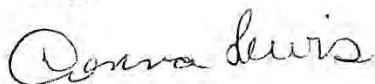
I cannot believe that ORV owners, fisherman, beach-goers, etc. are so insistent on driving their ORV's on the beach and have such blatant disregard for the welfare of the birds and turtles that nest there. I am just sick of our "protected" parks, reserves, seashores, etc. being exploited for the sake of politics; so that we don't tick anyone off. I am ticked off. What about the people that think our nation's seashores should actually be protected, that our wildlife should not have to worry about their nests being run over by some speed-hungry, ignorant, lazy idiot? Can't people walk to where they want to fish? I know that I am not being very professional right now. I am in the environment/wildlife profession. I am just sick of our wildlife being taken advantage of. People think that humans and what they want are the only things that matter. The National Park Service needs to stop compromising and close areas that need to be closed in our parks. I don't think that ORV's should have any access to the beach. If I was in your position, I would not be very popular.

Not only are these people (like the Fish Mojo guy) driving all of the wildlife out of the area, save for predators, they are also threatening human lives. To have someone almost run over a 5-year-old child is appalling. I have a newborn, and if someone did that to him, they wouldn't have an ORV anymore. It is amazing to me that these people have almost run over even children and still act like they have every right to drive on that beach.

Please continue your hard work for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. If I am ever able to visit that area in the near future, you may get called out onto the beach. I will be standing there with Mr. Maddock, waving people off.

Thanks for all your hard work for wildlife.

Sincerely,



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Cyndy Holda  
01/05/2007 10:46 AM  
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To: Mike Murray/CAHA/NPS,  
cc:  
Subject: Fw: From NPS.gov: ORV Use in Cape Hatteras

Mike,  
I will print these out before forwarding to you and add to the comment file.

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Subject: From NPS.gov: ORV Use in Cape Hatteras

Email submitted from: /caha/contacts.htm

Dear Mr. Murray,

I am writing to you concerning an article I just read in Audubon. I was appalled to learn of what is happening on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. There is so much wrong with that situation, I can't begin to describe how I feel about it. I cannot believe how these ORV's are running over chicks and eggs and they don't even care. It's amazing to me how people can care so little about their environment and the living creatures around them.

I just want to encourage you to stand firm in your job to protect this area. There is no reason for people to be driving their vehicles on the beach. Have we not taken enough of the natural areas that exist in the U.S.? We need to ensure that our species have protected areas in which to live. Nesting birds should not have to worry about their nests being destroyed or having their babies run over by vehicles.

Not only are ORV's bad for wildlife, but many people are not going to want to visit Cape Hatteras if they have to worry about vehicles running them over on the beach. The only reason I would want to go to Cape Hatteras at this point is to help Mr. Maddock protect the birds' habitat. If the NPS doesn't do something soon, there are going to be some angry people on the environmentalist side going down to Cape Hatteras some people a piece of their minds.

It is just ridiculous that we cannot keep a National Park protected from being destroyed. Politics should not play into this. There should be no question: the beach should be shut off from ANY offroad vehicle access. People are so selfish to think that the seashores are for their use only. These birds, like the piping plover, was using this long before any of them were ever thought of. How dare we go into their home and destroy it.

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Please encourage your director to take a stand and to not compromise with people like Dave Goodwin. We need to demonstrate to him that that kind of behavior is not tolerated.

Thanks for all you are doing to try to protect our National Parks.

Sincerely,

Donna Lewis



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To: Cyndy Holda/CAHA/NPS@NPS  
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To: <mike\_murray@nps.gov>  
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Subject: What Hatteras Means to My Family and Friends

Dear Superintendent Murray,

My Name is Thomas Gallo and I live in Goldsboro, NC. My family has been vacationing on the OBX for the past 33 years. As a matter of fact my wife and I spent our honeymoon on the OBX back in 1973 so it holds a very special place in our hearts. One of the main reasons we enjoy going there is the freedom we have of driving on the beaches.

My son and I are avid surf fishermen and if you know anything about the sport, one must often travel the beaches in search of "fishable holes". This is identical to boat fishermen who must move from place to place on the water in search of fish. Restricting vehicular beach access would have a deleterious impact on surf fishing and the commercial businesses which depend on the sport.

Traveling the beaches also enables my family to find some privacy on an otherwise crowded stretch of beach. We have many fond memories of simply getting away from the crowds and being alone with nothing but the sounds of surf and birds, not to mention the miraculous scenery. I can't count the number of times we have spent watching beautiful quiet sunsets by ourselves.

In addition to visiting the OBX with my family, I have made countless trips to the OBX with my fishing buddies. No matter whether or not we catch any fish, we enjoy each others friendship and company (some of us only get together once a year for these trips). I know for a fact that these trips would never have materialized if we could not take our vehicles on the beach.

I would like to conclude by saying that I am a proud member of both the OBPA and the NCBBA. These two organizations believe as I do regarding beach access. "Preserve & Protect Not Prohibit" and "Beach Respect".

Yours Truly,

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Mike Murray  
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To: mike\_murray@nps.gov  
cc:  
Subject: What Hatteras Means To Me

Dear Superintendent Murray:

Your request for "What Hatteras Means To Me" that appeared in OBPA's Beach Keeper takes me all the way back to 1967 when I first visited the Outer Banks to surf fish. I have been a avid surf fisherman for fifty years. My fishing trips have often taken me anywhere from Maine to the Outer Banks. My first beach vehicle was a 1930 Model A Ford modified to ply the sand of Island Beach State Park in New Jersey Since 1966 I have used a number of self-contained 4x4 camper type beach vehicles to access many beaches along the coast. I have experienced endless hours of enjoyment at Cape Hatteras National Seashore and caught many fine fish  
As I am now a senior citizen it is even more critical for me to be able to access the beaches via a 4x4 vehicle as I wind down a life of surf fishing. I urge you to do all in your power to insure 4x4 access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore continues.  
I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2007.

Bob Lick  
NCBBA, Life Member  
OBPA Member

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Superintendent Mike Murray  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
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Superintendent Murray,

BY:.....

I hope I am not too late to offer my input for the ORV policy development plan. I am not a letter writer but this is an issue that is close to my heart. My family has been coming to the Outer Banks for 20 years, every September. It has been a great vacation and we have wonderful memories of all those times. We have passed the legacy on to our children and even our grandchildren and they are now making their own, group visits.

I learned all my surf fishing skills on the beaches from Oregon Inlet to Hatteras Inlet and most of those times were shared with my brother. We became enthralled with beach buggies and both of us soon acquired 4x4s and the plethora of equipment typical of mobile surf fisherman. We didn't "knock them dead" most of the time but we did catch our share of fish, some of particular memory. They were the best of times; unfortunately my brother has passed on (at age 52) but my memories are like yesterday. I remember our first tentative drives over the ramps, sand all over the frame, sand inside, rod tips flashing in the sun from out of our racks, the racks we at first made and then bought. Every year was a new adventure reading the surf, learning the sand, buying and making equipment, and of course sharing it all with our wives and friends even if they weren't all that interested. I'm sure you can relate at least to part of this.

We always tried to be careful of restricted areas, we mourned the dead turtles and occasional whales on the beach, and we enjoyed the pelicans and seagulls that circled around us. I like to think we were careful and courteous around fellow beach goers, both drivers and pedestrian, even when they weren't too "polite" to us. On more than one instance we aided drivers in distress and in turn required aid ourselves. In short, we loved all parts of driving on the beach.

Currently our country is in a war in Iraq with the intention of establishing freedom there but at the same time we are losing some of our freedoms at home, one of which would be the ability to drive on one of the last open areas of beach sand in the US. I realize that there are some irresponsible drivers that use the beach just as there are irresponsible pedestrians that use the beach, I live on an island and I see it all the time. Every privilege requires responsible care but there will always be those who are ignorant and uncaring, however, we just can't let them be the criteria for establishing policies that affect the vast majority of people who do care. If some form of control becomes necessary at least don't sacrifice those of us who do care, who do enjoy and savor riding the beaches of the Outer Banks.

I ask you to please develop an equitable policy for all of us so that I can continue to add to my memories while watching my children and grandchildren develop their own. The time will come when we all will be gone and all that will be left will be fading photos and those memories. I pray that you use the wisdom of Solomon and have the patience of Job in creating a plan that allows me to continue to drive out to Cape Point, rig up my big surf rod, dig my toes in the sand and put my heart into bringing a "big" one up onto the beach.

Thank you for listening, for your concern, for your honest effort on behalf of all of us who love and want the best for all users of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Sincerely,



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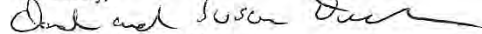
Mary A. Bomar  
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National Park Service  
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Washington, DC 20240

Sir and Madam,

My wife and I are lifelong residents of the state of North Carolina and make multiple trips to the Outer Banks and the Cape Hatteras National Seashore each year. The main purpose for our visits is to enjoy the unspoiled beaches and view and photograph the wildlife that live here in the summer and visit in the winter. I am also a fisherman that understands (but does not condone) the desire by many to drive on the beaches with no boundaries. It is embarrassing to us as North Carolina natives to know that our state is lagging behind in the protection of the beach nesting birds. We were down at the Outer Banks again a couple of weeks ago helping the local economy by spending our money on hotel rooms, food, gas, and other odds and ends. While we were there we observed far more people out walking the beaches, bird watching, taking photos, fishing (and not using a 4WD) than we did people with 4WD vehicles. We have a 4WD vehicle but still park in a parking area and walk to the beach. It would seem to us that beach driving could still be allowed as a compromise in small areas selected for the fisherman who are willing to purchase an off road driving permit and sign a legally binding document that they will stay in the designated areas. We feel that the vast majority of the seashore should be off limits to 4WD vehicles and should be home to the native wildlife. We also feel that this regulation needs to be enforced and that the National Park Service should not bend to the desires of the people who want to turn our beaches into rutted racetracks. Fishermen are resourceful people and will still go where they can catch the most fish even if they have to walk a hundred yards to get to the beach. It is difficult and unsafe to walk on the beaches in these high traffic areas.

It is time to develop policy that is in the best interest of the endangered species and other wildlife that live in our National Seashore.

Sincerely,



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# CCA North Carolina

## Coastal Conservation Association

Superintendent Mike Murray  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
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Manteo, NC 27954

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Dear Superintendent Murray:

I am writing you to voice the opinion of the Coastal Conservation Association North Carolina and its thousands of members who visit the Outer Banks and Cape Hatteras every year. Cape Hatteras is a unique place for all of us to visit and fish. It represents arguably the best surf fishing in the world. The prime fishing places would not be available to us without the ability to drive four wheel drive vehicles on the beach.

We also recognize the beauty and diversity of wildlife that exists in the park. Our members are always sensitive to the needs of the wildlife there. For more than 50 years the wildlife and those who use the area have shared the park in harmony. We only drive on the beach close to the high water line, stay off the dunes and respect the needs of the wildlife. We strongly value the marine environment and coastal access to it.

Cape Hatteras is a national park. As such, CCA NC members appreciate and value the access to the beach areas. Many of us take our families there to enjoy the beach and the fishing. Without access via four wheel drive vehicles, we would not be able to do that. We must remember that Pea Island was set aside as a wildlife refuge but the rest of the park is just that. It is a park for all of our citizens to enjoy.

If the park is closed to ORV traffic, how will we get our children or our senior citizens out to see the beauty of Cape Point? How will we enjoy the superb fishing at Hatteras Inlet? Will we forever miss the drum blitz on Ocracoke? I personally spend about 4 weeks a year visiting Cape Hatteras. If I could not drive my vehicle on the beach, I probably would not come.

Many of us have taught our families to fish there. We have valued the solitude of one of the most beautiful beaches in our country. For the many CCA NC members and their families, we ask that you retain the traditional access to our park. Yes, protect the wildlife but don't prohibit access.

Sincerely,

*Bill Mandulak*  
Bill Mandulak, President, CCA NC

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Outer Banks Group

January 31, 2007

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Mr. Michael Murray  
Superintendent,  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area  
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Manteo, North Carolina 27954

Dear Mike:

I am delighted the powers in Washington finally made a good decision for a change, the one that put you at the helm of the national park system in this area.

You have stepped in, assessed problems and are making changes to address them, and your task is not an easy one. I compare your style to that of a now retired superintendent who managed the park when I first became associated with the Outer Banks, a Mr. Thomas Hartman, and that is a good comparison. When folks had issues with decisions Tom made in the park, he would go to them publicly and clear the air, so to speak. He would negotiate on issues he could and held firm on others. He was respected! I see you in the same light.

But times were less contentious when Tom was in charge. There were a few more plover nests and hatchlings, but not many. There were lots more fish to catch. There was lots more beach to drive on and there were fewer off-road vehicles using the beaches. There were almost no organized groups who opposed the use of ORV's on the beach. I personally have driven from Sandbridge in Virginia Beach to Hatteras Inlet, leaving the beach only once to cross the Bonner Bridge, drove the entire length of Pea Island, in front of the cottages in Buxton, passed the lighthouse and ended at the inlet. That was in the early nineteen seventies. The scenery was breath taking. My family decided to buy a second home here because we loved it so much and enjoyed the freedom and excitement of the area, especially the huge fall bluefish blitzes.

Today, I'm retired and a resident of Nags Head. Many of my old fishing buddies have passed on and I have aged. I have served as a member, director and officer of one of the largest ORV user groups in the world and I have seen great changes come about this area over the past thirty five years. This area used vehicles on all beaches in the twenties and thirties to haul fishing nets from the ocean. Today, I can access less than twenty percent of the beaches by ORV that I drove on thirty five years ago.

Today, I'm told by paid lobbyists and overzealous conservation groups that the use of my ORV causes harm to flora and fauna, and I drive with a greater awareness of nature now than I did long ago.

I am amazed by the need for year-round closures for birds that seldom show. I am more amazed that birds that are not threatened nor endangered cause vast areas of beach to be closed for excessive periods. And I am totally amazed how afraid this nation has become of lawsuits filed by folks who 'don't get their way' on a particular issue!

This area was a fishing and recreational area before the national park ever had the land turned over to them. I am appalled when I read that some feel that this area is a 'pristine wilderness' area. This area doesn't even fit the federal standards for a 'wilderness' area. If it did, we would have to close up a lot of homes, shut down a lot of businesses and move a lot of folks out!

I speak for many when I tell you the best stewards of the park system you manage are the locals who live here, love it here and want to do things to maintain the beauty of the area. These are the folks who volunteer to work as docents at the lighthouse, work on turtle patrols, and clean trash from the beaches. Next time you drive down Route 12 from the maintenance buildings to Bonner Bridge, notice an Adopt-A-Highway sign assigned to the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association and a 15 year award on the sign. This stretch of road lies within park land and NCBBA as assisted with trash pickup on this stretch of road for 15 years! I have yet to see any group of 'environmentalists' any more dedicated than NCBBA and yet we and other ORV users are seen as a major threat to the park system. I have never seen any effort to do this by any on the well know environmental groups - Bluewater, Defenders of Wildlife, Audubon and the like

And on the subject of the Audubon, I am positive you have read the recent article in their magazine by Ted Williams. I have never read such a paragraph-after-paragraph twist of the facts, and to tout Sydney Maddock as a negotiating asset is a joke! You and I saw his in-your-face approach last year during the seasonal closing at Oregon Inlet. He is rude and will do whatever it takes to get his way. He was also given a speeding ticket did have an expired sticker, and that is a legal fact of record. But Mr. Williams and Sydney are paid to do what they do. It's a shame that more truth wasn't in the article so that their readers got the real picture, and not the 'spin' that was written to entice donations to fill their coffers.

It is indeed unfortunate that an ORV plan was not put in place years ago. In fact, a superintendent prior to Tom Hartman, a Bill Harris, enacted a quickly put-together plan that involved large beach closings. This caused so much furor at the time that pressure from higher up negated his plan and, if my old memory serves, removed him from his job. Maybe that's why no one else ever moved forward with another plan. I don't know. I do know that as more beach area is closed to ORV traffic, there seems to be more rules in effect to control ORV's! I also know that an ORV plan is coming.

Negotiated rule making with stake holders is a great way, in theory, to reach consensus and build an ORV management plan. All sides will agree and be happy with the outcome. Yet in the face of that, two environmental stake holders have instituted law suits. One group who did stepped away from the negotiating table. Yet, just last month another group, Defenders of Wildlife, decided to enter a suit. They, too, should step away from the table. How can you agree to negotiate in good faith and then enter into a lawsuit as you prepare to enter into negotiations. And all of this before the first negotiated rule making session is even held!

Your best friends and allies in what is to come will prove to be the ORV users themselves. I'll bet on it!

A few questions before I close.

1. Why were the dumpster and port-a-john taken from ramp four at Oregon Inlet? There are formal bathroom facilities at most every location except ramp four. Last summer they were placed there, and now they are gone! If there is money to build toilet facilities for wind surfers in Avon, how about a little money for a plastic toilet and a dumpster at ramp four. How much can that cost based on all the other things going on in the park? The beach is your biggest drawing card, and the ramp at Oregon Inlet draws more traffic year-round than the ramps at Cape Point!. Why not some simple facilities?

2. With ample presence of the sheriff's department and state highway patrol, why do park rangers enter into the practice of running radar and engaging in highway pursuit when their own vehicles have reduced tire pressure? It's a stupid practice at best and suicidal at worst. Why not rather have the rangers worry about infractions on the beach?

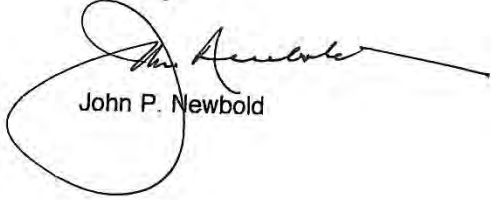
3. Why does the NCBBA have to go through the process of getting a 'permit' in order to pick up trash? I cannot for the life of me understand why paper work must be generated in order to clean up the beaches and highways. Seems to me your park rangers have better things to do than to ask us for a 'permit' to conduct a beach cleanup, or am I missing something?



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Best of luck to you sir, and if I can help in any way, please call upon me at any time.

Cordially

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Newbold", with a large, stylized flourish on the left side that loops around the text.

John P. Newbold

5714 138<sup>th</sup> Place SE Bellevue, WA 98006MBW  
2/5/07

January 31, 2007

Mike Murray  
 Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
 1401 National Parke Drive  
 Manteo, NC 27954

Mary A Bomar  
 Director, National Park Service  
 1849 C Street, NW  
 Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Mr. Murray and Ms. Bomar:

Our family has long enjoyed the beauty and peace found at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We now visit every few years to savor and reflect on the beach and natural attractions. Our entire family travels from all over the country (WA, AZ, MN, OH, and WV) to spend time there. Based on evidence and testimony, we believe that the National Park Service is not complying with the regulations and legal requirements to protect this Seashore.

The Seashore is a national treasure as designated by Congress—not a playground for the indiscriminate destructive amusement of a few off-road vehicle (ORV) enthusiasts. What we destroy today may not be recoverable tomorrow and therefore may be lost forever—a senseless, preventable tragedy for our country. We believe that you understand the critical environmental and wildlife issues at stake.

We urge you to begin taking the crucial steps needed to reduce the destruction caused by ORVs and to reduce the disproportionate influence exerted by the ORV lobby on policy.

- Ensure that **all** stakeholders are equally represented in discussions.
- Enforce all laws against encroaching on bird nesting sites.
- Challenge the Fish and Wildlife Service's misguided, deadly interpretation of the "incidental take" of endangered species, specifically the Piping Plover.
- Lead the way to revive the plan to build the long bridge recommended by the state of NC and several federal agencies—but axed by the Interior Dept. at the insistence of the ORV lobby. The long bridge would bypass Pea Island and preserve undeveloped barrier island and wildlife refuge.
- Create designated areas for ORV use, away from critical nesting areas.

Make it possible for us and future generations to walk safely along the beach and experience the glorious sensations of the ocean—the smooth, shiny expanses of sand at the water's edge; the long, winding ribbons of foam, seaweed, shells, and other treasures deposited by the tide; the birds soaring above, diving for fish, and probing the beach for food—undisturbed by the din of engines, the odor of gasoline fumes, or the danger of being killed or injured. To us, this is the essence of the National Seashore.

In short, be courageous—begin **immediately** to reverse the destruction by the few, and restore the area to its status a National Seashore for the benefit of the entire country.

Thank you.

Martin Gibbins and Paula Crockett



cc: Senator Patty Murray  
 Senator Maria Cantwell  
 Congressman David Reichert  
 National Audubon Society

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624 Yucca Dr.  
Grand Junction, CO  
February 1, 2007

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Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Mr. Murray:

I've just read *Beach Bums* by Ted Williams, *Audubon* Jan-Feb 2007. You & I know about the sometimes contradictory mission of the NPS. You & I know about ESA Section 7 requirements upon federal agencies. You & I know there's pressure from OHV groups put on bureaucrats and politicians. What I don't know about is what makes that pressure so powerful. I assume it's a couple of things, OHV people pumping high energy into their interest and beholden public servants unable to say "No" to a client. We have the same thing in western Colorado.

Now consider this. OHV people are interested in promoting their recreation. So are the people who profit from their activity. The rest of us are passive, annoyed, or outraged by their activity, depending on where and when they do it. Tell me how to help get the politicians off your back so you can do the job you are mandated by law to do. I love that Carolina beach and its wildlife and I am cc'ing this to my legislators as a first effort.

Yours truly,



Ron Lambeth

CC: Colo Senator Wayne Allard  
Colo Senator Ken Salazar  
Colo Congressman John Salazar

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Dear Mr. Murray,

Outer Banks Group

I am writing this note in reference to various organizations fighting to have beaches along Cape Hatteras National Seashore closed to off-road vehicles. I am asking for your assistance in stopping this movement. I started visiting the outer banks islands only a few years ago. In that short time my love for the islands and the surf fishing sport has grown tremendously. The surf fishing old timers have taught me a lot not only about the sport, but about treatment of the island. My parents raised me to respect others and their property, but what I've witnessed these guys do is to respect the land itself. These folks take the time to do things critics don't see. Things like picking up the trash that's blowing along the beach or helping their fellow fisherman regardless if they actually know the person. These organizations that want to close the beaches to ORV's want to imply that ORV operators don't respect the wildlife on the beaches. As you know, the park service runs a tight ship on overseeing the wildlife population and its care. They will close sections along the beach for nesting purposes. Sometimes these closures will include ones favorite fishing hole. These sections are closed to ORV's and the closures are respected by the fisherman. These islands have been for public use for years and I would like them to remain open for public use. I feel that there is plenty of room for everyone to enjoy the beaches.

Please help us stop this act against the off-road vehicle operators. I would like to continue to use the beaches, but if these organizations continue with their attacks, I fear that our enjoyment of the beaches will be short lived.

Thank you,

Gerome Heath

Dunn, NC 28334

12134 Harnett/Dunn Hwy

Mike Murray, Supt.  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Dr.  
Manteo, NC 27954

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Dear Mr. Murray:

I would like to express my extreme concern regarding the use of Off road vehicles in the National Seashore Park on the outer banks area. I have read the article in the recent Audubon magazine regarding this problem. Birds and their nests, as well as other wildlife like turtles, are being destroyed or disturbed, and even humans walking the beach are being threatened.

I had a home on the beach at Nags Head for several years until about 1997, and spent my early years in the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's on the beaches in the area. I am familiar with the vicinity and the growth and changes that have taken place.

I would like to add my name to those who object strongly to the use of ORVs on the beach in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park. National parks, by law, must provide Americans with ecosystem preserves. The use of ORVs in national parks flouts federal laws, such as its own organic act, Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the General Authorities Act, and the executive orders by Presidents Nixon and Carter, which forbid ORV use unless it can be demonstrated that it won't compromise natural values. The seashore's enabling legislation requires that it be permanently reserved as a primitive wilderness. As you know, ORVs are not part of a primitive wilderness.

Please do all you can to ensure the protection of our wildlife and our wilderness area at the Cape Hatteras Park.

Sincerely,



Vilma Taylor Ballance  
6048 Dassia Way  
Oceanside, CA 92056  
E-mail: [vtballance@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vtballance@sbcglobal.net)

Cc: Mary Bomar, Director  
National Park Service

Audubon Society

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January 30, 2007

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Superintendent Murray:

We are writing to express our disdain concerning the policy of allowing ORVs to run without any concern for the endangered Piping Plovers nesting on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We understand the ORV lobby is vocal and are prone to using strong arm tactics, but there are other people who are concerned with the safety of the nesting birds on the Seashore. Why should the ORV crowd be able to override the rules and regulations of the Endangered Species Act?

We hope that you would see fit to fence off as much beach as necessary to protect the nesting birds. All people need to learn to abide by the rules even if they are unable to appreciate what nature has given us.

Thank you for your effort in caring for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yours truly,

*Robert Heward*  
*Sharon Heward*

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heward  
P.O. Box 3031  
Tuba City, AZ 86045

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February 2, 2007

Mr. Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

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Dear Mr. Murray,

Over the past 30 years I have been a frequent visitor to Cape Hatteras National Seashore and 4 years ago I was able to fulfill my dream of owning a place of my own in Hatteras Village. I and my family have enjoyed many wonderful days of fishing and enjoying the beautiful beaches on Hatteras Island but I have serious concerns if this is going to last. I am deeply concerned about the increasing limited access to the fishing areas I have enjoyed over many years, namely Hatteras Inlet and the Buxton Point. I am sure you understand that the majority of visitors to Hatteras Island come here for fishing and the money that is spent by the fisherman contribute greatly to the economy on Hatteras Island.

When the decisions are made regarding access I sincerely hope you take into consideration the implications these decisions will have on the local business owners and the visitors to Hatteras Island.

Very truly yours,



William Goodman  
35 Violet Court  
Holmdel, NJ 07733

Cc John Couch, President  
OBPA

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Mr. Murray,

I made my first trip to Hatteras Island in 1982 when my daughter was only one year old. I had heard from a friend of the excellent fishing opportunities that exist there. He was right, of course, but as good as the fishing is, it is only part of the overall Hatteras experience.

After the initial visit, my family took our annual vacation on Hatteras Island for 22 summers in a row. In a few of those years, we were fortunate enough to visit on Thanksgiving and even once during Christmas. I watched my kids grow up with fishing rods, crab traps, kites, and the occasional sun burn.

Over the years we caught lots of fish from the sound, from the piers, and from charter boats, but perhaps the most unique fishing experience on Hatteras Island is the beach fishing. And, of course, a necessary component of that segment is the open beach access which allows us to drive RESPONSIBLY on those beaches. Without this privilege, the Hatteras experience would be irreparably tarnished.

As I write this letter, I am already anticipating this year's visit. A nasty divorce (are there any other kind?) has prevented me from my regular visits for the last couple of years, but my daughter, the chemical engineer, has booked a house for us in Frisco in mid August. Until she confirmed that, I hadn't realized how much I missed my happy place these last couple years. Now I am and will continue to anxiously anticipate this summer's trip.

This year I will once again be enjoying Hatteras with my children, but I will also be introducing the Hatteras experience to the new love of my life. She and I have enjoyed the Pasadena area, and the beautiful beaches in Malibu. We have also enjoyed together the beaches of Florida's west coast. These are all fabulous to be sure, but Robin has not yet experienced 'Paradise'; she will in August.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Geary  
218 Washington Street  
Mount Pleasant, Pa 15666



# FRANK & FRAN'S

THE FISHERMAN'S FRIEND WWW.HATTERAS-ISLAND.COM

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**RE: Fly Fish and Rod article -- how to fight it** posted by Dirt Clod

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There is not a more enjoyable place than the OBX for me.  
 Yall talk about all the riff raff that messin up the beach.  
 It not the ones that enjoy this place the way I do!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
 Where can you go and see the outdoor's like this.  
 I am just a farm boy. I save my money all year just to come to the OBX so I can you can  
 get away from all of the world's problem's. Sunrise on the beach, sunset on the beach not  
 a soul in sight.  
 Most of the people I meet down there love this place and would not do anything to  
 endanger it.  
 Bird's, turtle's and even seagull's. I want to enjoy this place.  
 I watch where I drive. I pick up anything that is not suppose to be there!!!  
 When I leave the beach, I have to stop at the dumpster's to throw out all the trash I picked  
 up.  
 Not all of the fishermen on the beach are thug's. Most of us want to enjoy this place a  
 long, long time.  
 I save my time off of work all year just to come to OBX.  
 Where else can a body get away from all of the headache's of the world and sit down and  
 fish. ( ALONE )  
 And not see a living soul in sight.  
 Just joined the OBPA.  
 Member of Fran and Fran's and RDT web site's.  
 These are good people.

HELP save our beach access.

Garry Smith  
 4631 Old Thomasville Rd.  
 Winston Salem, NC 27107

January 23, 2007

Mary A. Bomar  
Director, National Park Service  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

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Mr. Mike Murray  
Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Mr. Murray and Ms. Bomar,

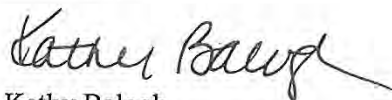
I am from Ohio and have visited Cape Hatteras several times on recreational vacations with my family. I implore you to do all in your power to protect nesting shorebirds in the jurisdictions under your management. When populations of piping plovers at Cape Hatteras National Seashore are reduced to 5 pairs and American Oystercatchers to 24 pairs we cannot ignore the causes any longer! And no nesting terns or skimmers are left!

The National Park Service is obligated by law to address the three responsible factors: non-native predators, human disturbance, and failure to adequately protect nesting habitats. Specifically, NPS must:

- Remove non-native predators from nesting areas, and
- Provide appropriate buffer zones between people and nesting birds. This can be accomplished while allowing limited vehicle access to nearly all Seashore beaches that have traditionally been open to vehicles. Some sections of beach will have to be closed to allow plover or oystercatcher chicks a place to forage and to prevent chicks from being run over by vehicles. These closures will only be for short periods while birds are using the habitats, which will be beneficial to all Seashore users.

When you lose one species, the ecosystem web has been broken. This is unacceptable. Please keep me informed of your plans for protecting shorebirds and other water birds.

Sincerely,



Kathy Balogh

7025 N. Amherst St, Portland, OR 97203

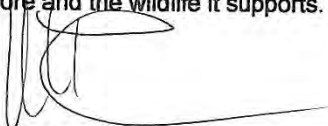
cc. Mary Bomar, Div. NPS

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2/2/07

Dear Mr. Murray,

I just finished reading the article by Ted Williams entitled *Beach Bums* in the Jan-Feb 2007 issue of the Audubon magazine. Perhaps I am cynical, but it appears that environmental apathy is becoming increasingly pervasive in both public and private sectors. Given the present-day scientific evidence supporting the umpteen benefits of responsible wildlife, wilderness, ecological, and natural resource stewardship and conservation, it is saddening to see such examples of caustic recreational indulgence and blatant disregard for environmental well-being. While empathizing with the recreationists viewpoint, I also feel that supporting the indiscriminate use of ORV's in such a fragile habitat is myopic and the benefits derived ephemeral, at best. On the other hand, diligent environmental management will benefit those of generations to come. I therefore implore you to use your position of authority and become a steadfast advocate for the continued preservation of the Cape Hatteras Ntl. Seashore and the wildlife it supports.

Sincerely,



Dr. Mark Cullen

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4750 Dolphin Cay Ln So. #409  
Petersburg, FL 33711

February 2, 2007

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

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**Re: Cape Hatteras National Seashore**

Dear Mr. Murray,

As a long-time visitor to Cape Hatteras and member of the Outer Banks Preservation Association, I am writing to request that you consider my brief comments concerning use of the Seashore beaches.

I have been surf fishing annually--with little interruption--since the late 1970's, during both the spring and the fall. The senior member of our fishing group began to fish there in the 1950's. Over the years I have spent countless days on the beaches, from Oregon Inlet to Hatteras Inlet, with my father and brothers, with our friends, and with the new friends we make there each year. My son now travels with me during Spring Break.

While we are there, I feel confident that our presence has contributed to the economic vitality of the communities we visit: we lodge in a motel run by Outer Banks natives; we dine in the local restaurants; we purchase gasoline and buy bait and tackle and ice. And of course, this year we'll have the new North Carolina fishing licenses in our pockets.

I am proud to say I have never seen any member of our fishing troupe litter, drive out of bounds, or disturb wildlife habitat; indeed, our inclination has always been to pick up refuse and make a contribution to the pristine nature of the site. We are mindful of other guests on the beach, fishermen and non-fishermen, and pay great attention to fishing rules and regulations.

In conclusion, I write to you because beach access is very important to me and my fellow surf fishermen. I hope that our perspective will be represented during the development of an ORV Plan through the Negotiated Rule Making process. I wish you all the best and offer a hearty word of thanks for taking a moment to consider my perspective.

Sincerely,



R. Eric Knopf  
8233 Ellerson Green Pl.  
Mechanicsville, Va. 23116-1872  
reknopf@earthlink.net

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Mr. Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
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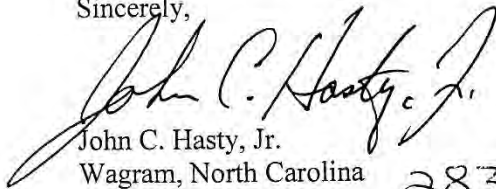
Re: Reasons we love the Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Dear Mr. Murray,

I am writing you in response to Larry Hardham's request in the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club newsletter. I enjoy my two to three trips per year to one or more of our barrier islands to fish. The draw for me is the fact that I **can** drive along our beaches in search of better fishing holes. I come for the camaraderie of my friends and the new friends that I will undoubtedly meet each time I go. I go for the serenity of the beaches and the sunrises and the sunsets. I respect and love the people who make their living catering to us fishermen. Never once in the fifteen years I have been going have I witnessed any problems or degradation of our beaches. I, as most others I know, do all I can to remove any trash as I leave. Whether it is mine or anyone else's. Our motto is, and always has been, that wherever we go we leave the place in better shape than we found it.

We have the greatest resource available to us in the country which are our beaches and the right to enjoy them. We must not let that be taken away from us or anyone. It is revenue for our residents of the Outer Banks and it is a way to get out and see our natural beauty in a way most people can't. Fishing the Outer Banks is a fun and relaxing sport that I'm not sure I could do without. Please let us not make any rules that would jeopardize our beach freedom.

Sincerely,

  
John C. Hasty, Jr.

Wagram, North Carolina

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21102 Lassiter Rd

Cc: Larry Hardham-Cape Hatteras Anglers Club

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January 30, 2007

Katherine Augustson  
204B Sir Walter Raleigh Street  
Manteo, N.C. 27954

Mr. Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, N.C. 27954

Dear Mr. Murray,

After reading the article in the recent article titled Is "There Hope For Cape Hatteras Seashore?" from the Audubon North Carolina online magazine, I will say that it compelled me to write you this letter as a concerned Native of Hatteras Island. But first I will tell you that I am very glad that the National Park Service has been on Hatteras Island all these years! I tremble to think what it would be like at "HOME" without the Park Service.

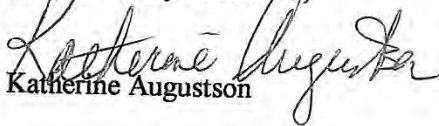
In all my entire 61 years on this earth I have never seen anything as it is now at "HOME". (I capitalize "home" because I want to emphasize the fact that it has always been my home.) What has happened on Hatteras Island in the years since I was old enough to know my surrounds, beggars' description as far as the influx of so many people, over built beaches and furthermore there is no infrastructure to support it and it's all been done in the name of a dollar bill? It has got to stop! I don't know if you have ever seen pictures of how it use to be in the early 1950's when the Park Service first arrived or not but if you have seen early pictures of the Island, then you will truly be able to relate to all I'm saying. Our seashores were miles and miles of pristine beaches that were so wide that it would take me an hour to walk from the sound side to the seaside in Avon (the old Village of Kinnakeet) where my Grandparents lived! After reading that article I feel completely helpless and hopeless about our beaches being constantly torn up, the entire Island being ransacked and all the laws which have been set forth being disobeyed with attitudes that I cannot begin to describe! I now know how the original Indians felt when they were invaded by pirates! Believe me when I tell you this; all the original families feel as I do, completely invaded and robbed blind! Not to mention how appalled I am at the attitudes of the Sport Fishermen, hunters, tourists and so many more types that have flooded our Island. Yes, we all have the right to visit anywhere we choose but we don't have the right to disrupt and to destroy the homes, lifestyles and habitats of not only human beings but of what will soon be endangered wild life of too many species to begin to name.

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I'm at a loss on what to do but I'm writing you this letter as only one very heartbroken native about all I see that's happened in the past years and continues to happen. If this present administration continues to have the same attitude as it does then we will no longer have any National Parks to enjoy.

Finally in closing, I will say that I greatly appreciate the fact that the Park Service is on Hatteras Island and for the work that is being done to preserve what is still there. I dread the mere thought of what it would be like on Hatteras Island without the Park Service! Thank you all very much for all you do!

Very sincerely concerned,

  
Katherine Augustson

P.S.

Please excuse any grammatical errors you may find herewithin. I'm unable to make any corrections as I don't have any way to print out any changes necessary any longer.

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Oyster Banks Grouping;

More has to be done to stop off road vehicles from abusing waterbeds, & turtles. Please take action to protect them.

Sincerely,

Judith Pollack  
51 Clements Place  
Hartsdale N. Y. 10530

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1/30/07

Mr. Mike Murray  
Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Superintendent Murray,

I'm writing because I'm deeply concerned that my National Seashore is being allowed to deteriorate because the Park Service is not protecting the birds that nest on the beach.

It seems clear that the off road vehicle community is ~~to~~ ceding the slots and that they get what they want! What they appear to want is all of the beach all of the time.

Furthermore, it appears that any one with a different viewpoint gets shut out. Just because the ORV people are bullies, doesn't mean they are right.

The natural resources of our National Parks must be preserved. And there is nothing more natural to the National Seashores than the birds that have been nesting there for eons.

Sincerely,  
James J. Boone  
8535 Bedington Dr. SE  
Olympia, WA 98513-3406

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Nancy Giannetti  
P.O. Box 357  
Buxton, N.C. 27920

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2/5/07

Dear Mr. Murray,

Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a wonderful place to live. My husband and I retired down here in 1984. He had to retire early (at a young age of 46) due to a serious heart problem.

We chose Cape Hatteras as the place to retire because we had been coming here since 1965 and as we had lived in four different states this place was always home to our two girls more than anywhere else they ever lived.

Due to my husband's heart condition he was not able to walk a great distance so being able to drive on the beach <sup>pleased him to</sup> enjoy many good years fishing, playing with grandchildren and looking for shells. This made retirement an enjoyable time and his quality of health much better.

He was told in 1971 that he had less than one year to live and lived until 1996. This was the only place that really brought happiness for him.

Since his death I have remained here due to my love of fishing, walking and playing with grandchildren who live off the island and come each and every summer many times spending the whole summer with me.

Both of us also loved the lighthouse and volunteered there since it opened in 1990 to visitors. Cheryl worked on Fri mornings at the base of the lighthouse, went to the hospital on the night and died on Sat day. Since then I have continued to work during the summers at the top and also do fish with a Ruger and have accumulated around 200 lbs.

We are please with all you are doing to keep the beaches open and hope you will continue in the future

Sincerely,  
Nancy Giannetti

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Outer Banks Group

Dear Mr. Murray,

Upon perusing the article  
'Black Buns' in the January-February  
2007 Audubon magazine of which  
we receive with our membership, I  
was very emotionally sad and  
deeply disturbed by the ignorance  
of the ORV owners and the lines of  
all wildlife of which they are  
destroying needlessly. Please place  
total restrictions to their use on these  
lonely beaches of North Carolina  
to prevent further mindless destruction.

With sincere appreciation for your  
immediate actions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Caroline K. Moller

Caroline Moller

PO Box 733

Lakeville, CT 06039

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A Note from <sup>Feb</sup> FEB 02 2007

Ms. Bonnie Zingarelli Outer Banks Group

Dear Mr. Murray,

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2/2/07

How can you possibly sleep at night w/ the title

"Supintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore" when there are RVs, obnoxious, IGNORANT individuals destroying

what you supposedly are paid to SUPERVISE

by the taxpayers??

I am appalled & disgusted that such activities are read in the 01-02/07 Audubon magazine are

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going on right under  
your nose.

Please tell me  
you are doing

SOMETHING about

this? The poor  
gentleman, Dr. Maddock,  
had/has every right to

expect some authority  
figure to prevail  
over these selfish,  
idiots -- which, I am quite  
sure, don't even vote.  
Sincerely, Tom Fitzgerald

Fitzgerald  
175 W. Chitina Trail

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EAST END SURF FISHING CLUB, INC  
P.O. BOX 848  
RIVERHEAD, NY 11901-0602

To whom it may Concern:

BY:.....

1-23-07

MBM  
2/7/07

I would like to write and allow you to enter as a supportive letter to the Dept. of Interior and to Cape Hatteras National Seashore for the challenge that has been placed on your department. I understand that keeping all user groups satisfied is very complicated to do, and that from time to time must be very challenging, however the comments that the Audubon Society has openly published in their bi-monthly book is full of inaccuracies and your department is not due such criticisms.

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Thomas R Pennino

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Secretary E.F.S.C.  
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January 22, 2007

Superintendent  
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Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552, as amended, I hereby request disclosure by postal mail of the following information, documents and records:

1. The comments from the public on potential members of the ORV regulation negotiated rule-making committee
2. Any other information, documents and records relating to potential members of the ORV regulation negotiated rule-making committee

The phrase "information, documents and records," is used in a comprehensive sense and includes but is not limited to all hand-written, typed, printed, recorded, transcribed copies or reproductions of every kind and description. This includes letters, memoranda, telegrams, notes, reports, details of accounts, minutes, work sheets, computer printouts, contracts, proceedings, and any type or other compilation from which information can be obtained.

If you regard any information, documents and records in the foregoing list as exempt from required disclosure under the Act, I hereby request that you exercise your discretion under the Act to disclose them nonetheless.

I further request that you disclose the listed information, documents and records as they become available to you, without waiting until all information, documents and records have been assembled.

As you know, the Freedom of Information Act provides that if portions of a document or record are exempt from release, the remainder must be segregated and disclosed.

Therefore I will expect you to send me all nonexempt portions of the information, documents and records that I have requested, and ask that you justify any deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information, documents and records.

I am making this request in the capacity of a student journalist at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. As you know the FOI Act says search and copying fees "shall" be waived when the release of the requested information, documents and records would be "in the public interest." I believe this request plainly fits into this category.

Accordingly, I request that pursuant to the FOI Act provisions in question, you waive all fees in the public interest because the furnishing of the information, documents and records requested will primarily benefit the public.

If you deny this request for a fee waiver, however, please notify me of the charges before you fill the request so I may decide whether to pay the fees or appeal your denial of my request for a fee waiver.

Please send the documents and any other correspondence to the address listed below.

I appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,



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**The Godwins**

**From:** "The Godwins" <sweetsea@charterinternet.com>  
**To:** <mikemurray@nps.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2007 4:51 AM  
**Subject:** Vehicular access at Cape Hatteras National Seashore

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Just a note to express my personal feelings and to reiterate some hard facts concerning beach access by vehicle. The most enjoyable time spent in my life is playing with my grandchildren and surf fishing at the Outer Banks. There is no way, at my age, to fish the point or other beach areas with vehicular access. With rare exceptions, neither myself or others could do it. Vehicular access allows this wonderful recreational activity to continue. You have no doubt ridden the beaches and seen the fishermen and their family and friends enjoying the beaches and fishing. This is vital. A look at the license tags gives one a true picture of the vast level of enjoyment by those throughout the entire nation. At one time or another you will see every state tag on the shoreline. This activity is under constant attack by small but vigilant groups of environmental extremists who would deny this privilege to millions of people. They for the most part never utilize the beaches yet from afar wish to deny others the privilege. For every one of them that ever visit the Cape Hatteras area, there are literally hundreds of recreational fishermen and their family members that do so. Recreational fishing IS the lifeblood of the economy on Hatteras Island. There are not enough bird watchers and lighthouse visitors alone to sustain it. But these environmental vigilantes do not give one whit about that and the lives of people that would be affected. Their own agenda is all that matters to them and they want it all, not just designated non-driving areas to protect important habitat but to shut it down altogether. And they feel like that is their right and duty to do so. Unfortunately their voices, although few, are shrill and are music to the ears of many in government who are ensconced and also are not possessed of common sense and reasoning. Reasonable accommodations can be reached by reasonable people. As it is now, accommodations are made for both wildlife and people. But the attacks by the radicals are incessant. The fact is simple. If vehicular access is ever denied, the economy of Hatteras Island will be destroyed and the recreational opportunity for millions of human beings will go with it. Please print and enter my comments in the public comments section of the Management Plan that is being developed regarding CHNS.

Sincerely,



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Mike Murray, Superintendent  
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Dear Superintendent Murray :

We are writing to ask you to help preserve Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Too many off road vehicles in too many places are eroding soil and thereby setting up for flooding, as well as destroying birding habitat and pleasure for birders who spend millions of dollars on this activity every year. It doesn't make sense ! We must all plan for the future

We believe that humans are intelligent enough to do this

Thanks very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
  
Kathy Hrycuna  
Chuck and Kathy Hrycuna

**WILLIAM I. BERRYHILL, JR.  
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January 26, 2007

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Dear Superintendent Murray,

It has come to my attention that the "Negotiated Rule Making" process will soon begin as regards the formulation of an "ORV Management Plan" for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. With this in mind, I would like to offer a few of my thoughts respectfully requesting that my views be made a part of the official record.

At the risk of sounding overly dramatic, I will begin by saying that next to my God and my family, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore is my life! I have been mobile surf fishing there for almost forty years. During this time, I have never witnessed any harm done to the resource or its wildlife by the lawful operation of off-road vehicles. As for the distinct minority of unlawful ORV operators, I really don't think these persons should be placed in jail - I think they should be placed under the jail! Proper management of off-road vehicles at the CHNS is no more complicated than the National Park Service being afforded the necessary personnel resources to engage in effective and sensible law enforcement. Other than the strict enforcement of beach driving regulations based on common sense and grounded in good judgment, no complicated and bureaucratically-detailed "ORV Management Plan" is even needed - at least not in my estimation. But, as a former Federal employee, I realize that the government has to have a "plan" for everything.



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As for my love of the CHNS, it runs the gamut – surf fishing; observing the wildlife; the solace obtained by communing with the ocean and sky; occasionally looking for seashells when the fish aren't biting; picnicking; playing games with my granddaughter on the beach; and the enjoyment of watching sunsets at "Cape Point" with family and friends. I'm 65-years old with two coronary by-passes. There is absolutely no way I could physically enjoy these recreational benefits without the use of an off-road vehicle to help me and my family access the broad and lengthy expanses of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Several other comments:

First, all the serious mobile surf fishermen that I know revere the CHNS and always make every effort to leave it cleaner than they found it. Indeed, truth be known, I firmly believe that committed surf fishermen are the best friends the NPS has when it comes to the proper stewardship of this precious resource.

Second, access to the beaches of the CHNS should never be denied because of the sighting of one or two birds or other wildlife which may be on the so-called "endangered species list." The negative effect of such access denials and/or beach closures on the local economy can be devastating. Bottom line: I'd rather risk an endangered bird than risk endangering the livelihood and sustenance of a human being; or put another way, do we humans, for example, manage piping plovers as best we can; or do piping plovers manage us?

Third, the economy of the Outer Banks is inexorably tied to vehicular access to the Congressionally-mandated recreational benefits of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Both are joined at the hip and mutually dependent. For any governmental entity or private organization to pretend that there is no correlation between mobile beach access and area economic well-being -- while choosing instead to bow down at the politically correct altar of environmental extremism run amuck -- is the essence of irrationality.

Lastly, while the negotiated “ORV Management Plan falls under the purview of the National Park Service, I have never understood why the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service has closed off approximately 17-miles of the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge to mobile surf fishing. Pea Island possesses some of the prime surf fishing beaches in the world. How could responsibly and lawfully driven rubber-tired ORV’s -- whose traces are erased with every high tide -- possibly harm the beaches of a wildlife refuge which has a major highway (N. C. 12) running down the middle of it! If much more numerous highway vehicles don’t harm the refuge -- and evidently they don’t -- then why would much fewer beach vehicles hurt this resource? Besides, the great majority of Pea Island’s wildlife habitats west of Highway 12 -- not on the refuge’s beaches which supports animal life in no greater or lesser numbers than does the CHNS where beach vehicles are allowed.

Moreover, if Pea Island were to be opened up for responsible mobile surf fishing, it would help spread out recreational fishermen along some 60-miles of Outer Banks shoreline thereby lessening the over-all number of ORV’s on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This USF&W beach vehicle ban on Pea Island makes absolutely no sense.

And what really burns this retired U. S. Marshal a “new one” is the admission I received once from several USF&W Pea Island employees that they used the refuge’s beaches -- employing government ORV’s -- for their own private surf fishing enjoyment! Not only is this a violation of their own agency’s regulations, but a supremely hypocritical one at that.

But Pea Island is a whole different subject -- another battle for another day.

Meanwhile, I pray that the representatives taking part in the “Negotiated Rule Making” process leading to an eventual CHNS “ORV Management Plan” will exercise common sense, good judgment, and incorporate non-bureaucratic, intelligent flexibility -- including continuous consultation with user groups -- into any

final plan which must – AS ITS GUIDING PRINCIPLE --  
protect the free access and lawful operation of off-road vehicles on  
the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. I. Berryhill, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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Dear Mr. Murray,

I have just read an article in Audubon Jan -Feb 2007. I can't tell you how surprised (shocked) I was at the policy that has been set in NC to let ORV's rule. I guess I will first ask you if this article is totally accurate. ORV's are allowed to drive around where birds are breeding and fences are not put up? That was 30 years ago before we knew about maintaining National Park areas.

First of all, if this is true, what is your educational program to reach these people and educate them as to the damage that they are creating? Are you going into schools and talking about dead baby birds? Education of children about the balance between humans and the environment is keen.

The enforcement of the law is truly important. If the law concerning Endangered Species Act and the Migratory Bird Act are being broken, I don't understand why. We are a nation built on laws and these are truly important. Are they being enforced and if not, why?

I hope that the laws are being enforced at Cape Hatteras Island and that the people are being educated. Otherwise we might as well think of NC the same way I think of backward nations. It can not be tolerated.

Please let me know what is being done to improve the breeding of all the seashore birds.

Sincerely,

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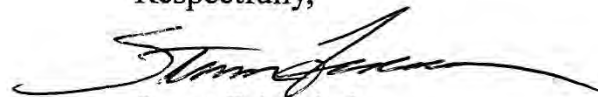
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Dear Supt. Murray,

For years my family and I have annually vacationed in your area in order to fish in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This involves driving my four wheel drive vehicle on the beach and I am deeply concerned about the current talk of disallowing beach driving from our public lands. Scientific studies have shown over and over again that barrier beaches naturally are in a continual state of change. Building a permanent structure upon shifting sands runs contrary to good logic, but driving in a responsible manner on this same beach does in no manner erode its structure. Water, tides, wind do erode and rebuild sand beaches, properly equipped "beach buggys" leave tracks on the sand, just as walking on the beach does, no more, no less.

I, for one, would no longer make the trip from New York to CHNS were beach driving to no longer be allowed. As a small business owner myself, I can appreciate the economic consequences to the local area, the hotels, restaurants, small shops, the aquarium, and other places that we love to visit during my fishing season (the Outer Bank's tourist off-season.) But most of all, beach driving in the traditional and responsible manner, allows my family and many others access to our beautiful public beach and provides us with the ability to find and follow fish. Please allow this to be enjoyed by my children and their children too.

Respectfully,



Stuart Feldschuh



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Superintendent Mike Murray  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area  
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January 27, 2007

Dear Mike,

With Negotiated Rulemaking finally on the near horizon, I want to take this opportunity to reaffirm the support and dedication of the NCBBA toward Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. As I discussed with you during our first meeting, the NCBBA was founded in 1964 within CAHA and has existed for the past 43 years with the primary objective being the support and betterment of this park.

Our actions within the park and in support of the programs managed by the NPS reflect the dedication of both the NCBBA leadership and our 4800 members. We dedicate ourselves and our organization to this park because we believe the uniqueness of this Recreational Area should be preserved. Aside from the lighthouses, the access to the ocean and sound side waters is the single most attracting feature of this park. The uniqueness of accessing these waters via ORV in leu of commercialized trams or buses as would be found at Coney Island, is what brings people back year after year. Once someone climbs Hatteras Light they don't often come back for seconds, they come back to enjoy our beaches and the unique ability to access them.

While attempting to incite the membership of Audubon, their attack in the Jan-Feb issue of "Audubon Magazine" has disrupted the work done by our Outer Banks Visitors Bureau and Chamber of Commerce who work extremely hard to bring the approximately 5 million visitors to the outer banks each year. These visitors are the backbone of our economy. They have targeted the NC Dept of Transportation, 12 other state and federal agencies including the Secretary of the Interior, for their efforts to get a bridge built before the existing Oregon Inlet bridge collapses, requires maintenance beyond value or requires weight restrictions. They attack the NPS for their sincere efforts in attempting to balance environmental requirements while maintaining a user friendly and accessible park. They have attacked USFWS whom we often feel are too restrictive in their interpretations of the Endangered Species and Migratory Bird Acts. Not a stone has remained unturned or unthrown during this attack and for this, perhaps, we should thank the writer and editor of this inflammatory article, for they have exposed themselves and their overzealous and radical viewpoints.



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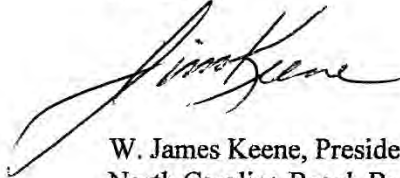
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While freedom of the press allows and invites organizations such as Audubon to incite their membership with articles based upon unfounded assertions such as Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area being overrun by "Beach Bums" and "Benighted Yahoo" the NCBBA will continue on its path toward Negotiated Rulemaking. We were asked to participate in this rule making process. When we agreed to do so we were asked to refrain from attacks such as those recently published in "Audubon Magazine" and we intend to do so. We have committed to our membership, the NPS and fellow members of the rulemaking committee to approach these negotiations in good faith.

You and your staff have our commitment of continuing support. Most importantly, Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area has our continuing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. James Keene".

W. James Keene, President  
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Dear Superintendent Murray:

It's been a few years since I set foot on the national seashore. I was a frequent visitor while serving Air Force Reserve duty at Langley AFB in Hampton, but I retired from the service three years ago and don't make it down your way much anymore.


In any case, I just read Ted Williams' insightful commentary about how the national seashore is being managed and I want to get my two cents in.

It's clear from his reporting that the National Park Service is violating at least several laws, including the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, by allowing off-road vehicle traffic in areas that it shouldn't, especially terrain that should be inviolate and set aside specifically for the increasingly rare Piping Plover and other shorebirds.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore ought to be managed, first and foremost, with its natural resources at the top of the list. And that means keeping ORV's away from bird nesting terrain.

I urge you to stand up to the political pressure. Do the right thing. Keep the off-road cowboys off the beach at the right time and for the right length of time.

Sincerely

  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are my comments on the National Seashore's Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan. I have been a frequent user of the beaches from Salvo to Buxton for more than thirty years and have partial ownership of a rental cottage at Salvo. I feel strongly that any new restrictions on beach driving will be very harmful to the economy of Hatteras Island. I have always been thankful that the majority of the beach on Hatteras Island was owned and controlled by the National Park Service because federal ownership prevented private development. For decades, Hatteras has been famous for surf-fishing and four wheel-drive access to the beaches is essential for this sport to flourish on the Outer Banks. In addition, due to the overall popularity of four wheel-drive vehicles, this area has become popular with families who use the beaches for other activities also.

For environmentalists and other naturalists, there are other public beaches such as Pea Island which do not allow vehicular traffic. This stretch of beach is approximately fifteen miles in length and provides ample natural areas for swimming, beach-combing, bird watching or other related activities. Furthermore, since vehicles are not authorized on Pea Island, would it be feasible to trap some of the endangered birds from the areas which have vehicular traffic and transfer them to Pea Island or other restricted beaches?

My final point addresses people who violate National Park Service regulations such as driving on the dunes or in nesting areas. In my opinion, your policy for violators who willingly break the law by driving in restricted areas should be to confiscate their vehicles on the spot and keep them until the matter is settled in court. If you follow a "get tough" policy on beach violations, it will not take long for people to realize that driving violations will not be taken lightly. Strict enforcement will also make use of the beaches more enjoyable for the law-abiding citizen.

Thank you for considering my comments.

  
Bill Blackwell

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Mr. Murray:

I am writing in regard to an article in the January-February 2007 edition of Audubon magazine, which described the lax enforcement of laws which were meant to protect shorebirds and other species on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

It is vital for the National Park Service to uphold federal laws such as the Endangered Species Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act in its parks to protect the sensitive species that use the parks' habitats. It is disheartening to see that, on Cape Hatteras, the interests of the recreation crowd such as off-road vehicle users are severely impairing the enforcement of federal laws that protect migratory birds and other species.

This case seems to be yet another instance of the Bush administration's complete contempt for the environment. Please stand up and enforce existing environmental laws and return the National Park Service to the forefront of our nation's conservation efforts.

Respectfully,



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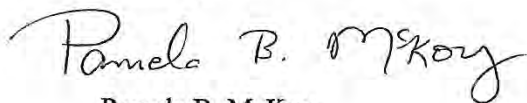
I am writing to express my concern for beach nesting birds on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I support Audubon's position on this matter. I believe that all beach lovers, including ORV drivers, can co-exist with these birds that must nest on the beach. I am concerned for the safety of the chicks and feel that there must be rules in place to protect them. I would appeal to you to keep the welfare of all wildlife in mind as decisions are made in the future.

It is my understanding that ORV drivers make up about 10% of those of us who use this valuable resource. I feel that I am definitely in the majority and want my voice added to the many others who are willing to abide by rules that are necessary for the protection of the area and it's unique wildlife that we have grown to love. Quite honestly, if it weren't for the birds that use the seashore I would not be a regular visitor several times a year. I only visit the area for the bird viewing opportunities it offers. I can see the beach here at home.

Please continue to support the preservation efforts to give beach nesting birds a fighting chance. A chick can't protect itself against a vehicle or an unconcerned visitor. That's why they need all of us who are aware of their plight for survival to speak up on their behalf. Please don't take your position on this lightly.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Pamela B. McKoy

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January 29, 2007

Mike Murray  
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Dear Mr. Murray,

We're writing to express our dismay and disappointment with how poorly the state of North Carolina has responded to the threat endangered shorebirds face as a result of human activity on beaches. We were especially appalled while reading the latest edition of "Audubon" magazine at how completely local ORV lobbyists and sympathizers had hijacked and bullied a system designed to preserve both the rights of humans and rights of wildlife. It's a shameful display of insensitivity and moral cowardice.

We urge you to stand up and enforce laws enacted to protect these animals. It's morally indefensible for selfish humans refuse to compromise even slightly when it comes to their leisure activities while sensitive shorebirds, with nowhere to run and no way to survive without the only habitat they've known for millions of years, are fighting simply to exist. Nobody is suggesting that people - including ORV riders - not be allowed to enjoy the land. Sharing, however, is hardly too much to ask - especially when death is involved.

Please do your job and help these birds. Despite the braying of this group of mean-spirited jerks, a great many people feel as we do and want to see wildlife respected and preserved. Just because we're not as obnoxious about it doesn't mean we, too, shouldn't be considered. The laws exist for a reason.

Sincerely,

*Ron & Kristy Wagner*  
 Ron & Kristy Wagner

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Mr. Mike Murray, Superintendent  
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Dear Superintendent Murray:

It is disturbing to read that the superintendent of a national park does not enforce the mission of a national park--to preserve and protect the natural resources of the park, and the plants, birds and animals that inhabit it.

Those resources should certainly take precedence over the recreation activities of visitors when such activities pose as serious a threat to the environment as off-the-road vehicles, unrestricted access to beaches where birds are nesting, unrestrained dogs--and unsupervised children.

My hope is that you will review the presently existing policies and modify them to fulfill the park's mandate.

Respectfully,

*Margaret S. Hickey*  
(Mrs. F. F. Hickey)

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Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore

I was appalled when reading the article in Jan/Feb 2007 Audubon, entitled "Beach Bums". Law Enforcement for that jurisdiction should back up to thier pay checks. I do not know **how** to enforce what is already law, but certainly support any efforts to do so.

We have property on the Suwannee River in Florida, and with numerous days of my life spent on waterways, beaches, and swamps, I have seen my share of "unconcerned, don't bother me with that" people. A hobby of mine is to watch and protect, as much as I am capable of doing, wildlife that we are so graciously given.

Thank you for all you do to assist the wildlife that constantly battle their worst enemy—humans.

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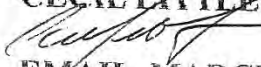
I AM CONCERNED OVER THE FACT THAT I FIND OUT THE CAPE HATTERAS SEASHORE IS ONCE AGAIN GOING TO BE CLOSED TO ORV TRAFFIC. I HAVE LIVED IN NORTH CAROLINA ALL MY LIFE, SOME 52 YEARS, I HAVE BEEN GOING TO THE OUTER BANKS FOR OVER 37 OF THOSE YEARS. CAPE HATTERAS AND CAPE LOOKOUT ARE AS CLOSE TO NATURE YOU COULD WANT. WITH MORE AND MORE PEOPLE GOING EACH YEAR WE MUST COME TO SOME AGREEMENT TO KEEP WHAT WE HAVE. BUT I DO NOT AGREE TO CLOSING THE BEACH TO ORV,S !!!!! THIS MY PARK TOO!!! IN FEW YEARS I WIL NOT BE ABLE TO WALK TO THE OCEAN IF I CAN GET TO THE ISLAND AS WELL AS MANY OLDER FISHERMEN WE DEPEND ON TRANSPORTATION UP AND DOW THE BEACH TO FISH. IF THIS IS NOT AVAILABLE TO TH PUBLIC THEN HOW WILL I OR ANYONE ELSE TAKE THERE GRAND CHILDERN AND BE WITH THEM SHOWING THEM ALL THE GREAT THINGS THERE PARK HAS TO OFFER. I KNOW IT IS A HARD JOB TRYING TO PLEASE ALL PEOPLE ALL THE TIME, BUT I DON'T CARE FOR ALL THESE OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT EVEN BEEN TO THESE PARKS TO TELL ME WHAT I CAN AND CAN'T DO!!!

WHAT WE NEED IS ENFORCEMENT OF CURRENT LAWS. IF THIS WAS DONE THEN YOU WOULD NOT HAVE THE FEW PEOPLE WHO DO HARM TO THE WILDLIFE. I HAVE ASKED THE PARK SERVICE MANY TIMES WHY WE ARE NOT RECIVING THE ENFORCEMENT THAT IS NEEDED AND I AM TOLD THE NPS DOES NOT HAVE THE FUNDS TO HIRE THE MANPOWER TO ENFORCE THE LAW. HOW CAN WE CHANGE THIS?

AS I AM COMING TO THE END, JUST REMEMBER  
YOU CAN'T PLEASE ALL THE PEOPLE ALL THE TIME,  
BUT IF YOU PLEASE 51% YOUR ON THE RIGHT SIDE.  
I BELIEVE WE , THE ONES WHO USED CHNS AND CLNS ,  
ARE THE 51% OF THE PEOPLE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND HOPE THIS HELPS TO  
KEEP OUR PARKS OPEN TO ORV TRAFFIC.

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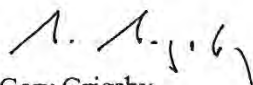
I just read the story called BEACH BUMS in the latest edition of "Audubon Magazine." I have to tell you it made me mad! That's because the ORV guys do the same kind of stuff here in Missouri in wild places where they often think they just have to right to wreck things if they so choose. It is time to stand-up to these guys and do what needs to be done to protect the ecosystem there.

Just a reminder. While I have never been to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, it does belong to me because I am an American. And if the material presented in the "Audubon" article is true, then you are not doing a very good job of protecting MY national park. Again, if the system is not carrying-out its duties, that is truly sad.

The first thing that should be done is to stop these ORV's from driving up and down the beach. What is that all about anyway? Of course you can't keep fragile wildlife safe when this is allowed in the first place.

Okay, I have vented a little. But my guess is the vast majority of Americans would agree with me and THAT is what should be driving policy in this area. Not the ORV driver who is apparently driving the policies into the ground, literally.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Grigsby

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Dear Mr. Murray:

I have visited several national seashores over the years, including some off the coasts of Georgia and Florida. These important barrier islands protect mainland areas and provide critical nesting habitat for many birds, including some that are declining in population due to inadequate habitat protection. I was appalled that at one national seashore, ORV operators were permitted to drive as they pleased through the same area that people were walking and some birds were attempting to find food. Many of the operators were speeding, ignoring regulations, and driving into prohibited areas, destroying fragile habitat and making the area unusable for wildlife.

The highest function of our National Park System is the preservation of ecosystems, the protection of habitat for the betterment of the species that use them. Recreation is secondary. As such, NPS must stop catering to damaging recreational uses, such as the ORV lobby, and find the backbone to place our National Seashores off limits to damaging ORV use. It is not compatible with protection of bird habitat, nor is it compatible with all the other National Park values like natural quiet, clean air, and a natural environment that so many people come to Parks to enjoy.

The past six years or so has seen a co-opting of the true reasons our National Park System was established and an emboldening of motorized groups through their vocal, bullying, scare tactics and often illegal harassment of citizens and NPS personnel who are working to protect these natural resources. It is time for the National Park Service to stand up for these resources and start managing these parks as the original Organic Act intended.

Close the parks to ORV use, particularly in sensitive nesting areas. As a compromise for access, create limited transport with a well-regulated concession using quiet, nonpolluting transports that would take fishermen and their gear to fishing spots and stop the unregulated access that has so compromised these areas.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I hope NPS will act before it is too late for some of the embattled species that are struggling to nest on our National Seashores, which should be providing them with protected habitat.

Sincerely,



Nina Faust

CC: Mary Bomar, Director, National Park Service

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Mark Murray  
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Re: Off Road Vehicle access on Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Dear Superintendent Murray:

It is with great dismay that I read of the latest attempts by yet another national organization to eliminate Off Road Vehicle (ORV) beach access along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This area has a great and rich tradition of coexistence between human, flora and fauna as well as a fishing history that dates back hundreds of years. Time and time again the citizens who use the beach have demonstrated good stewardship of the seashore and a desire and willingness to work with conservation groups to preserve critical habitats while ensuring continued access for all. Groups like the United Mobile Sportfishermen, the Carolina Beach Buggy Association, the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club and the Cape Lookout Mobile Sportfishermen have invested countless person hours and dollars in shore improvement, protection and education. Eliminating ORV access would ensure that only a small portion of the seashore would be accessible at planned points ensuring overuse, overcrowding and an overburdening of the ecosystems there.

My family and I spend several weeks a summer on the Outer Banks camping, fishing and vacationing and we eventually make our way to Portsmouth Island. ORV access there has allowed my wife and me to expose our son to things that we simply don't have the opportunity to in Maine whether that be surf casting for red or black drum, watching the sand fiddlers race to the water or exploring what the tide has washed ashore from the night before; all in the sincere hope that he gains a wider appreciation of what we have and where we live. Without ORV access we would be limited to whatever is within walking distance of the ferry dock or road where we could reasonably carry our gear leaving out dozens of miles of wonderful natural beauty. There is plenty of room for ALL users of the seashore.

Please do not support elimination of ORV access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Sincerely,



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Member, Cape Lookout Mobile Sportfishermen  
Augusta, Maine

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Mike Murray  
Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Dear Mr Murray,

I am writing to urge you to put in place the protections needed to safeguard the nesting shorebirds and waterfowl in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore of North Carolina. The policies adopted need to reflect the best science practices rather than politics. Terns, skimmers, piping plovers, and oystercatchers are all in serious decline due in part to wholly preventable human disturbance. Non-native predators also need to be controlled. This is the kind of stewardship that should be your first priority. The situation has become urgent. Please let me know how your agency intends to address this problem.

Sincerely,

*Cary R Paynter*

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Wilmington, NC 28409

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BY: ..... January 18, 2007

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
1401 National Park Drive  
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Mr. Murray:

I have just read an article titled *Beach Bums* in the January-February 2007 issue of Audubon that describes the devastation wrought by ORV (off-road vehicles) and their owner/operators on wildlife in the North Carolina Outer Banks region, including Cape Hatteras National Seashore. One picture of a precious, fresh, innocent, entitled-to-live (in spite of mankind's selfish interests) least tern chick run over and left dead in the tracks of one of these vehicles made me sick and actually want to vomit.

I do not know how so many people got the idea that man matters most in the whole picture of life? For instance, as someone who is old enough to remember hearing while I was very young the unbelievably erroneous notion that animal life doesn't feel or have emotion, maturity and eyes and heart wide open have shown me the REAL truth! Man is no more important in the whole scheme of things than that precious little least tern chick. Man is no more important than the adult birds trying to raise their young undisturbed. Man is just too arrogant to notice that all living creatures are an equally important, vital component of this 'Garden of Eden' we have in planet Earth.

I am totally opposed to the ORV owner/operator attitudes, actions, activities, and government, wildlife, and park officials bowing to this self-centered destructive group. I am opposed to these people plundering the beach terrain and the creatures that dwell there in the name of their having 'fun' and believing they have a right to do so. I am not opposed to setting aside much smaller restricted areas where there will be no 'known' damage to wildlife. And let the ORV owner/operators wait in line however long it takes for their turn to use that space.

I want to see very strict laws enacted and protections put in place that are enforced with the goal of preventing this wildlife and habitat disrespect and destruction. And I want to see the laws already in place enforced immediately and vigilantly with the supreme goal of permanent protection for our precious wildlife.

Sincerely,



Sheryl Atkins  
5044 Allisonville Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46205

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
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Dear Mr. Murray,

Barrier Island ecosystems not only protect human development from storms and floods and attract tourists but they are important habitat for many species that rely on this delicate fringe between land and sea.

Off-road vehicles are a very serious danger to many of these species. The Outer Banks of North Carolina still provide areas where many of these at risk species may still find sanctuary. But even where development isn't encroaching on their habitat vehicles are.

Please stand up to the fishermen and ORV enthusiasts who insist on driving in these sensitive habitats. We cannot ignore any longer the tragic consequences on terns, piping plovers, sea turtles, and other species that rely on these beaches. Please do what you can to eliminate the ORV threat to the wildlife of these barrier islands and leave them intact and healthy for the future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Knapp  
667 Brunnerville Road  
Lititz, PA 17543-8858



Bonnie V. Davis  
1529 Mosswood Way  
Putnam Station, NY 12861

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January 19, 2007

I read recently in Audubon magazine about the concern in allowing ATVs and other vehicles on the sand dunes on the Outer Banks. I've been there twice and agree with the article. No vehicles should be allowed to disrupt the wildlife, particularly the nesting birds.

The Outer Banks and the National Seashore are so beautiful as they are naturally.....it seems a shame to mar the landscape and destroy chicks and other wildlife.

Sincerely,

*Bonnie V. Davis*  
Bonnie V. Davis, BA, MLS

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C. W. Kroll  
1-21-07

John Strode  
216 Forest Pines Rd.  
Aiken, SC 29803

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Outer Banks Group

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With Regards,

John Strode

Mike -

I have attached a copy of a letter written to Ms Mary Bonner, by me. It is my plan to email you since I have your email address.

Thank you

John Strode

Dear Ms Borne:

I have enclosed the letter put together by friends of people like me, the Sport Fisherman. This situation, however, is more important to me, and others like me, that I feel a personal note to you was necessary.

My Borne's and I have been fishing on Hoppers Island for more than quarter century. We are Sport Fisherman and return almost all we catch to the ocean. We are also Surf Fisherman and have not taken a Red Drum, as long as, we can remember. Our favorite time to fish, and usually the most productive, is at night, we often fish through to dawn, even if we do not get "the Big One" the beauty of the stars, shooting stars and the universe are almost indiscible. *is almost indiscible.*



Star gazing at Hoppers  
is the best game.

# Destiny

01-21-11  
216 Forest Pines Rd  
Aiken SC 29803

We began our trips when I was my wife 30's and I am now 65. be blunt, This wonderful time would all go away if I were unable to take my traps onto the beach. The equipment and a place to take shelter is the event of a hard thunder storm not to mention a 1 to 2 mile hike to reach the fishing area, <sup>one only some of the</sup> ~~needed~~ <sup>necessary</sup> ~~has~~ a vehicle provides.

I have read some of the mis-information present by several of the groups who <sup>would</sup> take away the pleasure of thousands of people like me. Most of what they have to say is overstated at the least and most borders on guesstimates and distortions of the facts.

As mentioned previously, we have been visiting Hoppers for years. I have never once seen anyone take a vehicle onto the dunes or any <sup>others are known to</sup> ~~others are known to~~ house or perfect <sup>our</sup> ~~our~~ <sup>ambiguously</sup> ~~ambiguously~~ <sup>Species</sup> ~~Species~~.



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we are very concerned about the environment and anyone who would harm someone in "just" did not follow the rules set up by the National Park Service. We police our own when it comes to meeting length requirements and we "dunk" ourselves regularly to insure that a big drum we have caught is resuscitated regularly to live, swim and be caught again over the day. And just me, this is why we all carry cleaning cloths in our vehicles. At 2am in the morning it can be real chilly on the beach in Nov/December.

The beaches have been closed off for years to protect the nesting areas of various sea birds and we not only respect these areas we insure that others do, and well.



# Destiny

Lastly, it is not only the people like me who come to Hawaii to fish and enjoy nature, it is the thousands upon thousands of folks who live here and surrounding areas whose livelihood depends on the sports fishing industry <sup>that needs</sup> to be considered. These folks would be "out of business."

With access to the beach "sports fishing" would die out and money who now vacation here would stop coming because "beach access" is also important to them.

It is time to evaluate, closely, the tremendous economic loss to the Hawaii residents. Not to mention those in Nag's Head, Kitty Hawk et al.

The impact on people like me and my brothers —

In from S.C. and  
 Brothers are from  
 Colorado and California  
 would be an unnecessary dissonance



# Destiny

Please do not take away from our  
 Great Fishing group the wonderful  
 pleasure he had afforded.

I would be pleased to talk to  
 you further about this issue.

Please call me at 803-648-9994.

My name is Tom Streda and I  
 live in Aiken, SC.

Thanking you in advance for  
 your consideration in this matter.

Tom Streda

P.S. Please understand that the paper  
 used here is from the pool of my  
 3½ year old granddaughters who I have  
 adopted. It is our expectation of mine to  
 introduce her to the world of  
 surfing this spring.



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With Regards,

Eric Holmes  
(a resident of Buxton N.C.)  
on Hatteras Island.  
local business owner

(No address given OR on envelope)



RECEIVED  
JAN 26 2007JIM + GINGER VISCONTI,  
1273 INDIAN HILLS RD  
MONTICELLO, FLORIDA 32344

ATTN: Mike Murray, Superintendent,  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Greetings Mike:

It is our understanding you have a legal mandate to protect flora, fauna, land, water, and the natural processes with which they interact unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

If the above is true, then why are you ignoring this mandate at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and allowing Off Road Vehicles to compromise these natural values.

While Off Road Vehicles are not the only threat affecting the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, they are certainly a major threat that can and should be more aggressively addressed. We ask that you please do more, starting now.

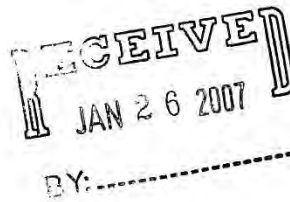
With hope and anticipation for a much  
brighter natural future, we remain

Respectfully yours,

Jim & Ginger Visconti

cc. Mary A. Bonar, Director,  
National Park Service

Mike Murray  
Superintendent CHNS  
1401 National Park Dr.  
Manteo, N.C. 27954



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With Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph A. Gray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

127 Lake Dr  
Felton, De 19943  
jgrayart@ast1.com

Mr. Mike Murray,

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BY: .....

The evidence seems pretty solid. ORVs are hurting our shore ecosystems!! Please, show us and our children and those to come that some of us were able to get above the influence of money and preserve our habit for the future. In a gas starved WORLD ORV's are not a sustainable way of life. attitudes about this need to be changed. You can help... do something! PLEASE!

Sincerely

Erin O'Donnell  
48 Fletcher St.  
Winchester MA 01890.

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MIKE MURRAY, BY:-----

I AM CONCERNED ABOUT  
THE BIRDS THAT ARE BEING  
KILLED ON CAPE HATTERAS'  
NATIONAL SEASHORE BY ORV'S.  
I URGE YOU TO DO WHAT YOU  
CAN TO PREVENT ORV'S FROM  
DESTROYING THE BIRD HABITAT  
ALONG NORTH CAROLINA'S COAST.

SINCERELY,  
ANTHONY MONTAPERT  
11160 Valley Spring Place  
North Hollywood,  
CA 91602

26-01 Ditmars Blvd.  
Astoria NY 11105  
Jan. 25, 2007

Superintendent  
Cape Hatteras Nat'l Seashore  
Manteo, NC 27954

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Dear Mr. Murray,

The barrier beaches of N. Carolina's Outer Banks are home to many species of birds. These beaches also provide enjoyment to those who visit on foot. All this is being threatened by allowing off-road vehicles (ORVs) access to these beaches. Not only do they threaten bird habitats but they make it unpleasant for other people. Instead of views of nature, there are parked as well as moving vehicles. Instead of sea air there is the smell of gasoline. Instead of wildlife there is machinery. Please reconsider this policy and ban ORV's.

Sincerely,  
M. Gualtieri

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BETTY D TIPTON  
4779 Allen Circle  
Acworth, GA  
30101

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Outer Banks Group

SIR: JUST READ AN  
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AND 4 BON MAG JAN/FEB 07.

WE ADORE THE OUTER  
BANKS; BEEN RENTING  
HOUSES FOR YEARS TO ENJOY  
FISHING (MY HUSBAND) AND FOR  
RESEARCH AND BUYING WOOD  
FOR MY CARVINGS OF BIRDS.

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MUST PROTECT THE NESTING  
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AS THEY ARE TRYING TO LIVE  
ON THE BEACHES GOD GAVE THEM.

AS A WOODCARVER OF THESE  
BEAUTIFUL CREATURES I AM  
LIVED OVER THIS.  
PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN



TO STOP THESE SELF -  
FISH MEN WHOSE  
ONLY DESIRE IS THEIR  
SELF - CENTERED  
PLEASURES.

THANK YOU FOR  
ANY THING TO HELP  
THE BIRDS.

SINCERELY,  
Betty Spivey

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M.M.  
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67 Elm Street  
Cooperstown, NY 13326  
January 14, 2007

Dear Mr. Murray,

I've just finished reading  
Ted Williams' article, 'Beach Bums'  
in the Jan-Feb. 2007 issue of  
Audubon magazine, and am very  
concerned about the undue influence  
the off-road vehicle bullies have had  
on Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
policy. We need to stand up to them  
and protect the birds and other native  
wildlife!

Sincerely,

Mary M. Weinberger

Mike Murray, Superintendent  
 Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
 1401 National Park Drive  
 Manteo, NC 27954

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Mike Murray:

The behavior of ORV operators on Cape Hatteras National Seashore is unacceptable. The callous disregard for wildlife is causing destruction of the ecosystem so that the area can't be enjoyed by more reasonable people now or in the future.

Sincerely,  
 Rick Kieckhefer  
 Rick Kieckhefer  
 7229 Highway 66  
 Wadesville, IN 47638

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Mark Robinson  
P.O. Box 363  
Port Washington, N.Y.  
11050  
[www.critterlight.com](http://www.critterlight.com)

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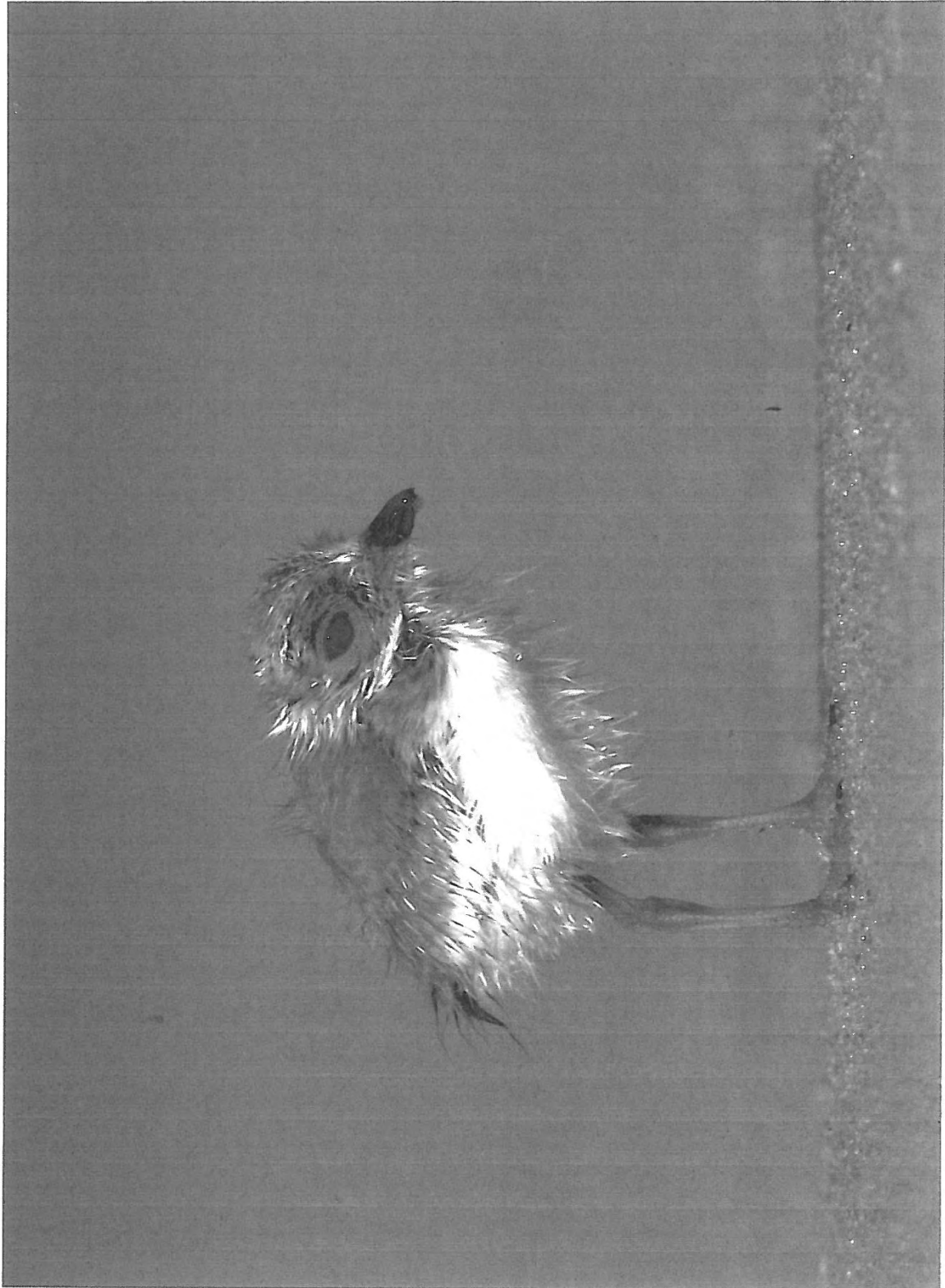
Please do your best to give these little "jewels" their best chance at a good life, and a good future for their, and other beach nesting species.

Thank you.

Mark Robinson



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Mark Robinson  
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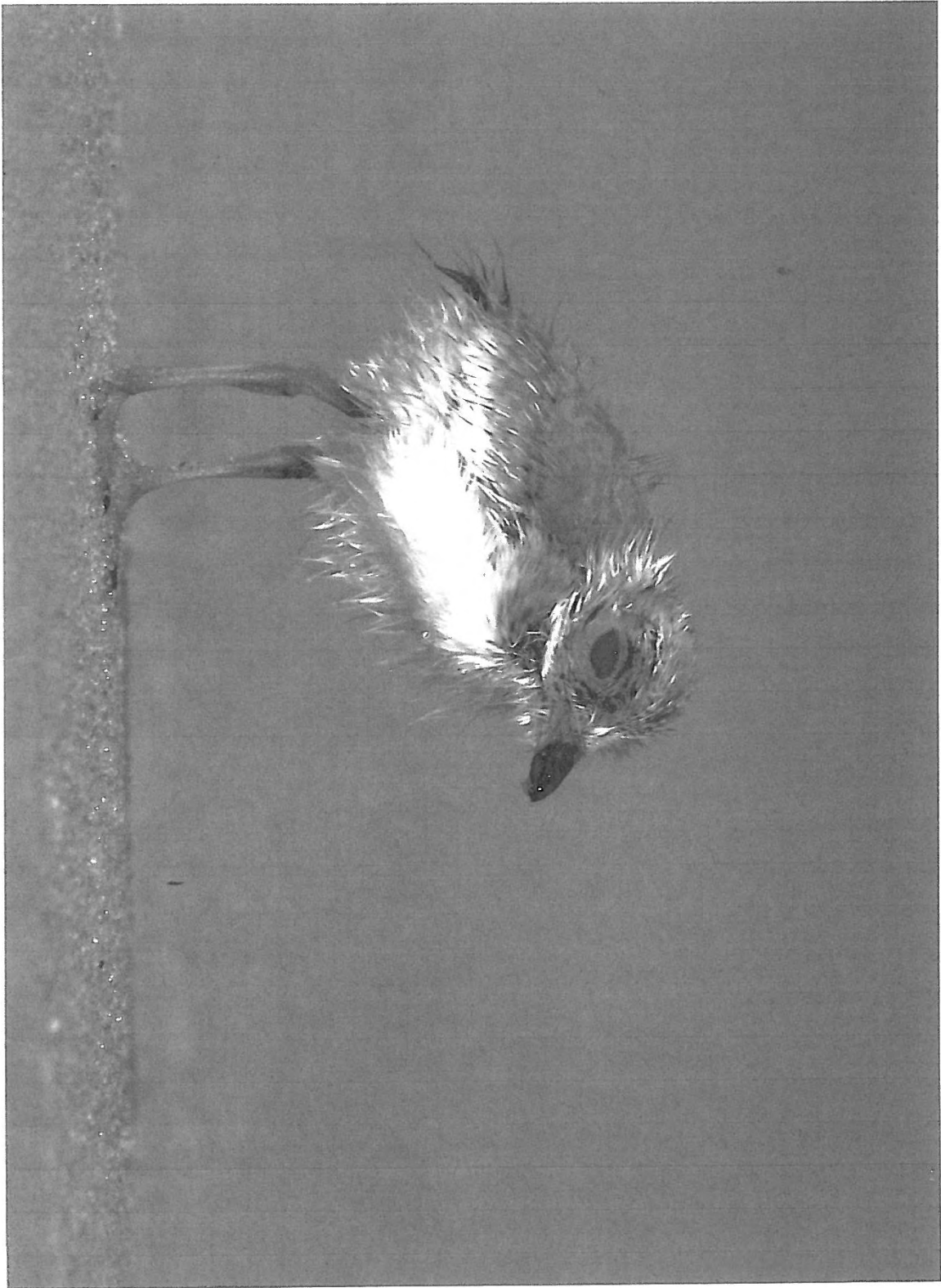
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 1401 Material Park Dr  
 -Mantoloking, N.C.

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Dear Mr. Murray,  
 After reading about ORV's  
 that are destroying barrier  
 beaches on the N. Carolina's Outer  
 Banks I write to let you know  
 that I am extremely concerned  
 and strongly urge full and  
 complete regulation of ORV's.

My true desire is that  
 ORV's be completely banned.  
 Between the noise pollution,  
 the air pollution & destruction  
 of habitat the damage they  
 cause far outweighs the few  
 moments of idiotic pleasure.

Sincerely,

Judy Seigren



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2922 Republic Ct,  
Portsmouth, VA,  
23703

BY: .....

Nike Murray, Superintendent,  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
401 National Park Drive  
Hatteras, N.C. 27954

MBM  
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Dear Sir:

I am writing concerning the water-owl at Cape Point and South Beach on Hatteras, North Carolina. Diminished, as they are these birds are still an important part of the seashore's production. The seashore has been, when convenient, operated under the interim plan, a document full of deficiencies such as the closures for nesting birds. After predators destroyed many of the nests of least terns, common terns and black skimmers in 2006 the seashore was opened back up to ORVs, then when the remaining eggs hatched, it didn't put up fencing.

Not only do ORV operators destroy habitat by eliminating wrack and also creating ruts chicks can't crawl out of, they are also a major obstacle to habitat restoration. Also the jetty at Oregon Inlet is preventing the inlet from migrating south when construction of the Bonner Bridge to access to Hatteras Island.

With the bridge failing structurally a new one has to be built. The cost of a longer bridge would be \$425 million compared to the cost of replacing the short bridge and maintaining Route 12 through 2060 would be \$620 million.

Although Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne announced the shorter bridge the best, he is under cutting the National Environmental Policy Act and also violating the National Wildlife Improvement Act which means the Fish and Wildlife Service must find it to be "compatible" with its mission.

Because of these facts something must be done to protect the waterfowl of such a unique place in your state of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Carol Wilson

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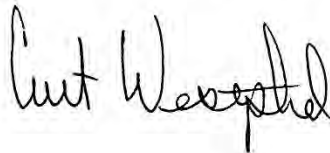
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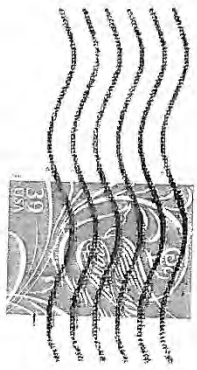
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As a member of A.M.S.H. I usually leave the beach with more than I brought. (TRASH) from other users and also washed in with tide. I can't speak for everybody but the reason we go to the beach is ->

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to enjoy the nature and scenery. we do our  
best to leave the area clean and undisturbed.  
I hope the privileges are not lost for all.

THANKS



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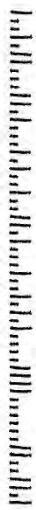
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Dear Mr. Murray;

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Mr. Murray, I have only recently been privileged to take advantage of the Outer Banks Islands. I, along with many other visitors to these islands are animal lovers and I personally will go out of my way to protect and help any of the little creatures living on these beaches. In early October I spent several days at Cape Lookout. There were many fishermen present but I saw no evidence whatsoever of the claims made by the Audubon article, nor did I in late October at Cape Hatteras. I saw many, many of the small sharks and quite a few of the skates caught during my visit there, but at no time did I see these animals left on the sand to die as claimed by the

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Jack and Jeannine Faatz

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