

Correspondence ID: 3000 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Please keep our shorelines safe for all species and future generations! Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3001 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence: Please band these vehicles on the beaches and protect the birds and the turtles. We need to Save our wildlife and their homes where they need to raise their young so another generation can flourish. These beaches Don't Belong to the human population. Humans need to learn to Respect and take care of the wildlife and their homes. We would not like it if someone came driving through our homes and running over our children. Just give the birds and turtles the time they need to raise their offspring without the DANGER of these vehicles killing the babies and crushing their eggs or injuring the parents. Please again DONT ALLOW THESE VEHICLES ON THE BEACHES. Sincerely, Marie Schlabach.

Correspondence ID: 3002 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I personally am not a fan of ORVs. They are generally destructive and disruptive to other humans as well as the rest of the environment. I do not understand why special consideration is being given to this segment of the population since it is obvious that their interests are not about enjoying nature and preserving it for its intrinsic value. Preserving our environment is essential for our own survival as well. Please be reasonable and consider the damage that these vehicles do even when they are driven "responsibly".

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Correspondence: I would like to voice support for the National Park Service placing restrictions on off-road vehicles at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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As a frequent visitor every summer, my family and I have enjoyed the pristine beauty of the landscape and the beautiful wildlife at Cape Hatteras. This is a piece of heaven on Earth to many families and should always remain that way.

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Correspondence: RECREATION AND CONSERVATION! WHY NOT BOTH? I am part of the Western Snowy Plover recovery team in Santa Barbara, CA and have been for 10 years - upon discovery of one nest! This recovery effort has been a huge success - tough at first - b/c most people do not want to change what are doing or what they have been doing for the past years. Most people do not want to give up any part of their recreation areas or their noise making toys. Bottom Line: We CAN live without 100% of this earth - BUT our wildlife CANNOT live without some part of this earth. It has to be a designated area set aside for undisturbed wildlife resting and multiplying. Also, we need these areas to connect with each other - such as a corridor. Anyone who is studying endangered species already knows this! WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR???

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Correspondence: please help preserve our shorelines..

Correspondence ID: 3008 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Correspondence: The environment is the most important resource we have and there must be appropriate stewardship to protect it.

Correspondence ID: 3009 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Correspondence: I oppose the unrestricted use of off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This is an outrageous use of precious nesting beaches for birds and sea turtles. Wildlife must be explicitly protected from ORV's. Our natural world is in peril. Specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife must be written into the Park Service's plan, and additional vehicle-free nesting areas must be designated, protected, and enforced. These creatures are important and special and must be protected.

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Correspondence: We really need to use more caution to prevent more needless deaths of wildlife, while we are out there having a good time.

It really does not take too much effort to try.

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Correspondence: Please protect wildlife

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In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please do what you can to do so also!!

Sincerely, Kyra Rice

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Correspondence: This form of damage must stop right now!

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Thank you for your consideration Joel Reyes

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Sincerely, Dorothy Mirmak

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Correspondence: The National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. The Park Service must support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Correspondence: Noise, speed and destruction of property....what fun!

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Correspondence: The seashore should maintain only emergency vehicles where our precious wildlife exists. It is that simple, then we cohabit the earth together. Thanks for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 3023 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I share the concerns of many regard the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Although I am encouraged that action to protect wildlife is being taken, I don't feel it goes far enough.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. Increased ORV use across the Seashore, would surely compromise threatened and endangered wildlife.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. An increase in the number of driving restricted miles is in order. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. Visiting the Hatteras shoreline is best done on foot!

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Correspondence: The welfare of wildlife should take precedence over off-road vehicles. Come on. This is about our future.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I have visited Cape Hatteras and marveled at the wildlife. I see our outdoors being torn up by people addicted to the sensations of the throttle and the internal combustion engine. These people have turned their backs on nature. Please keep these machines off our fragile beaches.

Correspondence ID: 3027 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: This utter disregard for the local wildlife population must be stopped. Please stop this now.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Save the Seashore.

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Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving. In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

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Correspondence: Please I ask you to protect the shores of Cape Hatteras from vehicles that destroy nesting birds and turtles. So much of our coastlines are destroyed by man, please let nature flourish on these pristine beaches. Now after hurricane Irene, these creatures will even be more vulnerable. Please help to protect these beaches from recreation vehicles or any kind.

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Correspondence: We have visited the Galapagos Islands, where the government has put severe regulations into place in order to protect the nesting areas of the various animals that live there. Surely our country can do the same. Shame on us if we don't!

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Wildlife protection is not optional! Please revise the Park Service plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

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Correspondence:	Why is the life of every creature on this planet subject to the whims of humans? At some point, we have to decide to eradicate all life except humans, or learn to share. Please let us choose the second option and give all beings the right to live safely!						
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Correspondence:	I grew up in VA on the Chesapeake BAY and I have relatives that live in MAnteo NC. I understand that there are many who live on the Outer BAnks and visit the Outer Banks that love to drive their ATV's all over the dunes and the beach. I believe there are still areas that are open to them. The problem is that they are never happy with what they have and want to open it all up so they can drive all over the beaches and dunes, until they destroy the very thing that makes it fun, the eco system, the wildlife and the dunes. There are many of us who love the dunes, the birds, the turtles and the ecosystem. They have a place to run their atv's and drive their cars and trucks, that is fine if they don't like that it is too crowded or all destroyed well that is the nature of their sport but at least we all get some part of the Outer Banks we love.						
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Correspondence:	Altho regulations are finally being proposed for driving on the beach, they are inadequate to protect the wildlife there. There must be specific, enforceable protections for wildlife & there must be protections for wildlife nesting areas. These provisions should be based on science & not on the loudness of the ORV owners, who would like nothing more than unrestricted access. This must not happen. The wildlife MUST be protected...no loopholes.						
Correspondence ID:	3042	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do not allow unrestricted access to the area as this will adversely affect wildlife in the area. The wildlife preservation should take precedence over activities that will endanger wildlife.						
Correspondence ID:	3043	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.						
Correspondence ID:	3044	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Help save birds						
Correspondence ID:	3045	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. We need to protect them!

Correspondence ID: 3046 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Think about your actions.

Correspondence ID: 3047 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please regulate off road travel in Cape Hattera and surrounding areas to protect nesting wildlife. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

Correspondence ID: 3048 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3049 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3050 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3051 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Correspondence ID: 3052 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Please do not allow off road vehicles!

Correspondence ID: 3053 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's absolutely unconscionable that we even have to submit comments like these. These are sensitive environmental refuges, not the parking lot of Walmart! Any thinking person, I believe would want ALL vehicles,except for apacially authorized government vehicles absolutely banned from ANY off-road use in the region. If that doesn't make sense to these macho polluters, then let them take their monster trucks, etc, and move to Dubai or the Sahara, or some other region that doesn't concern themselves with environmental sensativity.

Correspondence ID: 3054 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles (ORV) are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. I feel we must regulate the use of the ORV in order to preserve the habitat and all the species that live therein. If we continue our selfish behavior we will have nothing left. Pushing these valuable species to extinction is ludicrous and criminal when you really take the time to think about it and examine the actions of this self-interest activity. Future generations will wonder why we did not do what it takes to prevent the loss of our environments and all the creatures that inhabit these areas. This newly proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. It only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. This would truly be disastrous! I'm asking the Park Service to please wholeheartedly support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. We really must take a non-selfish approach to our environments now or we will lose them very quickly over time as our history will tell you. Please speak up for wildlife by opposing unrestricted ORV use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 3055 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep vehicles off sensitive lands that are home to wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3056 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am writing to urge you to keep off-road vehicles from destroying Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the Nat'l Park Service's current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, as suggested in proposed regulations , threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3057 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3058 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and

pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3059 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3060 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please treat all wildlife with respect.

Correspondence ID: 3061 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the Hatteras shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

Off the Road Vehicles have no place on our beaches, threatening our wildlife, I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3062 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PROTECT CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SHORELINE! KEEP OFF THE ROAD VEHICLES OFF THE BEACH!

Correspondence ID: 3063 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Access of ATVs needs to be limited and regulated where wildlife is present. You don't allow cars and trucks on the beach so why this. Go to nonmotorized access.

Correspondence ID: 3064 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It is terribly misguided policy to prioritize the rights of beach drivers whose activities, by definition, disrupt sensitive ecosystems. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use. More year-round vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3065 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please, there are enough treats to marine wildlife already. Do not add another.

Correspondence ID: 3066 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3067 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: People have plenty of places to play... they don't need to do it in sensitive areas!

Correspondence ID: 3068 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly oppose the unrestricted use of off-road vehicles on our nation's seashores. These wild areas are important wildlife habitats as well as tranquil places for pedestrians. Please protect wildlife nesting areas and preserve some of the last wild places for people to wander without noise or danger. Strengthen the regulation to protect wildlife and people.

Correspondence ID: 3069 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration

Correspondence ID: 3070 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider protecting this seashore. A lot can be done with a simple regulation of banning unregulated off roading!!

Correspondence ID: 3071 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If allowing access for a 'small' group compromises use and, indeed, life for a larger group of not only people, but animals, such access is out of balance with a sustainable system.

Correspondence ID: 3072 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure and a place I think of with fond memories. It is also an important nesting beach for sea turtles, representing the northern extend of their nesting range. The wildlife and the lighthouse are what make the park special.

I think this special resource is not the place for off road vehicles. ORVs can use any land, and do not have to be on our most sensitive and irreplaceable resource lands, where they will significantly harm the resources the park was created to protect.

If you have to allow ORVs in national parks at all, they need to be restricted to the least sensitive areas, and the zone needs to be clearly marked and enforced.

I think a better policy would be to forbid them on the beach areas altogether, because those environments are so fragile and easily damaged.

Please put the resources ahead of politics, and protect the wildlife and habitat within the park.

Correspondence ID: 3073 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3074 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do not allow the off road vehicles the wilderness and wildlife pay the price!

Correspondence ID: 3075 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect this shore birds nesting area from being overrun by OHV traffic. There are many more appropriate areas for OHV use. What progress has been made will be reversed if OHVs are allowed to travel through this nesting site on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns. Sincerely, Cristine Barsanti

Correspondence ID: 3076 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow unrestricted off-road vehicle use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Correspondence ID: 3077 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This wildlife needs tp be protected. People can ride their 4 wheelers somewhere else.

Correspondence ID: 3078 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: So who are these adolescents in adult bodies that would destroy nature's own? Legislaters, get a grip and prohibit the idiots from driving off the road!

Correspondence ID: 3079 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thank you for your help.

Correspondence ID: 3080 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3081 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3082 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider drastically restricting the use of ORVs in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We strongly believe that the noise, pollution and forceful intrusion of ORVs have a destructive influence on the behavioral patterns of the Cape Hatteras wild fauna. As responsible humans, we would like the administration of the park to implement measures that guarantee the preservation of the wildlife for generations to come. Please ban ORVs!

Correspondence ID: 3083 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please deny ORV access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It has sustained enough damage from Hurricane Irene

Correspondence ID: 3084 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3085 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help protect Cape Hatteras. There is no "do-over" once national treasures like this one are destroyed.

Correspondence ID: 3086 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3087 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help to protect wildlife on Cape Hatteras. We are concerned with the devastation that is being caused by human ignorance and expansion. Please vote to keep wildlife safe.

Correspondence ID: 3088 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sir/Madam,

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, their numbers could easily

decline. Thanks for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Matthew Cloner

Correspondence ID: 3089 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches. Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders of Wildlife and their partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please do everything you can to help our wildlife.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3090 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 3091 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This practice needs to be stopped immediately.

Correspondence ID: 3092 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: These regulations are necessary to help keep wildlife safe. The safety of wildlife is more important than the fun of off-roading riders. These animals are using the shores to live and raise families, and if off-roading effects that there will be dire consequences.

Correspondence ID: 3093 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If we don't start protecting wildlife soon we won't have any left.

Correspondence ID: 3094 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Don't let off-road cowboys endanger the wildlife on Cape Hatteras beaches. There is no effective way to induce the to be responsible drivers.

Correspondence ID: 3095 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please eliminate the use of vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore (and all national seashores). The irresponsible drivers and lack of oversight to vehicle use is destroying the wildlife and serenity of the area. I have hiked and backpacked at Cape Hatteras several times and each time I observe damage from motorized vehicles including driving on the dunes and hot-dogging across the fragile interior. Please outlaw all motorized vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to preserve its beauty and wildlife. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3096 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Ron Mittan Bemidji, MN.

Correspondence ID: 3097 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why should a group of gas-hogging party drivers be given privileges that impinges on the rights of so many others. Tearing up beaches and dunes, fouling the sands with leaks and spills, killing animals that are unfortunate to get in the way? The Hatteras National Seashore should be a haven for all people and native animals, not a playground for a bunch of joy riders.

What are you thinking??

Correspondence ID: 3098 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting on Cape Hatteras and along all our national seashores.

All national seashores should be vehicle free. They are not designed to be playgrounds for people with expensive, motorized toys.

Correspondence ID: 3099 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife. We need to strengthen those protections.

ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving which is not compatible with the wildlife there. I would like the Park Service to support, as I do, specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3100 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting, and am asking you to implement such rules. Please do ALL that you can to protect our fragile wildlife ecosystem! Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3101 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3102 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider opposing this legislation in an attempt to preserve and protect the natural beauty and habitat of our state.

Correspondence ID: 3103 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: k.

Correspondence ID: 3104 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Efforts in recent years have improved breeding success for turtles and birds. Regulation of ORVs needs to be further strengthened to continue this positive effect.

Please define usage rules for ORVs that will protect nesting sites.

Correspondence ID: 3105 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep vehicles off the shore. Only tourists and birders with cameras and binoculars should be welcome. It's your job to prevent environmental damage and to preserve for the future.

Correspondence ID: 3106 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence ID: 3107 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Having just spent the last few days on an Oregon beach, I am more aware of the variety and numbers of wildlife that calls such an area home. Lucky for me, there were no off-road vehicles allowed on this beach, so human pedestrians and animal life co-existed peacefully and my time there was a delight.

I would hope that the Cape Hatteras National Seashore would provide such a peaceful and life-affirming respite for humans and animals that use the beach. Humans can live peacefully with animals of the seashore--but the noise and damage caused by off-road vehicles destroys both the homes of the animals and the peace of the human beach users. Restore the natural beauty and grandeur of the seashore, without the unnecessary noise and destruction of off-road vehicles. Please narrowly limit--or prohibit--the use of off-road vehicles at Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 3108 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicle take a toll in any natural area. At a national treasure like the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, a habitat for threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles, they should be banned.

Correspondence ID: 3109 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We absolutely MUST keep shoreline ecosystems safe from off road vehicles. These habitats are vital to the breeding and sustainability of birds, turtles and many other species. Please help keep these off road vehicles from destroying precious habitats in the name of "recreation". Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3110 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration, Anna Krusinski

Correspondence ID:	3111	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

Correspondence ID:	3112	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Give them a track and give them STIFF Fines and repeat offenders will do Community Service and possible jail time.						

Correspondence ID:	3113	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Correspondence ID: 3114 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I believe that off road vehicles should be banned from all U.S. shorelines. Vehicles are not natural or indigenous to the shoreline. Get them out of there!!!!

Keep the wildlife alive.....They were there before mankind came along to destroy them.

Thank you, Pam Harper-Smith

Correspondence ID: 3115 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3116 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Is beach driving really necessary? Please preserve space for wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3117 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our moral responsibility to protect and defend the innocent creatures with which we share Planet Earth is very clear. Protecting innocent animals is exactly akin to protecting our innocent children. No difference!

Correspondence ID: 3118 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

If we don't make every effort to protect wildlife now, there will be nothing left for our children. The National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore does not make a strong enough effort.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Laura Schatzkin

Correspondence ID: 3119 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The preservation of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Doc. ID NPS-2011-0005-0001) is of utmost importance for the preservation of the wetlands and barrier islands, and our costal network. While the public should be able to enjoy this seashore, the use of off-road vehicles must be prevented to preserve the integrity and structure of the seashore.

Correspondence ID: 3120 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is important for people to enjoy our seashores and beaches. But we have a great responsibility to take care of all living things. We do not have the right to destroy habitat and creatures while we are busy "having fun". And since there is often a lack of awareness about the harm that can come from our "having fun", we need to educate people to be more conscious. And it also means that there need to be rules or laws prevent harm to wildlife. In this light I am asking you to protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore against the destruction of life and habitat of seabirds and sea turtles by off road or any vehicle traffic on the beach. Thank you for your attention and efforts. Sincerely, Olivia Ure

Correspondence ID: 3121 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I think it is necessary that we give first thought to protecting the environment of those creatures who depend upon it to survive. People who use it for pleasure certainly can be contained in limited areas. The fact is that only a small percentage of users of these areas use vehicles and this is a recent event. We need to rethink our priorities on what makes sense, what is just, and necessary for life. Please act with wisdom born of compassion and love for the natural world. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3122 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do put in restrictions on the use of off road vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 3123 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence ID: 3124 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am an avid off-roader and I support the protection of this area. Though we have the opportunity to enjoy such outdoor areas we also have an obligation to protect them when needed.

Correspondence ID: 3125 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Correspondence ID: 3126 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My family and I very strongly oppose any driving on the beaches of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We recognize that there is a heavily-funded constituency which takes a different position, so for now we have little hope of completely eliminating

this dire threat to the treasured natural area of Cape Hatteras. We do, however, urge that any driving be severely restricted to small designated areas and that these restrictions be actively enforced.

Correspondence ID: 3127 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a scientist and citizen, I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting!

Correspondence ID: 3128 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Your current proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

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In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

Please keep these ORVs away from the nesting areas.

Correspondence ID: 3129 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like to say that I think unrestricted beach driving poses an unacceptable risk to wildlife. If beach driving is to be allowed, it must be tightly regulated, and any areas containing endangered wildlife must be off-limits to vehicles. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3130 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have enough public areas across our state that allow driving noisy, smoking, destructive motor vehicles. Assuming Cape Hatteras can recuperate from Hurricane Irene's damage to this fragile barrier island, I feel we don't need more motor vehicle traffic on this section of our coastline. Paved road, boardwalk, etc. ,OK, but not on what remains of our beach,please.

Correspondence ID: 3131 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off road vehicles in Cape hatteras seashore.

Correspondence ID: 3132 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Linda Brandon

Correspondence ID: 3133 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no reason for vehicles to ride on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. All other beaches forbid vehicles because of the destruction and death they leave behind. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3134 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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Correspondence ID: 3135 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I fully support restricting ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas on Cape Hatteras National Seashore and in the national park system generally. I urge the adoption of specific, enforceable, science based protections for wildlife in these area and the designation of additional free areas for nesting.

Thank You.

Correspondence ID: 3136 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles should have only designated areas to ride and these should be as far from animals as possible. They are a noise, pollution and destructive menace and the environment is exceedingly more important than someone's questionable sport. Nothing motorized should be allowed on the beaches of America except rescue vehicles. Please do not allow this abomination to proceed.

Correspondence ID: 3137 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 3138 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We went to Cape Hatteras when I was a kid. It was fun, vibrant and great family fun. I would hate to see it ruined by off-road vehicles.

Noise, damage and erosion caused by off-road vehicles would be horrible on this lovely beach. Safety of families and small children would be at risk. Stress and destruction to a beautiful wildlife habitat is certain. Wildlife is running out of alternate places to go.

I urge you to not allow off-roading at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore treasure.

Correspondence ID: 3139 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to create a law that flatly forbids ORVs or any other invasive pleasure machines from the seashore and the nesting sites of the species that count on it to survive. A National Seashore should not have the purpose of being a playground for this type of entertainment.

ORVs need their own playgrounds, but not on such fragile environments that belong to the American people and the species that are native.

Correspondence ID: 3140 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 3141 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles are destroying the wildlife and natural habitats of the same. Please restrict the usage of such vehicles within our national parks and wilderness areas.

Correspondence ID: 3142 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing Off Road Vehicle (ORV) use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007 have made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving.

More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Denise Bell

Correspondence ID: 3143 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not make it legal for off road vehicles to drive on these currently protected beaches. Please continue to make this land safe for wildlife species to survive. Thank you. Sincerely, Eric Quesenberry Abingdon, VA

Correspondence ID: 3144 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To whom it may concern: My family owns a rental house in Rodanthe, NC. Our renters and I treasure our visits to Rodanthe for its proximity to the beautiful beaches in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We are not ORV users and do not support their expansion on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. ORV use and expansion harms the wildlife; it also strikes me as loud and dangerous for users and non-ORV users alike. Please preserve wildlife and beach areas.

Thank you.

Nicole A. Jabaily

Correspondence ID: 3145 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep Off-Road-Vehicles off of the fragile and biologically diverse Cape Hatteras National Seashore. As a scientist who studies riparian ecology, I know how delicate a balance our species that live on water depend on. ORVs can be devastating in areas like these, but a simple regulation can save so much from destruction. By making this small step, you can help preserve a national treasure for generations to come. I urge you to act now.

Correspondence ID: 3146 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help save our precious wildlife as we are custodians of their well being. Save them for our future.

Correspondence ID: 3147 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please prevent noisy polluting, deadly vehicles in places where there is natural habitat. (what left there is of it. Thank You

Correspondence ID: 3148 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Beach driving kills protected species. Not a controversial statement, and it seems silly to be making it to the National Park Service! However, at the cost of repeating myself: Please, please, please. No ORV anywhere near protected wildlife! A reasonable plan would be for specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3149 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-Road vehicles should be kept off beaches and away from wildlife habitat generally.

Correspondence ID: 3150 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

There are many other far less damaging locations where off road enthusiasts can enjoy their outdoor activity without impacting threatened wildlife. As enthusiastic birdwatchers, Cape Hatteras provides us with a great chance to see several migratory birds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3151 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live in San Diego and I frequent the areas around Pismo Beach, Santa Maria and Ocean City in Central California, so I am

quite familiar with the kind of damage that can be done to coastal habitat by ORV's. Any permit that allows Off Roding along the Cape Hatteras sea shore must make the protection of bird and turtle habitat a priority but the current rules do not accomplish this. At the very least, vehicles must be prohibited from nesting areas during the nesting and hatching periods for both birds and turtles.

Correspondence ID: 3152 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3153 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: people it is fun to ride your off-road vehicles, but please remember beneath the sands are creatures trying to survive..your 5 min ride could wipe whole groups of creatures..take your vehicles someplace else.

Correspondence ID: 3154 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting, NOT unlimited access to motorized vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I would prefer NO motorized vehicles of any kind on any beaches. All animals who depend on the beaches to procreate or rest or feed must be protected from human activities!

Correspondence ID: 3155 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow all terrain vehicles and 4 wheelers on the beach to threaten wildlife and birds

Correspondence ID: 3156 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: What hath man wrought?

Correspondence ID: 3157 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a proud resident of North Carolina, I want our state, from mountains to shoreline, to be protected and respected. Please do not allow ORVs on our shorelines. They are loud, damaging, and polluting.

Correspondence ID: 3158 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3159 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Superintendent Murray,

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does

wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3160 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: EVERYTHING must be done to PREVENT deaths to ANY animals and birds by off-road vehicles! There is NO excuse for these tragedies.

Correspondence ID: 3161 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a person who cares about birds and, indeed, all wildlife, I am concerned about the effect of off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras. Off road vehicle drivers are a small portion of those who visit Cape Hatteras National Seashore each year, but they are among the most vocal. Other creatures need a voice! Please restrict damaging off-road traffic.

Sincerely, Marguerite Shuster

Correspondence ID: 3162 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Enough; give the wildlife a chance. Spot being the most aggressive species on the planet.

Correspondence ID: 3163 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The regulation as proposed does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. There are no specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. Only 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach would be reserved for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

The recent temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. We need to continue this kind of protection.

If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the NPS's plan, these numbers could easily decline. All it would take is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

Great progress has been made in protecting Hatteras' wildlife. It would be a shame to backtrack now.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and more vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3164 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop off-road riding on beaches and inlets, both to stop irrosion and for nesting habitats. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3165 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We are proponents of ORV's (Off Road Vehicles) and we are also proponents of ORV restrictions. ORV's are one way to enjoy the Great Outdoors. A trail for foot traffic is just as environmentally altering as a trail for ORV use. I am also a hiking and backpacking enthusiast and have seen many instances of trails and camping areas that severely alter the natural landscape. Some areas in our National Parks, wilderness & beach areas can be utilized by ORV's with appropriate restrictions and use fees. Restrictions should include caring for the safety of children, such as requirements for adequate protective clothing and helmets.

Small child sized ORV's should have flags so they can be less obscured by terrain from being seen by faster adult size ORV's driven by teenagers or even experienced adults. Child sized ORV's often have no lights nor reflectors and should not be driven at night. All ORV's should have mufflers and restrict noise levels. There should be a use fees structure with incentives for low and non polluting ORV's such as LPG, hydrogen or EV's. There should also be a fines structure for violations, which would help pay for enforcement and to have first responders available. We will always have injuries with racing, bicycling and off road vehicles. Those of us who engage in these sports accept the possibility of injury or death, but also embrace safety equipment developments. All areas of know wildlife mass breeding must be protected, including the exclusion of both ORV and pedestrian traffic, except by special permit. These mass breeding areas are often the development of years of species evolution and migratory heritage and we have no right to exploit all the wilderness areas of the planet for the wealth building greed of a few special interests. Rather it is the global responsibility of leaders to protect our planet and its diverse life for the perpetuation of life and enjoyment and viability of all species, especially our own on this tiny planet. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 3166 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I strongly support a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of Seashore beach. The entire area should be closed to beach driving.

If the Park Service does not close the entire Seashore to beach driving, then I urge you to include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians in the regulation. I support non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, and this is unacceptable.

I urge you to include science-based protections for all natural resources that strictly adhere to the "Highest Degree of Protection" as outlined in the USGS Protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 3167 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect wildlife nesting areas for birds and turtles in Cape Hatteras Park -- I urge you to oppose unrestricted off shore vehicle use on its 67 miles of shoreline.

Correspondence ID: 3168 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3169 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORV's should not be allowed on seashores. They are destorying are wildlife. Please Reconsider and restrict all ORV's and protect the things and animals that made this beautiful world of ours. Thank you for reading this and giving my children and their children the opportunity to appreciate nature the way it is supposed to be. Sincerely, Heather V Kauffman

Correspondence ID: 3170 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: local and land losses due to business interests is not uncommon.

However, regardless of the loss of life, is the loss of Outstanding beauty, the tourism loss and the loss of wealth generated for the community a fair price for the benefit of a small number who already generate large incomes?

It is already the case that large companies take, milk and scour resources and then simply move on to another place?

Unilever just made an announcement that they must change this practice or they will be bankrupt in 20 years. They intend to start protecting the areas they use.

Are there proper safeguards in place? Are they just lip service to shut up those who prefer that we stand on our own two feet and stay standing...? It seems inefficient to sacrifice the long term for the short term.

If the decision has already been made and this is simply a PR exercise, so be it.

If there is a chance of consultation first, please do not take these comments as activism but rather questions for you to consider.

Correspondence ID: 3171 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing in opposition to unrestricted off-road vehicle usage, due to wildlife death that results. Please tightly restrict these vehicles so no sea turtles or sea turtle eggs of other shoreline wildlife are threatened. Thank you. Tena Meadows O'Rear

Correspondence ID: 3172 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please regulate off-road vehicle traffic and protect wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 3173 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As an avid bird & wildlife watcher and conservation-minded American, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The current interim plan has protected wildlife and created safe areas for gains in terms of survival & reproduction. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding.

However, if you allow expanded ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be negatively impacted in perilous ways.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore and I am concerned that the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. **The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving.* That ratio is insufficient for shore birds, turtles & other wildlife. **More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.**

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable & certainly NOT a true reflection of the priorities of many conservation-minded Americans. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and

other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not cut-back on protections for sensitive wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 3174 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3175 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Could we at least have a little empathy when it comes to driving where there is wildlife already living there.

Correspondence ID: 3176 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicle use on or near beaches needs to be stopped. Wildlife needs to take precedence over human amusements.

Correspondence ID: 3177 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose of road vehicles on any shoreline, including Cape Hatteras

This eco-system is too important for wildlife to be damaged by these vehicles

thank you

Lorena Havens

Correspondence ID: 3178 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop unrestricted off road vehicle use that harms sea turtles, shorebirds & other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3179 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: re: National Park Service proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore

I think the proposal does not go far enough in securing the safety of the wildlife. The main attraction of the area is the peace and

wildlife. It is unfortunate that so much is going to be destroyed for the benefit of a few.

Please reconsider

Thank you Maureen Madigan

Correspondence ID: 3180 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect shorelife wildlife by prohibiting off-road vehicles from using this important habitat.

Correspondence ID: 3181 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ban Off Road Vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We need to protect wildlife from these irresponsible threats. There is no excuse for supporting gas-guzzling vehicles that pollute the air, cause erosion, kill wildlife, and add to greenhouse gas emissions. Please ban recreational use of Off Road Vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 3182 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is totally unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include the current buffers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3183 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3184 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We recently camped in Ocracoke Campground in Hatteras National Seashore for 11 nights. We saw lots of off-road vehicles on the beaches daily. However, we saw only one area marked off for a turtle nest. It is not necessary to drive and park your vehicle on the beach in order to use the beach and ocean. Please put an end to this practice. Our seashore critters including sea turtles and the nesting plovers need all the help they can get.

Thanks! Esther David

Correspondence ID: 3185 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Riding roughshod over a sensitive wildlife area is wrong on so many levels. In addition to the negative disruption of the ecological balance, there is the waste of non renewable energy, increased air pollution, and the contribution to an unhealthy sedentary lifestyle. People certainly are not seeing much of either the wildlife or even the scenery while riding these vehicles. Let them ride in areas where these things don't matter, such that people who want to enjoy the kind of quiet walking that does enable them to see what is unique about this place can do so. And so that what is unique about this place can remain so.

Correspondence ID: 3186 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep wildlife safe! I am against allowing off-road vehicles in their critical habitats. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Correspondence ID: 3187 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop off road vehicles on the sea shore. ORV's are not compatible with "LIFE". ORV's KILL! Please protect the innocent varied forms of life that make the beach their home and nursery. No one has a right to kill these amazing forms of life in a wanton disregarding manner. Also, the ORV's are noisy polluting dangerous vehicles that disturb humans also and destroy the experience of appreciating and enjoying the wondrous beauty and miracles of nature.

Do what is right - stop ORV's from killing!

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 3188 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must do all within our power to preserve the beaches for use by all animals. People can still come to the beaches to enjoy the scenery, bathe, walk around, etc. But, the off-road vehicles must go. The destruction of habitat is too extensive.

Correspondence ID: 3189 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this

plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you very much, for your consideration.

-BB Kradwell

Correspondence ID: 3190 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thank you for listening,

I really don't like ORV's.

1) They are dangerous. 2) They cause erosion 3) They are designed to go where you are not suppose to go. 4) They pollute with noise and air pollution. 4) They disturb people. 5) They kill wildlife.

Thank You, Jon

Correspondence ID: 3191 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches

Correspondence ID: 3192 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please take all motorized vehicles off all national seashores. Let us enjoy nature unfettered.

Correspondence ID: 3193 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please include a specific plan to protect wildlife and foster population increases. I loved to walk along the sea shore there and see the wildlife, not ORVs tearing up the beach. Really Cape Hatteras is a small protected area along the heavily populated coast. Please keep what makes this park special protected.

Correspondence ID: 3194 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Use of Public Lands and Public Beached has become more and more restricted to those of us who are trying to find a place to "take our nature" in it's pure form without the sound and smell of gas guzzling off road vehicles screaming through and disrupting the environment. It seems they are every where! Those folks, who drive those monsters have no regard for nature nor for those of us who are out for some actual physical exercise and communing with "pure unadulterated" nature and the chance to see and perhaps photograph wild life in it's undisturbed natural habitat. Their only interest is in the macho thrill of speed and devastation. They should be banned or at least limited to areas not inhabited by humans or wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3195 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The sea is not only a valuable resource; our welfare and the earth's are an intricate web of mutual reliance. We have the gift and honor of being the protectorate of the most fragile of the birds and animals. They give us more than we will ever realize - and we depend on their thriving as much as we depend on one another's support. Please act to protect these fragile ecosystems and their inhabitants. Much of our land is used however folks desire - but some places of refuge must be maintained for the welfare of all.

Thank you for your conscientious work in protecting these areas for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 3196 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Beaches are not highways. I have been appalled by the growing number of vehicles on the National Seashore. There is absolutely no need for people to drive on the beach. The beach is the habitat of nesting sea turtles and many species of shoreline birds; vehicular traffic disrupts, pollutes and destroys this environment. As someone who has visited the Outer Banks regularly for many years, I am deeply concerned that our National Seashore is becoming just another roadway. Please, please create stricter regulations for vehicular traffic on the beaches. No one NEEDS to drive on the beach; it's just a convenience for some that creates a nuisance for the rest of us and poses a dangerous threat to wildlife. CLOSE THE BEACH TO CARS AND TRUCKS. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3197 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As a resident of North Carolina and a scientist with knowledge of its barrier islands, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3198 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3199 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Seashore.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3200 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The beach areas where ORV are allowed to go should be strictly limited with the emphasis being on the protection of wildlife, which have no other place to go. Motor vehicles have plenty of places to go and have long ago taken over our world. Enough is enough for the domination of these dangerous means of conveyance.

Correspondence ID: 3201 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please enact legislation to protect the sea turtles and shore birds from off road vehicles. Recreational opportunities for ORV drivers exist in many other places, but the habitat for the sea creatures is specific, limited, and necessary for their survival. Wildlife protection is critical.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3202 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop off-road vehicles along shorelines. They do too much damage to land and wildlife. Foot traffic into these sensitive areas is enough.

Tjank you

Correspondence ID: 3203 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We are loosing so many precious species to our regular traffic of multiple transportation, keeping areas as Hatteras National Seashore protected from more onslaughts is vitally important. I have three grandchildren that want to be able to enjoy ALL the creatures of this habitat.

Thank you for giving this your thoughtfulness for future generations!

Correspondence ID: 3204 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	3205	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Your proposed regulations do almost nothing to protect nesting sites for birds, turtles and other wildlife. I urge you to designate additional vehicle free nesting sites for them. We need enforceable, science based regulations that protect wildlife. Please revise your regulations to accomplish this. We must work to preserve our planet's ecosystems, which includes protecting its wildlife.						

Correspondence ID:	3206	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	There is no excuse for the selfish among us to drive in areas where wildlife are located. There are other places for the vehicles to enjoy; let the wildlife have their freedom to live. Humans have become way too greedy and selfish.						

Correspondence ID:	3207	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I thought Park Service exists to protect wildlife like Piping Plovers who nest right on the land/sand, instead of a bunch of nitwits who will run over these birds and their young killing them.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	3208	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I urge you to give greater protections to Cape Hatteras wildlife. Off road vehicles have no place in a National Seashore, and most, if not all, of the shoreline should be protected. The new regulations need to protect wildlife nesting areas. Wildlife deserves a place to safely raise their young without the threat of being run over. And protection works. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers will easily decline. I look at Cumberland Island, which I see as one of the crown jewels in the federal system, and ORV have no place there on the beaches, nor should they at Cape Hatteras. National Seashores should be for the enjoyment of nature and the protection of nature, and should not be subject to the wanton damage that off road vehicles cause.						

Correspondence ID: 3209 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORV kill and mar the natural environment.

Correspondence ID: 3210 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

Correspondence ID: 3211 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3212 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please vote to protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The unrestricted off-road vehicles are taking a toll on the threatened and endangered shore birds and sea turtles that nest on the seashores beaches. Nesting areas need protection for the unborn hatchlings . I support specific enforceable, science based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle free areas for nesting. Lets protect the areas for the future life of these beautiful creatures!!

Correspondence ID: 3213 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the impact of off-road vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Recently, wildlife has been recovering in this sensitive habitat. Sea turtles created 153 nests in 2010, almost twice the number in 2007. Piping plovers and

other shorebirds are rebounding. Please don't let ORVs threaten this recovery.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore. Why are only only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore protected from vehicle use? More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians!!!

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3214 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I oppose ORV use in ALL of our National Parks, Monuments, Seashores, etc. except where required by Park service maintenance or emergency access.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3215 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

Great progress has been made in protections for Hatteras' wildlife, and I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use will take its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Please don't spoil the beauty and diversity of wildlife that dwells there. That is the reason so many of us visit Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Please don't spoil it by allowing unlimited ORV use.

Correspondence ID: 3216 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife.The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

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Thank you for your consideration

Correspondence ID: 3217 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I can't walk my dog on a beach ON A LEASH in 1/2 the parks (in the Bay Area anyway).....WHY should people be allowed to ride destructive, nasty, noisy, polluting vehicles ANYWHERE but specified tracks (or, this is America -ruin their own yards)?

To HELL with the companies that make these beasts - tell them to convert to making electric vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 3218 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 3219 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3220 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live in the state of Nevada, where the conflict between ORV users and all other users of public lands is an ongoing issue. My experience is that there is no way to adequately "manage" ORV use in sensitive areas without harming the environment and wildlife, and without depriving low impact users of peace and safety. All the regulations in the world will not make all users responsible users to the degree that is necessary. My husband and I spent our honeymoon at Cape Hatteras. It is an extraordinary place that merits the highest level of protection. ORV use trumps all other uses by its very nature. There is no means of peaceful coexistence. I do not begrudge ORV users fun recreational venues. I understand that this activity frequently is family fun. However, the desires of ORV users cannot be the priority. And, when ORV's are present, everone else loses in these sacred sensitive environments. I vote an emphatic "no" to subjecting Hatteras to the risks involved in allowing ORV use.

Correspondence ID: 3221 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3222 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Tell the Park Service instead that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of additional studies regarding wildlife protection vs. off-road vehicles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Sincerely,

Edward P Cole

Correspondence ID: 3223 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is not much there to protect nesting wildlife from drivers and too much of the beach is set aside most of the year for beach driving.

The temporary plan limiting ORV use near nesting areas has been working. Please do more not less.

IPlease provide very specific and enforceable protection for nesting areas that improve the situation.

Thank you for your cooperation and good stewardship.

Correspondence ID: 3224 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3225 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do not allow off-road vehicles or ATVs on Cap Hatteras National Seashore. They are destructive to the ecosystem there, especially nesting birds and other wildlife.

In addition, they are loud and disruptive to people who choose to visit the National Seashore for their enjoyment and have the

courtesy to walk in.

If the owners of ATVs and other off-road vehicles are too lazy to enjoy the beach the way it was intended, then let them find a public pool instead.

Correspondence ID: 3226 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly advocate for there being strict rules and regs on ORVs having unlimited access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It is imperative that our precious wildlife ie seabirds, turtles,etc along this area be protected and their nesting places preserved! Thank you for your careful consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3227 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3228 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Your proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

Your proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3229 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like to encourage you to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore that protect wildlife nesting areas.

Temporary restrictions on ORV use have already made a difference, and these should be made permanent and expanded.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3230 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Humans aren't the only ones on earth, they just stupidly act like it.

Correspondence ID: 3231 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This proposal needs to be improved. The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. It reserves only 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

I do not want the entire seashore open to ORV drivers. This activity is incredibly destructive to wildlife itself, and their habitats. I am requesting that the Park Service implement specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3232 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help maintain the beauty and pristine beaches of Hatteras Island by not allowing off road vehicles on the beaches. My husband and I were looking at properties to buy there last year. One of my concerns was the traffic on the beach. I People leave trash and all kinds of junk on the beach. Not to mention the dead sea turtles, birds, and even a wild horse left behind by reckless people.

Correspondence ID: 3233 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect wildlife by explicitly making regulations to ban offroading. This recreational activity threatens wildlife. We can offroad elsewhere, offroading is for enjoyment and leisure, but it is a threatened species life. Why make a short-term decision for human convenience over a long-term protection of habitat?

Thank you for considering. You have the ability to impact our environment and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3234 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the off-road vehicles from damaging the wildlife. There are many small animals that depend on nesting in these areas and they need your support.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 3235 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

In my visits to Hatteras the wildlife has been a major point of interest while ORV traffic has been a hazard and a frustration.

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National

Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	3236	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We don't get second chances to save threatened species.						
Correspondence ID:	3237	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please restrict the use of all off-road vehicles on the entire Cape Hatteras National Seashore, to protect sea birds and sea turtle's nesting grounds and to further protect other wildlife that use the seashore.						
Correspondence ID:	3238	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	This is outrageous!						
Correspondence ID:	3239	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please approve much-needed restrictions for ORV at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Saving wildlife is vital to the preservation of places such as this.						
Correspondence ID:	3240	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do not allow the rules and regulations to weaken re allowing off road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The destruction to nesting birds and other wildlife would be awful. There is plenty of space elsewhere for off road vehicles --- there has to be some places that are protected from man's destructive practices and I feel that this is one such place.Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	3241	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and

pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3242 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose four-wheelers on beaches. I vote for protecting the wildlife there.

Correspondence ID: 3243 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This is a senseless and inhumane treatment of our wildlife; put a stop to this brutal indifference immediately.

Correspondence ID: 3244 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3245 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Don't let a few speed nuts destroy millions of years of evolution.

Correspondence ID: 3246 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

Please protect these beaches.

Correspondence ID:	3247	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	3248	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

I am very concerned that the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore is inadequate.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As the National Park Service, wildlife protection should be the main objective and not treated as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	3249	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Representative, I wish to comment on the use of offroad activity is sensitive habitat on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Please limit or ban the use of offroad activity. We can't take hurting birds and animals especial at this time.						

Thank you

Karen Brady

Correspondence ID: 3250 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no reason for off-road vehicles at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Or any other National seashore.

Correspondence ID: 3251 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: These ORV are destroying our lands, vegetation and wildlife. In Minnesota they run rampant through our forests. We do not have the number of people needed to supervise their use. We need more control over the use of ORV's in order to protect what is left of the invaluable wildlife and our parklands.

Correspondence ID: 3252 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I am writing to express my opinion regarding the proposed regulations for beach driving within the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

My view is that national parklands must first protect and preserve plants, animals and natural features - facilitating recreation is a secondary objective. Therefore when recreation in the national parkland has the potential to be destructive to plants, animals and natural features, it should be banned.

It is that simple. I do not want my tax dollars spent subsidizing the destruction of national parklands, nor do I want to support the existence of a governmental agency that does not understand or competently fulfill its mission.

Sincerely,

Kent Iverson

Correspondence ID: 3253 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3254 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save it for everyone.

Correspondence ID: 3255 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please limit the off road vehicles in these sensitive and precious areas. They are proven killers of wildlife, scenery and unspoiled experience.

Correspondence ID: 3256 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

I am writing to say I am grateful the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This is a good step forward for the protection of wildlife. However, the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas, a critical piece in any conservation effort.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Your proposal only sets aside 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round. The rest is set aside for year-round and seasonal beach driving. This is not enough protected seashore.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. This shows the dramatic and positive effect of nesting protections. However, if wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

I grew up going to Crane Beach on the North Shore of Massachusetts. There an organization called The Trustees of Reservations runs a program that has been nationally recognized for its successful protection of piping plovers and least terns. Protection of nesting sites is paramount to their success. Please see the following links for more information and specifically the Crane Beach management plan.

<http://www.thetrustees.org/places-to-visit/northeast-ma/crane-beach-on-the-crane.html#t8>

<http://birds.audubon.org/conservation-success-stories>

Please increase your protection of nesting areas in your plan. If the National Park Service does not do it, then who will?

Sincerely,

Katherine Ni Keefe

Correspondence ID: 3257 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3258 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore's beaches. I strongly oppose unrestricted off road vehicles on these beaches. It truly amazes me that it is even being considered.

Correspondence ID: 3259 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: we are caretakers of this planet--some consider themselves gods and don't care what they kill or how they do it--we all need tounderstand the way everything is connected--the gods of this palnet don't care-- the rest of us have to --

Correspondence ID: 3260 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I believe the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a threat to all the local wildlife. Under the current interim plan, the wildlife populations, including sea turtles and Piping plovers, have rebounded. I am afraid that if the ORV use across the Seashore increases, all the threaten and endangered species will plummet again/

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but I opposed the one that is being proposed because it protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3261 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help regulate the use of recreational vehicles now and protect our endangered wildlife species now before it is too late. In areas of New England, specifically the shorelines surrounding Boston they have implemented some strict regulations and the plovers are now increasing in population. If it can be done here it can be in Cape Hatteras as well.....thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3262 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of Seashore beach. The entire area should be closed to beach driving.

If the Park Service does not close the entire Seashore to beach driving, then I urge you to include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians in the regulation. I support non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, and this is simply not acceptable. Please add buffers and other specific, mandatory wildlife protections to the regulation. I urge you to include science-based protections for all natural resources that strictly adhere to the "Highest Degree of Protection" as outlined in the USGS Protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3263 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Recreational vehicles should not be allowed access to environmentally sensitive areas that are vital to the survival of sea birds and turtles. It is the job of the National Park Service to protect our natural resources and I am asking that you do so by protecting Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 3264 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtle, shorebirds and other wildlife. Protect our wildlife. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3265 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3266 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do your due diligence and set wise use rules when deciding where to allow OHV use at Cape Hatteras. The wildlife that use the beaches for such important activities as nesting and breeding must be taken into account. These animals are as much of a draw to visitors as the use of OHVs are and it is essential that they are allowed to share the land and are protected from harassment. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3267 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Persons who use ORV's should understand that they are not endowed with the mandate to literally run over wild areas or wild life, whatever part of the country they inhabit. Please put the "brakes" on these people. They must learn to share with all who inhabit our planet. As a retired high school teacher, I have always taught my students the importance of respect for ourselves and for all life on this planet. They "got it." I hope ORV users can "get it" too.

Correspondence ID: 3268 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3269 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I respectfully ask that you stop this now

Correspondence ID: 3270 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Heather Dennett

Correspondence ID: 3271 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why is it that the clear minority who are the greatest polluters and destroyers of our environment always get the "most"? This simply does not make any sense. You allow the bikers more territory than the wildlife that live and breed there and the people who respect wildlife (pedestrians). This is just ass-backwards. Who are the people who make these decisions? To the rest of us we can only surmise that the people making the decisions are in a position of "conflict of interest". No unbiased person would decide on the side of the "bikers". It's just insane and those making these idiotic decisions should recuse themselves - but of course that would imply that they are persons of integrity which they obviously are not. I think it makes more sense to ban any intrusion into the wildlife areas except by pedestrians and maybe even designate some areas off limits entirely especially during nesting season. As for the bikers - they're not there to enjoy the wildlife - they're there just to ride bikes - which they can do just about anywhere - whereas these species dot not have the luxury to move their breeding grounds. For god's sake - respect the limited wildlife we have left. When it's gone, it's gone forever - and we will blame YOU!!!

Correspondence ID: 3272 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I vacation twice a year at Hatteras National Seashore and I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I understand that under the current interim plan, protected wildlife have rebounded in the area. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife will no doubt be impacted. While I understand that the sport fishermen and off road enthusiasts want to navigate the beach also, safety for pedestrians and protection for wildlife MUST come first or at the LEAST be given equal consideration. When you are walking along the beach you can not hear vehicles because of the ocean. Children are spastic and can't be counted on to keep an eye out for vehicles when they are cavorting on the beach nor should they have to.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers MORE than it does wildlife OR pedestrians. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Wildlife is under assault by humans in every corner of the earth. Please allow Hatteras National Seashore to be one of the places that they are not.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3273 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PROTECT our animals and shorelines !! STOP the lobbyists and REPUBLICANS .

Correspondence ID: 3274 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect our shores.

Correspondence ID: 3275 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife, and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Off road vehicle drivers are a small portion of those who visit Cape Hatteras National Seashore each year, but they are among the most vocal. In order to speak up for all of the piping plovers, sea turtles, sea and shore birds and all of the other wildlife that relies on this region, I am registering my support for the safety of the non-human creatures who depend on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID:	3276	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						

Correspondence ID:	3277	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Melissa Brunoehler

Correspondence ID:	3278	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3279 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a constituent of National Wild life Federation, I want to express my concerns about the issue on unrestricted off-road vehicle(ORV). The actual regulation only sets aside areas for ORVs and does NOT MANDATE any specific measure to protect wildlife from beach drivers, such as shorebirds and sea turtles nesting on the seashore's beaches.And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year round,setting aside the seasonal beach driving.For that reason I want to PUT STRONG LIMITS of unrestricted off-road vehicle(ORV) on Beaches that holds wildlife around the seahore's beaches.Thank you for attending this message.

Correspondence ID: 3280 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save the Wildlife

Correspondence ID: 3281 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a resident of North Carolina I am in support of wildlife being explicitly protected by legislation in relation to their existence or presence on our state's beaches. Specifically, I am in support of restrictions on driving vehicles on beaches in an effort to protect nesting for sea birds and sea turtles.

Correspondence ID: 3282 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles have their place, but not in areas where threatened and endangered birds and animals nest and historically have lived or used in migration routes.

Correspondence ID: 3283 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All animals are important and need protection from humans.

Correspondence ID: 3284 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

We, as humans, are destroying enough of nature and wildlife as it is. Let's put limits on the destruction.

Correspondence ID: 3285 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please make this area off limits for off road vehicles. Make this a safe area for turtles and birds to nest undisturbed.

Correspondence ID: 3286 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation (or rather deregulation) for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3287 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Please don't allow this to happen to the detriment of the wildlife and the uniqueness of the area!

Sincerely, Natasha and Noah Brenner

Correspondence ID: 3288 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All Gods Creatures deserve a place on this earth!! God intened this

Correspondence ID: 3289 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As someone who lives in a coastal town, I can't stress the importance of protecting the dwindling wildlife that exists here. This area used to be thriving with nature. Now you can barely hear a cricket or see a lightning bug. The very reasons we visit the ocean are being destroyed by man. It's time we prioritize nature. Beach buggies and other off-road-vehicles aren't a way to appreciate nature; it's a way to exploit it noisily and disrespectfully. After what our country has been through in the last few years with oil spills, etc. PUT NATURE FIRST FOR ONCE.

Correspondence ID: 3290 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a visitor who appreciates your seashore - but do not understand why it is so difficult to protect some nesting birds from harm. Just limit the time that ORVs can be on the beach.

Correspondence ID: 3291 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I think that the animals deserve anything in the world. There should be regulations for those animals of cape hatteras. Without animals there would be a lot of people who wouldn't be able to function. Think about the animals

Correspondence ID: 3292 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3293 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Nesting wildlife needs more protection at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Please constrain the use of motorized vehicles near where turtles and shorebirds rest and nest.

Correspondence ID: 3294 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: help save the wildlife

Correspondence ID: 3295 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Really? This is what our shorelines and beaches are for--noise, pollution and general degradation of the environment? Please let common sense and sensibility prevail.

Correspondence ID: 3296 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I had no idea how many division in the government exist. I hope this is the right one. I would just like to ask you do have mercy on our remaining wildlife, this time I refer to the shore line, turtles, seabirds etc. who have nests there. These will be destroyed by people using this area for riding their vehicles, like on a regular street. i do not understand the purpose of it. we have destroyed so many areas of beauty, we have brought numerous species to extinction, we are cruel, calleous ,thoughtless, greedy. why can man kind not have compassion. It is only a small amount of true humans who care and do something. Please enforce a law that will protect these animals. please go against the lobby and help those poor turtles etc. what kind of world are we leaving behind for our children. Nothing to be proud off. Pplease have a heart, PLEASE!!! Heidi Blechar

Correspondence ID: 3297 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please make regulations to stop the use of vehicles on the beaches of Hatterass in NC. It is impairitive that we protect the nesting sea turtles and birds of cape hatteras. It is your moral duty and responsibility to invest in whatever it takes to keep what makes cape hatterass a great and wonderful place for ALL who live there and visit there. My family and friends visit Cape hatteras because of the natural beauty and wildlife diversity. We have never driven on the beaches because of those reasons.

Correspondence ID: 3298 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3299 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off Road Vehicles have other places to ride besides the National Seashore which is an important ecosystem. I want these animals and plants to be available to be enjoyed by generations to come, without being disturbed by noise and habitat destruction. I want to enjoy the seashore's peace and quiet as well. That's what I travel there for!

Correspondence ID: 3300 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protections of the shorelines and wildlife need to be extended. There needs to be continued and expanded protections for nesting wildlife such as the sea turtles and Sandy Plovers from the ORVs. The area where ORVs are allowed should be reduced to provide these protections.

Correspondence ID: 3301 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

The National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, but the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

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In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

Great progress has been achieved in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose those gains now because narcissistic ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping pl

Correspondence ID: 3302 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3303 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the nesting shoreline birds from destruction. Keep offroad vehicles off of the beaches, please! Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3304 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 3305 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Help save America the Beautiful. Enough destruction of the environment by internal combustion engines. I live in NY where asthma is an epidemic amongst our children.

If people need vehicles to enjoy themselves, let them stay in the cities. Stop the danger and the pollution of off road vehicles.

Save our nesting wildlife.

Do the right thing. Don't sell out to the highest bidder.

Be an American hero. Be someone your grand children and great grandchildren will admire and appreciate. Don't sell out their future.

We are part of the web of the world. Let's keep it healthy, safe and flourishing for all living beings.

Correspondence ID: 3306 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I have deep concerns about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National

Seashore.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Camille Gilbert

Correspondence ID:	3307	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	keep orv's off our beaches.						
Correspondence ID:	3308	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I oppose the unrestricted use of off road vehicles that threatens turtles and other animals.						
Correspondence ID:	3309	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please ban the use of off-road vehicles on National Park beaches. Their use endangers shorebirds.						
Thank you.							
Correspondence ID:	3310	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles run the beach for people who use the beach as a peaceful escape and put wildlife in direct danger. There is no sane reason why our beach reserves should be spoiled by destructive and disruptive vehicles. It will also increase litter and damage to our beaches, a vital and precious resource!						
Correspondence ID:	3311	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.						
But the proposed regulations for beach driving does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. It merely sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.							
I instead ask that you put in place specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you very much.							
Correspondence ID:	3312	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Correspondence ID:	3315	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Correspondence ID: 3316 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thank you for allowing me to make a comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

This is an extremely beautiful and fragile place to allow the destruction of its environment by unregulated use of these ORVs. The whole area should be closed to these vehicles.

Protections should be put in place for wildlife and pedestrians in the area. At least non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles and their offspring. This would include protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

Thank you for reading and considering my comment.

Correspondence ID: 3317 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop off-roading on shorelines. Driving vehicles on shorelines endangers people and wildlife. It is a public safety issue.

Correspondence ID: 3319 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am posting a no for the entire seashore to be open to beach driving. I recommend to the Park Service instead that I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you. "Share the road". Too many places are being given free range to OHRVs at the loss of wildlife and terrain. I am not opposed to OHRVs in the proper place and riders should have or be taught respect to their use of such areas. This lack of respect is what I dislike most. And quite a few of these OHRV riders are riding way beyond their yrs and means so maybe there lies the disrespect problem. They don't need exclusive and breeding ground areas to ride All Terrain Vehicles in, They are made for rough territory ~ like they are called off road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 3320 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I have deep concerns about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National

Seashore.

Protected wildlife made huge gains in this area, (under the current interim plan). Examples: Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. However, I now fear that with the possible expansion of ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

It is very important (and I strongly support) that there is regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patricia Strauch

Correspondence ID:	3321	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

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Correspondence ID:	3322	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I would like to add my voice to those wanting protection for wildlife at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Opening the area to ORVs would damage the area and harm wildlife. As a National Seashore, I believe it should be protected from motorized vehicles and the erosion and harm to wildlife they can cause. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						

Correspondence ID:	3323	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3324 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no inherent right to destroy shoreline with any kind of vehicle. Who the hell are you afraid of? Grow a damn spine and stand up for something moral and ethical for a change. You're going to blow this election too by being afraid of criticism from a small bunch of loud mouths. Kick their damn asses off the beach and be done with it. NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO THE TEA BAGGERS WILL BITCH! SO DO THE RIGHT THING AND AT LEAST YOUR BASE WILL BE THERE. YOU LET THIS CONTINUE AND I'M PERSONALLY DONE WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. YOU BETTER WISE UP.

Correspondence ID: 3325 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Humans have encroached upon many species natural habitat for far too long. As a result numerous species have perished due to our ignorance or disregard. This is an avoidable situation and should be acted upon immediately. These beaches are their home and natural breeding grounds, we have no right to take joy rides, if the result is their demise. Shame on those who allow this to continue. May they see themselves in the plight of these animals and show some sense and compassion to their survival.

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Name: private
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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. Please use science based evidence, not politically charged misinformation. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. At a time when wildlife is experiencing multiple threats to their ability to reproduce and survive as a species, you need to do more. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Kathy McDaniel

Correspondence ID: 3328 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must stop disturbing beautiful wild life for the sake of noisy, machines run by rowdy, human beings strictly for their pleasure. They accomplish nothing, they contribute nothing to the country. They are selfish, inconsiderate beings and should be stopped!

Correspondence ID: 3329 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: National Park and Forest areas need to be as natural as possible in order for native species to survive and thrive. Offroad vehicles not only add noise and air pollution, they disturb and violate natural habitats. Please keep all natural areas free of these nuisances; it's not the place for them.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3330 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The lives of the wildlife that can be maimed and/or killed is too precious not to protect. ORV can be ridden in other places. Please protect those lives that are so important. Surely our pleasure is not SO important that other lives can be sacrificed just so we can have FUN!?

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration. Jill Bohannon

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Correspondence ID:	3333	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Protect the wildlife.						

Correspondence ID:	3334	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off-road vehicles are simply toys for the well-to-do; our animal and marine life is precious and deserving of the same care and protection as any other life. This area is their home, not their playground. Their right to live there unmolested takes priority over the right of a weekend or vacation-time vehicle owner to play without regard to the damage done to an environment. There is no reason these same people cannot dismount their off-road vehicles and enjoy the seashore by walking along it. Good for their health, and they might actually get to see and marvel at some of the creatures whose habitat they have been destroying. Different eco-systems allow for different forms of recreation, and there is no reason to feel shy about restricting these areas to certain types of activities. Please ban off-road vehicles from the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						

Correspondence ID:	3335	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Correspondence ID:	3336	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I just wanted to stress that I think the areas where shorebirds nest should be off limits to all off road vehicles. The Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a large area but to set aside only 26 miles to protect is just not enough. Please mandate specific measures to protect nesting areas.						

Correspondence ID:	3337	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						

Correspondence: I am from NC and pride myself that I live in the same state where you can vacation on such a beautiful beach as the outer banks. There are many of us that prefer to go to a shore where wildlife is still abundant. There are many places that motorized vehicles are welcome. The seashore of the outer banks is unique and should be kept that way. Once wildlife and plants are destroyed there is always the chance that they will never return. Please take all necessary action to preserve this biodiverse, nature filled gift of ours. Please consider our future generations!

Correspondence ID: 3338 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The Outer Banks, including Cape Hatteras, are a national treasure, subject to the impacts of weather events and human actions. It is essential that the proposed regulations specifically address human actions that affect animal species that nest on the beaches of the Outer Banks, such as certain species of plovers and sea turtles. These fascinating animals deserve respect and protection from the destructive practice of beach driving. They have nowhere else to go; use regulations that do not specifically address the impact on these animals would be grossly irresponsible.

Correspondence ID: 3339 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hi, I am an avid outdoorsman and enjoy fishing at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. But I also enjoy seeing the wildlife and realize how important the land is for nesting birds and turtles. I think there is plenty of room for both and do not mind walking a bit for my fishing spot.

As a frequent visitor and landowner in Beaufort and Hyde counties I encourage the park service to have some of the crucial nesting areas closed to vehicles as the wildlife biologists recommend.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

R. Vernon Hunter

Correspondence ID: 3340 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support regulation of ORVs at the seashore. These vehicles should not endanger the wildlife. The proposed regulations only have wildlife protection as an option - not mandatory. This is absolutely not acceptable. This plan should be revised to include buffers and other protections for wildlife such as piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Please act on behalf of these creatures. It is the only humane thing to do!

Correspondence ID: 3341 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Respect for life is not being taught, all life is sacred, including wildlife being run over by atv's. If people will not police themselves, well someone is going to have to. Our wildlife is endangered by industry, and not adequately protected; by recreational vehicles, and not adequately protected. One day this will be a sterile ball of dust if we don't change our ways. And by the way, we won't be here either.

Correspondence ID: 3342 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Correspondence ID: 3343 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	3344	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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I am a strong believer in the rights of creatures to live undisturbed in their natural habitat. I currently live in an area with strong protections for the wildlife that abounds here and know how beneficial these strong protections can be for humans and animals alike.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	3345	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence ID:	3346	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. Please protect wildlife from off-road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 3347 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Rachel Urbanowicz

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3349 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

Please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting in Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher Barnickel

Correspondence ID: 3350 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 3351 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Proposed legislation limiting the use of "Off Road Vehicles" in Cape Hatteras does not go far enough to protect fragile ecosystems and the wildlife that depends upon them.

It only restricts about a third of the area under consideration. Please consider extending this to include places where sea turtles and endangered birds build their nests.

Thank you for time.

Correspondence ID: 3352 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I wish to voice my opposition to allowing unrestricted off-road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Please support specific, enforceable science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Our wildlife and fragile beach ecosystems must be protected from the damage that has been inflicted by unrestricted off-road vehicles. This careless abuse will destroy the beautiful heritage that many future generations will appreciate and enjoy.

Correspondence ID: 3353 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Piping plovers and other area species deserve a chance for life as much as any creature, including human! Restricting off-road access and nesting areas where traffic would pose a serious risk only makes sense. Beach traffic has led to human fatalities here in Florida in Daytona and other areas where still allowed. It's time to make a change and put life before recreational meandering along our beaches!

Correspondence ID: 3354 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the shore birds, turtles, and other wildlife along this precious part of our Eastern seaboard--Cape Hatteras, by restricting the access of off-road vehicles. Thank you. Valerie McQuaid

Correspondence ID: 3355 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Thank you for your time and consideration. Regards, Jennifer Gray

Correspondence ID:	3357	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I oppose unrestricted offroad vehicle use on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.						

Correspondence ID:	3358	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	People need to learn how to walk and breath in the freshness of nature and all of its creatures, including other humans. Prohibit moving vehicles, including bicycles and anything else that prevents humans to use their legs and feet to get them to where they want to go. Leave mother nature and all of her creatures in peace.						

Correspondence ID:	3359	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please incorporate explicit regulations into the park service plan to protect wildlife and nesting areas from the effects of offroad vehicles at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Sea turtles and shorebirds need safe havens.						

Correspondence ID:	3360	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Sir, Please put a stop to the off road vehicles where the wildlife are. I feel that this belongs to them and not the the people running vehicles on the beach.						

Correspondence ID:	3361	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Make sure to protect the shore birds from off-road vehicles! There must be special regulations that prohibit these vehicles from going near the nesting birds during nesting and mating seasons. Cape Cod and other locales are successful at protecting their birds -- we must be too!!! Dr. Vicki Kirsch

Correspondence ID: 3362 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras should not allow access to motorized off-road vehicles at any time of year, other than those of park personnel. Off-road users are sometimes (if not all the time) negligent in the way they drive and where they drive. Wildlife doesn't stand a chance against this kind of attitude. I urge the park system to restrict this kind of access and leave the beaches free for only pedestrian use.

Correspondence ID: 3363 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I grew up in NC. As such, I am very familiar with its inherent beauty - from shore to Piedmont to mountain top! I am also convinced it is our responsibility to keep it that way!

As such, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Please do what's right. It's not only important to you and me but to our children and our children's children!

Thank you, Jack

Correspondence ID: 3364 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our gred for recreation should not destroy what is beautiful, most of our national Parks have a "Leave No Trace" policy enacted to preserve and protect the parks and its residents. The fragile shoreline and ecosystemdesreve the same attention and protection. Tires, oil, gas and the running over of wildlife should not be allowed onto our shorelines.

Correspondence ID: 3365 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I think any proposed regulation must protect wildlife nesting areas. These bird depend on us!

Correspondence ID: 3366 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am writing concerning the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing the use of off road vehicles (ORVs) on

the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Please revise the plan to do more to protect wildlife.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Lorimer

Correspondence ID:	3367	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	To who it may concern,						

I would like to have it be illegal to have off road vehicles from the all the beaches in the United States because Seabirds, Seaturtles, and other wildlife use the beaches to make their homes there.

I wouldn't want to see a seaturtles nest crushed by a dirt bike or four wheeler bike. Also in Florida the aligators and crocidles are deadly and kill some one if they fall off their bike or four wheeler. It may sound silly to the person that is reading this but it is serious. I have seen what a crocidle or aligator can do in the wild to their prey.

I also want them to be illegal because I want my children and their childrens children to see these spieces in their wild life habitat and not in captivity.

Correspondence ID:	3368	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						

Correspondence ID:	3369	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the

Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3370 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protecting our national resources is your job. Do it!

Correspondence ID: 3371 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please prohibit off-road vehicles from beaches where wildlife is threatened.

Correspondence ID: 3372 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No motorized vehicles allowed on national Park sea shores and beaches. Motor vehicles are the single largest killer of wildlife in America. Protect NPS areas!!!

Correspondence ID: 3373 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

I strongly oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3374 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I totally oppose unrestricted off road vehicles along any shoreline. There is no need for this.

Correspondence ID: 3375 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the

Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	3376	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Help our animals!!						
Correspondence ID:	3377	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please protect the wildlife and STOP traffic on the beach!						
Correspondence ID:	3378	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.						
Correspondence ID:	3379	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						
	I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						
	Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.						
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	As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.						
	Thank you for your consideration.						
Correspondence ID:	3380	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Shore wild must be protected. Please stop off road vehicle usage in nesting areas.						
Correspondence ID:	3381	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3382 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I never even considered this threat to wildlife. Please pass this legislation.

Correspondence ID: 3383 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: GET Off Road Vehicles OUT of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Wildlife has no chance against beach drivers who ruin the pristine experience for visitors and decimate populations of sea birds, turtles, and other wildlife.

NO Off-Road Vehicles!

Correspondence ID: 3384 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

The National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. Tell the Park Service instead that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Off road vehicles are killing wildlife that live on the shore in addition to destroying

Correspondence ID: 3385 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop off-road vehicles from destroying wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 3386 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3387 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please give due care and consideration for all living things. The earth does not belong to man alone, we have to walk hand in hand with every species living. They have the same right to life as each and every one of us. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 3388 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore that protect sea turtles, shore birds, and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3389 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. Please do not cater to people who's only concern is thrills at the expense of the wildlife that has to live there.

Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3390 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the

wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Correspondence ID: 3391 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict the use of off-road vehicles to these nesting areas.

Correspondence ID: 3392 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ban unrestricted offroad access to these areas.

Correspondence ID: 3393 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. ORV's are not just irritating and intrusive to people who shore-walk and visit our wild areas and parks to appreciate nature and the natural world. They are a danger to life and limb for shore birds and turtles (many of which are endangered or threatened). They are a threat and hindrance during nesting times. OUR species- human beings- are the only species on this earth that have the power and capability to destroy everything we touch (or ride across); we have a moral imperative NOT to destroy. To severely restrict ORV access along the National shoreline and in National parks is a very simple and ethical way to meet part of that moral imperative. We can nurture and protect our natural heritage or we can continue to rend and destroy and make war against the earth that supports life for all species. I vote for peaceful coexistence. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3394 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: What good is a national treasure if it's treasures are not to be valued and respected?

We must co-exist with what was here before us...we may be stronger in a sense; but seems far from wiser in many aspects.

Please, you who have power to make this change -think; think with respect for all life.

Thank you, I trust you understand and know in your heart what you must do.

Correspondence ID: 3395 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3396 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: there is no reason to be riding ORV'S on our beaches--it may be fun BUT that is home to much wildlife --people CAN ride their vehicles on man made tracks (we don't want to destroy forests either) -- WE don't let SUV'S drive thru people's yards and homes lets give wild life a break AND some respect --thank you

Correspondence ID: 3397 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly oppose the Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001). The seashore is no place for off-road vehicles or vehicles of any kind other than those specially permitted for scientific or biological use (such as Sea Turtle volunteers).

The seashores of Cape Hatteras are home to thousands of nesting shorebirds and sea turtles, along with countless species of crabs and other wildlife. The thought of an ORV crushing an unseen baby Plover, who is hiding in the seaside piles of elements, is just abhorrant. Or of baby sea turtles trying to scramble to sea. Or even a lowly crab.

This is their home, we are but visitors!

The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

I think the seashore should be a place of respite and simple enjoyment, and people would benefit more if they walked the seashore rather than riding in an ORV drinking beer.

At the very least, the proposal should include specific regulations to protect wildlife, be limited to less area.

My preference would be no ORV access AT ALL!

Respectfully submitted, Lori M. Smith

Correspondence ID: 3398 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would rather see a bird,a turtle,a/o a crustacean ANY DAY other than some imbecile driving down the beach/seashore in an orv,or ANY type of vehicle;what kind of idiots do this type of thing?Keep 'em Away from the shores-destructive,they serve no logical purpose.

Correspondence ID: 3399 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Regarding Cape Hatteras National Seashore I hope you will consider specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. It would be a shame if the recent increase in wildlife in that area was undone.

I spent the first 24 years of my life in FL. I know first hand that no one really needs to drive on the beach. I hope you will consider protecting the wildlife over the use of ORVs.

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 3400 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Surely the ratio of protected to non-protected beachfront should be reversed. ORVs are proven to be very destructive to

shorelines as well as the nesting wildlife. After the devastation of the latest hurricane, the necessity to preserve and protect shoreline and wildlife are of paramount importance over the leisure activities of humans with their transience of pleasure but permanence of destruction.

It would be unfortunate to lose the tranquility of such a marvelous shoreline to an activity better suited to less vulnerable areas.

I do urge the regulators to revise the document to specifically include the protection of nesting species.

Correspondence ID: 3401 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, My husband and I often visit Cape Hatteras National Seashore and so I am very concerned about the Natl. Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on this seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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The current proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is highly unacceptable. Please redo this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thanks for reading this.

Correspondence ID: 3402 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop off road vehicles on all National Parks.

Correspondence ID: 3403 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3406 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Superintendent Murray:

I'm upset over the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing off road vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The existing plan made it possible for lots of wildlife to thrive safely.

Too much of the proposed plan is diverting necessary land for vehicles that take away from pedestrians and year-round natural life.

Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Correspondence ID: 3407 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The natural environment of Cape Hatteras has been disrupted enough. Please ban off-road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 3408 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3409 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Off road vehicles harm the natural environment and make changes that sometimes can't be undone.

Correspondence ID: 3410 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am appalled at the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3411 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I vacation regularly in the Hatteras area and also am an avid nature lover. I have seen firsthand the devastation created along the beaches by irresponsible ORV usage. This section of shoreline is part of our natural heritage and shouldn't be allowed to be damaged or destroyed by a small number of ORV users. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3413 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our precious beaches and the turtles and birds that nest there by not allowing motorized vehicles on the beaches.

Correspondence ID: 3414 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number

rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over. We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife, and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Please adopt the plan to protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore from off road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 3415 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to oppose proposed regulations for Cape Hatteras National Seashore, which sets aside areas for Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) but which does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers.

This proposal reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

These represent seriously skewed priorities, as well as dangerous short-term planning.

Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

Please do not pass the proposed regulations, and instead, work to preserve the area for long-term environmental survival and long-term enjoyment by humans via methods that do not compromise this national treasure.

Correspondence ID: 3416 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3417 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is essential that nesting sites at Cape Hatteras be protected from off Road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 3418 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3419 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't understand that if ORVs are endangering wildlife why they are allowed on the beach in the first place. The human species needs to realize that we share this planet with other living creatures, and we cannot keep on invading their habitat, to do so, will only mean that these animals will one day disappear, all because people value their stupid toys more than they respect the wildlife.

"Human population is exploding - our species now uses more than 50 percent of all available space, food and water on the planet. Because of human domination, conservation efforts for most species have been too little, too late. We are in the middle of one of the great mass extinctions in the history of life." (Bradley Cardinale, professor, UCSB)

I would urge you to impose a total ban on ORVs in sensitive habitat areas.

Correspondence ID: 3420 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please act to protect plovers and other species from road kill in the CH Natl. Seashore and surrounding roadways.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

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Name: private
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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. ORVs are a nuisance for both people and wildlife, and more vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3425 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am writing today because of my deeply held concerns regarding the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thanks to the current, interim plan, there have been significant gains for protected wildlife -- sea turtles, piping plovers, and a variety of other shorebirds are at last rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be severely impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but unfortunately, the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use -- with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving.

I urge you to create more vehicle-free areas for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the

Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3426 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I have serious reservations about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It simply doesn't make sense. We must continue to protect our wildlife.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I don't believe recreation is a valid reason to disrupt or destroy wildlife habitats.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. This is very short-sighted. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Carol Kozlovich

Correspondence ID: 3427 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There must be other places that you could do that sort of thing. Find an empty lot and build a sand-dune wonderland just for kickin' dirt around with your bikes.

Correspondence ID: 3428 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a Retired Teacher, and ALWAYS an Animal Protector, I Can NOT believe you would allow off-road vehicles in any area that DESTROYS WILDLIFE. ALL these TOYS should be RESTRICTED to PRIVATE PROPERTY ONLY!!

Correspondence ID: 3429 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict use of off shore vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Our wildlife cannot speak up for themselves, yet provide the balance we need for a healthy environment. Please respect their rights.

Correspondence ID: 3430 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. And separate areas for pedestrians.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Animals first, people second and vehicles last.

Beaches are places for animals and people, and they don't mix safely with vehicles. There is no need for vehicles to be allowed

on the beaches.

Vehicles need to be confined to hard roads where there is limited damage to the terrain, and people know to expect them - otherwise it is very unsafe.

Correspondence ID: 3431 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicle activity is always harmful and seldom accomplishes any transportation goals.

Correspondence ID: 3432 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations.

You need only inquire to Volusia County Florida which has allowed beach driving to count the deaths and injuries of HUMANS. Wildlife counts even less.

John Carlson

Correspondence ID: 3433 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3434 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use at the National treasure called the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It's imperative we protect threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles and other wildlife that nest on the seashore's beaches. Please mandate specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers that includes all 67 miles instead of the currently proposed 26 miles. In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3435 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Donna L Jones

Correspondence ID: 3436 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am concerned about the proposed regulation for beach use along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore that seems to do little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. It reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

As I understand it, in 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

I live in a state where shoreline driving is permitted and have seen how hazardous it can be to all living things along the beach. People who drive off-road vehicles do so for fun and recreation, but often have little concern for the environment. This new policy that allows so much area to off-road vehicles would seem to be a disaster in the making.

I would hope you reconsider the policy and be sure that the fragile life cycles of those who nest along the shore is more protected.

Sincerely,

Janice A. Lawry, Ph.D.

Correspondence ID: 3437 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As a citizen who has a great appreciation for wildlife, and a mother who is passing that appreciation on to my children, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The current interim plan has made a positive impact, with protected wildlife seeing huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across

the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife will likely lose some of these gains.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is absolutely unacceptable to many citizens like myself and my family. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration. -Sabrina Geoffrion

Correspondence ID: 3438 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are so many other places for off road vehicles. Special places need to be left alone so future generations have something to compare to when they think they are in "the country" and they aren't. Some have no idea what a virgin forest is let alone why diversity of species is important. Unless someone has a crystal ball that I don't know about, isn't it wise to retain the diversity. Sharks don't get cancer yet people are dropping like flies. It used to be that only old people got cancer and now people have been desensitized to the fact that it isn't normal. Same thing with wild places. If everyone is born into a place like crowded radiated Japan, they won't see the need or appreciate the awareness of being part of the whole of the environment.

Correspondence ID: 3439 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: People should not take off-road vehicles where there is living wildlife. Respect the plants and creatures who live there; they are scarce enough already!!! Take photos & collect only what they need for research & return them to the wild. Hunting & collecting should be regulated and limited. If species are dangerous, exercise caution & practice containment rather than extermination. Live and let live!

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Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Vehicles do not belong on any coastline except in extreme emergencies. I was just at a beach the other day and the trucks and scooters were everywhere, putting big ruts in the sand that were difficult to walk over. Worse than this is the havoc they play with the shoreline wildlife. Such a fragile ecosystem, and to have heavy equipment there for no good reason, spewing their chemicals everywhere and polluting the environment where people go to play and animals live . It is very inappropriate and damaging.

Thank you for listening to my comments. S. O. Rooney

Correspondence ID: 3441 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: stop it

Correspondence ID: 3442 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I believe very strongly that the safety of wildlife (including human pedestrians!) and the health and welfare of the environment should ALWAYS take precedence over the convenience or pleasure of ORV users.

The animals don't do anything to harm drivers and riders, but the ORV users do a great deal of harm to the animals and cause degradation, some irreversible, to the seashore habitat, especially nesting areas.

I therefore implore you to ensure that the new regulation stringently restricts beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore and includes specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife as well as additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3443 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Please restrict ORV access to sensitive environmental areas and the majority of beach areas. Hobbies and recreation do not take precedence over wildlife protection. Or if you think they do, consider the bird watchers and naturalists and help maintain their hobbies.

Correspondence ID: 3444 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3445 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

June Maker

Correspondence ID: 3446 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I wish to voice my opposition to the proposed regulation regarding the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Instead of providing stronger protection for local wildlife, all this regulation does is remove restrictions on off road vehicle use. This creates more dangers for the wildlife, when it should be protecting them.

Correspondence ID: 3447 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, please do not allow off road vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore! This beautiful area needs to be protected and preserved for the benefit of future generations. The noise, pollution, and destruction caused by these vehicles, and those who use them. have no place at this beautiful seashore. Additionally, the wildlife they disturb and destroy are more valuable than all of these types of vehicles combined. As someone who grew-up enjoying this beautiful and precious area, I want it preserved in a very natural state. Motorized vehicles have other areas that they can torment. Again, please preserve this beautiful beach and prohibit the use of any and all motorized and other destructive machines. Americans need to exercise. Let them walk along this seashore and truly enjoy its beauty. Many thanks for this opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 3448 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't reverse the gains made in the wildlife numbers by allowing increased ORV use on the Cape Hatteras National

Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 3449 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please regulate and restrict the use of off-road vehicles which threaten sea turtles, shore birds, and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3450 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle free areas for nesting.

Thank you

Marie Laird

Correspondence ID: 3451 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No ORVs! Sensitive animal populations need our protection.

Correspondence ID: 3452 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly support the regulation of ORV at the seashore. Man has infested all habitats worldwide - our wildlife needs as much help/protection it can get.

Correspondence ID: 3453 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Shoreline wildlife need protection, now. Later, it will be too late.

Correspondence ID: 3454 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please limit the use of ORVs, as they are a great danger to wildlife, particularly shorebirds and sea turtles.

Correspondence ID: 3455 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	3456	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use and advocate expanded protection of wildlife nesting areas.						
Correspondence ID:	3457	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am writing to express my opposition to the allowance of unrestricted off-road vehicle use of the beaches on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						
Correspondence ID:	3458	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. Please help prevent these off road vehicles from killing valued species.						
Correspondence ID:	3459	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						
	Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.						
	The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.						
	In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.						
	In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.						
	All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.						
	I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						
Correspondence ID:	3460	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The idea of any off-road vehicle activity on beaches and any areas which are also popular with ordinary people is onerous! The danger to human lives, as well as wildlife is always there. It is especially "iffy" given the "yahoo" attitudes and irresponsibility and immaturity of many off-roaders. Having seen some of this activity on beaches in Oregon and Washington, I'm against it all. Not only is it dangerous to those of us who choose beaches for their peace, tranquility, and natural beauty, but it also adding to pollution of our planet! It should all be stopped!						
Correspondence ID:	3461	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please look out for the benefit of wildlife. I am counting on you to do this. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	3462	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Protect our beaches and the plants and animals that live there from ORVs.						

Correspondence ID: 3463 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Great progress has been made in winning important protections for Cape Hatteras' wildlife, and it would be a shame to lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. In contrast, I SUPPORT SPECIFIC, ENFORCEABLE, SCIENCE-BASED PROTECTIONS FOR WILDLIFE AND ADDITIONAL VEHICLE-FREE AREAS FOR NESTING.

Thank you for your consideration, Tracey Martin

Correspondence ID: 3464 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Think.

Correspondence ID: 3465 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use because it threatens sea turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife. Please adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore that limit ORV use near wildlife nesting areas. It has worked in the past, why not make those regulations permanent and continue the recovery of the sea turtles and other wildlife? We urge you to make the temporary plan that limits ORV use near wildlife nesting sites permanent in this new plan.

Respectfully, Emilie Martin

Correspondence ID: 3466 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop allowing off road vehicles in sensitive wildlife habitat. It's too destructive and people don't belong there unless walking on foot.

Correspondence ID: 3467 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Being able to horse around in vehicles with big wheels or sport vehicles is not more important than wildlife. Surely these people can walk to the beach. All that vehicle traffic is unpleasant to other people also. Let's listen to the sound of waves not revving engines. I might get to go there someday and I would like to see natural seashore, not ruts and destroyed wildlife habitat.

Give these people a place to park and let them walk. They can run their engines somewhere else.

Correspondence ID: 3468 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Vehicle-free areas are essential for the nesting of birds. We cannot afford to lose any more species to thoughtless and careless use of our natural resources. Surely there are many ways to do what is needed (if that is really the case) and still protect our most vital natural resources.....

Correspondence ID: 3469 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This is ridiculous. Do what is right and not what is easy. I realize congress always does what is easy and lacks the will power to put our country on the right track, but for once do it. Further, congress should take a minimum of a 80% pay cut and needs strict term limits. Also, fix the judicial system and make judges have term limits. It would also be nice if our education system had standards and we actually penalized people for committing atrocities. Tough penalties for those acting against the environment and animal rights. Lets do this.

Correspondence ID: 3470 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	3471	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please stop killing. Greed must end, please value wild life and beauty for all of us over profit for a few. Thank you						
Correspondence ID:	3472	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Why in Heaven's name must vehicles have yet MORE places to ruin ? Can we not as a nation save something - the Cape Hatteras seashore does NOT need "beach drivers" - there are quite enough yahoos out on the main roads already. What is wrong with protecting what little wildlife and environment we have left before it is all gone. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	3473	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Why are we continually giving in to off road vehicles? Enough is enough and there just as many of us who are not into driving around in 4 wheelers as are and frankly, America's wildlife is more important than a bunch of off road vehicles. There is absolutely no reason to allow these people to be driving around areas where wildlife take the front seat. It's like building freeways through National Parks so people can run over deer and moose. How about all of us who love animals and birds? No more catering to off road vehicle riders.						
Correspondence ID:	3474	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect the wildlife by banning off road vehicles in their habits.						
Correspondence ID:	3475	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect our Native plants & animals; it's their home too.						
Correspondence ID:	3476	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.						
Correspondence ID:	3477	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My philosophy is public transportation: eliminaate personal vehicles.....thanks Lynn

Correspondence ID: 3478 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As a NC resident and tourist to Cape Hatteras, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Stanley Hix

Correspondence ID: 3479 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Not onlly are off road vehicles a threat to wildlife on the seashore, theyare also noisy and dangerous to people that are in the vicinity. I have often heard them through heavy forest growth and they are obnoxiously loud even with the insulation of trees. Please do not allow them to make use of the seashore. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 3480 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to protect our shores from of road vehicular damage.

Correspondence ID: 3481 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: When there were few people and no off road vehicles, the birds were not in danger. In today's world, it is imperative that wildlife is protected from us. Protecting the birds, also protects their future and ours, by preventing more damage to their nesting sites, which will protect the beaches. Everything is connected. Driving an off road vehicle is not necessary for survival.

Correspondence ID: 3482 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Recreational vehicles powered by other than human energy, have no place on ANY beach.

Correspondence ID: 3483 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: They don't need to be driving on the beaches at all- they can get off their butts and walk to make it more enjoyable for all without the noise and air pollution caused by their ORVs as well as the danger to wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 3484 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use, with the rest open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife, like piping plovers and sea turtles, that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	3485	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

First, I am an ecotourist. I go where the spaces are wild and teaming with wildlife. I try to impact as little as possible. I also try to stay in a locally-owned B&B and eat at local restaurants.

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	3486	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please stop off road vehicles that are killing our wildlife.						

Correspondence ID:	3487	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please set up additional vehicle free beach areas to promote wildlife nesting. Birds cannot read signs as to where vehicles are allowed or not. Driving on a beach is not necessary if visitors go there to observe nature and to get away from everyday life of cars. Allow walking on Cape Hatteras only. Thank you.						

Correspondence ID:	3488	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	This is shocking and disturbing! Please do something!						

Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed

Correspondence ID:	3489	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have been visiting Cape Hatteras for over 35 years. Many years ago only dedicated fisherpeople drove their vehicles on the beach. Now, with the availability of 4 wheel drive vehicles, many more people are able to drive on the beach. This has created many undesirable situations. Many people drive down on the beach so they can bring more "stuff" down with them. This leads to more trash and consumption of alcohol. On some days the beach looks like a parking lot with little room for people who have walked over the dunes. This takes away from the pristine beauty of this special place. The wildlife suffers greatly too. I would suggest permits for fisherpeople and maybe 1 day pass for tourists with only a set number available and only in certain areas.

I have been concerned about the increasing traffic on the sand and think that the park would be better served if we treasure the nature and not the easy access.

Correspondence ID: 3490 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Nesting seabirds have limited areas to breed and raise their young, but many sites are available for ORV use. Please limit the seashore area that can be used by ORVs.

Correspondence ID: 3491 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to strongly protest against the decision by the National Park Service to consider adopting regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The proposed regulation does nothing to protect wildlife nesting areas. It only sets aside areas for Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. It reserves a paltry 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. Why change that if it endangers existing and future wildlife, as well as general safety of families with children wishing to use the beach without a vehicle.

There is also significant safety and liability issue that you should consider, which opens up the National Park Service to high a level of liability for policing the ORV safe use, given the high rate of accidents (some fatal) which often occur with these dangerous vehicles, very often driven by inexperienced young drivers. <http://www.atvsafety.gov/state/statstats.html>

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

You are the National Park Service, NOT the National ORV Park Service. All it takes is one wrong step by a helpless THREATENED SPECIES like the piping plover into an unprotected area, and it could be run over and killed. This has a knock on effect of leaving unattended young to die without the food or care form their parents if adult piping plover's are killed after nesting.

Please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Its the right thing to do.

Correspondence ID: 3492 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 3493 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: restrictions simply have to be much more encompassing for off-road vehicles in environmentally sensitive areas such as Cape Hat. Future generations will be robbed of their birthright to the majesty of the American landscape and wildlands only to accommodate a few irresponsible people. We cannot let a national seashore be destroyed!

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3495 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please limit the areas of off road vehicles, thanks.

Correspondence ID: 3496 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why any beach or seashore should be subject to the destruction wrought by vehicles is a mystery to me. Where is it written that anyone who wants to drive "off-road" should be allowed to do it regardless of the threat to the creatures who live there and the ecosystem they depend upon? We've covered the country with cement and tar to cater to cars, will we open what's left to anyone who claims the right to defile as he pleases? Why?

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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The management of the National Seashore along outer Cape Cod has protected both wildlife and pedestrian beach users and is an good example of appropriate vehicle regulation. No vehicles on large stretches of beach, but other stretches less accessible to pedestrians are essentially reserved for vehicles.

Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that

rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

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Pedestrian beach traffic deserves protection so we don't have to dodge howling vehicles as we walk the beaches.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3498 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Take a look at any major freeway during rush hour. You see many, many vehicles on the go. Imagine that everyone of those drivers was headed for the seashore with his/her off road vehicle (ORV) to drive up and down the beach like a four year old child in a toy vehicle. That's what this country is coming to, a nation of children hell bent on having fun without regard to the consequences of their actions. The growing prevalence of recreational vehicles and the shrinking availability of open spaces is causing a collision of catastrophic proportions to our natural ecosystems. Oh sure, its just a little here and a little there, say the ORV proponents, but nature does not hold well to having random areas destroyed. The linkages between ecological systems are paramount for migration, distribution and reproduction of native species. It is well known by naturalists that even the mere presence of humans is detrimental to the survival behaviors species depend on. The impact of an off road vehicle on ecosystems is tantamount to delivering Hiroshimal A-bombs on cities on a daily basis. The seashore is no better a place for hordes of motor vehicles than downtown Metropolis is for terrorist bombers.

Correspondence ID: 3499 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 3500 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please no ATVs or guns in the parks.

Correspondence ID: 3501 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In a world that is trying to reduce pollution from vehicles, the use of "recreational" vehicles, particularly on the beach, should be completely discouraged

Correspondence ID: 3502 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: THESE VEHICLES SHOULD NOT BE ON THE BEACHES OR IN STATE PARK PLAIN AND SIMPLE LET THEM BUILD PLAYGROUND LIKE THE OTHER CHILDREN ! I DON'T WANT THEM IN MY PARKS OR ON MY BEACHES!

Correspondence ID: 3503 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't understand why we would allow such off-road access - this not only kills wildlife but erodes our coastline which is already weather- and people-challenged. This is one of the most beautiful ecological areas on our Eastern coast. With less park rangers to oversee our parklands and coastline, it allows for more aggressive drivers to access these areas unchecked and to trample our wild creatures, even unwittingly. It could even lead to death or injury to humans with unrestricted driving. We need to allow people to access these coastlines to appreciate their beauty, but reasonably and on foot, possibly building more parking areas to be able to access certain areas. If we ban such vehicle access, and a driver disobeys, it would be fitting for that person to do community service on those same beaches, helping bring back the creatures they so carelessly destroyed. Maybe that would have an impact on how fragile life is.

Correspondence ID: 3504 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sir/Madam, Our Outer bank islands are a great asset for North Carolina. Millions of people come to visit them because of their beauty and all the wildlife they are home to. Cape Hatteras' wildlife needs protection from off road vehicles. The seashore must not be open to beach driving. Its ecosystem is fragile and the local wildlife is under great stress. We need to allow sea turtles and birds to nest in vehicle-free areas. I support the creation of specific, enforceable, science-based protections for Cape Hatteras's wildlife. Yours sincerely, Dr. Olga Grlie

Correspondence ID: 3505 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 3506 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please do not allow off road vehicles where they will destroy bird habitat.

Correspondence ID: 3507 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop ther Slaughter

Correspondence ID: 3508 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect shoreline wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3509 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3511 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our precious coastal wildlife from off-road vehicles!

Correspondence ID: 3512 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live on a beach part of the year in Southern Mexico and run a turtle hatchery. I'm on the beach several hours of the day and observe firsthand the destruction of turtle nests, birds nest, iguana nests, and many other species who rely on safety for their offspring. It is VERY important to recognize that for a small amount of "fun" with RVs their is much damage to native animal residents.

Correspondence ID: 3513 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: HI THERE --

I LOVE RIDING MY MOTORCYCLE AND I LOVE RENTING ATV'S WHEN I VACATION...BUT I ALSO KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO MAINTAIN ECOSYSTEMS AND RESPECT THE LAND AND THOSE THAT DWELL ON IT.

I WOULD GIVE UP MY RIGHT TO RIDE TWO WHEEL AND FOUR WHEEL VEHICLES IN A SECOND IF DOING SO BENEFITTED WILDLIFE, DOMESTIC ANIMALS, ETC.

THIS IS ONE OF THOSE CASES WHERE YOU NEED TO BE THE VOICE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE THEM. THESE BIRDS NEED AND DESERVE TO BE PROTECTED...SO PLEASE TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PROTECT THEM.

PROTECTING OUR ECOSYSTEMS ULTIMATELY PROTECTS WE HUMANS SO PLEASE DO WHAT'S RIGHT FOR ALL.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS AND MORE IMPORTANTLY...TO DO WHAT'S NECESSARY TO PROTECT ALL LIVING BEINGS.

ALL THE BEST,

CLARE :)

Correspondence ID: 3514 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulation [Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001)] is grossly inadequate if its intent is to protect nesting sites for shore birds , sea turtles and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3515 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Simply because we can design vehicles to drive over any terrain, doesn't mean they can go anyplace they like. This is becoming a issue in wild places all over the country. Besides, it ruins the appeal to those who wish to get away from all the noise our urban life brings. If you need a cart to haul you around, please stick to the golf course. They already take up enough wild space as it is now. I will go hiking in peace without you. Save nature save a way of life.

Correspondence ID: 3516 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly oppose unregulated use of off-road vehicles that threaten our wildlife and their habitat.

Correspondence ID: 3517 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of Seashore beach. The entire area should be closed to beach driving.

If the Park Service does not close the entire Seashore to beach driving, then I urge you to include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians in the regulation. I support non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles,

their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, and this is simply not acceptable. Please add buffers and other specific, mandatory wildlife protections to the regulation. I urge you to include science-based protections for all natural resources that strictly adhere to the "Highest Degree of Protection" as outlined in the USGS Protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3518 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, do not allow ORVs on areas where wildlife will be affected. People do not need to be driving on the beach, or elsewhere, that affects the wildlife that is there naturally.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3519 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Beaches near me have vehicle access. We are removing it little by little as it is not safe for people or wildlife.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3520 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles should be controlled and definitely not allowed where they can harm wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3521 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Each day country and world permanently loses more of nature for all of us and future generations. It is a loss of beauty to enjoy, but more importantly it is loss of the ecosystems that keeps our world healthier. The line must be drawn and not crossed.

Correspondence ID: 3522 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help see to it that nesting birds are protected by strict regulations regarding ATV's. People can walk in designated areas in Cape Hatteras and elsewhere, can they not?

Freedom surely isn't meant only for humans, is it?

Thank you,

Karen Watkins

Correspondence ID:	3523	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	No offroad vehicles.						
Correspondence ID:	3524	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am not against protecting our wildlife, but on Hatteras Island the Consent decree headed up by the NPS has gone too far with unrealistic protection areas. We spend way too much money protecting these birds. Clean the forage near The Point at the man made pond and you will see these birds move there out of harms way. You would think that evolution would help this bird determine to nest in other areas besides right in plain site for gulls, predators and mother nature to take away quickly. I am pro access, but we can co-exist with these birds with REALISTIC protection areas. Protection areas DO NOT need to extend to the High Tide line, thus making it impossible for any ORV to pass to the other side that is open. There needs to be a compromise and I hope we can come to an agreement that both sides can adapt to. Thank you for your time and hope that the regulations will be made fairly for all to enjoy our beautiful seashore.						
Correspondence ID:	3525	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						
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	Thank you for your consideration.						
Correspondence ID:	3526	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I prefer to see us preserve and protect natural areas, places we 'escape to' for peace and to regain a sense of connectedness to our planet, rather than allow them be destroyed by a moment's fleeting cheap satisfaction. Let's rein in the thoughtless, selfish ransacking of these few sanctuaries we have left while we still can.						
Correspondence ID:	3527	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The Cape Hatteras National Seashore is home to many endangered shorebirds and sea turtles and allowing unrestricted off-road vehicle use has taken its toll on the wildlife that depends on these lands for their very survival. Off-road vehicles are permitted on huge portions of the seashore and the nests and chicks of piping plovers and other wildlife are in danger of being destroyed. If steps are not taken to curb off-road vehicle use in this sensitive wildlife area; these endangered species will be destroyed forever. Please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						
Correspondence ID:	3528	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Preserve our natural spaces						

Correspondence ID: 3529 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to protect wildlife wherever and whenever we can. Opponents of wildlife regulations do not have humanity at heart. We have already destroyed so much, and continue to do so...we need to support existing regulations for the continued protection of species other than ourselves. It will make us more humane and more forgivably human.

Correspondence ID: 3530 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our wildlife and nature preserves are far, far more important than vehicles and roads.

Correspondence ID: 3531 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a native of Va. and the Carolinas shores, I spent many days walking the shoreline and dunes. Never did I see any vehicles so I felt safe. NOW the situation is not amenable to walking as rv and suvs think they have the right to drive, spin wheelies, deface the dunes and the salt grass that holds the beach sands. The turtles, plovers and other shore line birds are endangered as they hunt the outgoing waves for their food, but the vehicles overrun them. This must stop NOW. Our shorelines are too fragile to allow vehicles on them.STOP ALL VEHICLES FROM GOING ON THE SANDS -PERIOD.

Correspondence ID: 3532 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you, -Mark

Correspondence ID: 3533 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration

Best regards, Katherine

Correspondence ID: 3534 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict off-road vehicle use on Hatteras Seashore to save wildlife. There are other places that these vehicles can run in the area. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 3535 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration. Regards, Melissa Silver

Correspondence ID: 3537 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose of road use. No need to have cars out there endangering wildlife. Let people walk!

Correspondence ID: 3538 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 3539 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I am writing this message because I am an advocate for wildlife and am concerned about the needless deaths of endangered shorebirds and sea turtles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore area. The Cape Hatteras shoreline is one of the few areas in the US that shorebirds such as piping plovers and sea turtles use for nesting and we need to protect this.

Off Road Vehicles disturb the nests and ability for chicks and sea turtles to develop and mature. A person's quest for individual "fun" should not come before the lives of other animals. We need to protect wildlife and I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please do the right thing and adopt regulations for beach driving and preservation of these natural treasures and enforce them.

Thank-you for your time,

Susan Norris

Correspondence ID: 3540 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am utterly concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Correspondence ID: 3541 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: It's time that the human race thinks about the other inhabitants of this planet instead of the "me, myself, & I" mentality that exists!

Correspondence ID: 3542 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We bird watch along the seashore and know how fragile this ecosystem can be. The use of any type of vehicle along the sand destroys shoreline habitats for many insects, crustaceans and birds. Unrestricted offshore vehicles should be banned from the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 3543 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There's play and it is good....designated areas help prevent wide-spread harm to environments that help sustain the healthy balance needed for all species to remain strong. There are seasons when these areas become homes to creatures nesting, breeding, sustaining their species.

We're a very indulgent society because we are sooo uneducated about Life on our Planet and the intimate connections that we All share.

Let's get educated so we can be truely aware of Life on our Planet.

Correspondence ID: 3544 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. Tell the Park Service instead that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3545 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live in Florida. Every few months someone gets run over by a policeman or safety patrol driving an ORV. These accidents kill at least two people a year AND the drivers are responsible public servants. I can't imagine how you can allow tourists or thrill-seeking ORV riders to drive up and down the beach anywhere let alone at the national seashore. ORVs are not compatible with people or wildlife. Even a very quiet motor will disrupt the quite of your visit to this special place. Young birds are "sitting ducks". THEY have been using the shore for eons. Let's keep the shore safe for its natural residents. The off-road vehicle manufactures should NOT be natural part of the beach experience. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3546 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep vehicles off Cape Hatteras Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 3547 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 3548 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please advise against letting offshore vehicles roam the homes of the wildlife. We already take alot of the land that belonged to the wildlife...lets leave these land alone. Offshore vehicles have other options provided for them.

Correspondence ID: 3549 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3550 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do all you can to save these lovely little birds from destruction. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3551 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3553 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Regulate the use of off-road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 3554 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As a visitor to the park, I am most impressed with opportunities to enjoy nature, especially through birdwatching. I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3555 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3556 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Just flat out ban off road vehicles, they do not belong there at all. They wreck things for the rest of us.

Except for handicapped and emergency vehicles there should be no vehicles allowed.

Correspondence ID: 3557 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the use of vehicles on the dune shores.

Correspondence ID: 3558 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: There is a much greater stake in protecting the natural beauty and precious wildlife of our shore areas for future generations to value and appreciate than indulging people wanting ORV access to roar through yet more of our natural heritage. They've truly got enough places to go without destroying the peace and the sanctuary of the shores -- peace and sanctuary that we humans would benefit from more, too.

Correspondence ID: 3559 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray

We are writing to oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife in Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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We support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration. William & Tamela Roberson

Correspondence ID: 3560 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray:

I am deeply concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for management of ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has made large gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you allow expanded ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife would undergo serious adverse impacts.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore; however, the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. I strongly urge you to revise the plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3561 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3562 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help protect our wildlife (and more) by keeping off- road vehicles off of our beaches and out of any wetlands and protected areas.

Correspondence ID: 3563 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please be aware of birds, small creatures and other living things. Do what you can to prevent the ignorant from destroying the beauties of our world.

Correspondence ID: 3564 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3565 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles don't belong on the beach. Protect the wildlife first

Correspondence ID: 3566 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3567 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Kimberle Dagleish

Correspondence ID: 3568 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras: i support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. the least beach driving the better for wildlife and humans enjoying the natural environment. thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3569 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't let humans kill wildlife anywhere. Humans kill humans everywhere. God creates all things. Use some common sense and stop killing.

Correspondence ID: 3570 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles are inappropriate to an area designed to appreciate natural beauty. They bring the speed, noise and pollution associated with the city to areas that are being preserved as alternatives to the city -- areas where people can immerse themselves in unsullied natural surroundings and appreciate the quiet and subtlety of a region's wildlife. Please keep the Cape Hatteras Natural Seashore a special place rather than allowing it to become just another area for motor vehicles to dominate. We already have more than enough of those.

Thank you, Jon Povill

Correspondence ID: 3571 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
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Correspondence ID:	3573	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect these beautiful creatures! Off roading is not necessary!						

Correspondence ID:	3574	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Name:	private						
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Thank you for your consideration. Russell Weisz

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 3577 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: no off shore vehicles should be permitted along beach nesting areas

Correspondence ID: 3578 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sandy Acuna

Correspondence ID: 3579 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: OUR national parks are for protection, for public education, research into ecosystems, NOT destruction. That is the only thing off-road destruction vehicles provide. ALL RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS MUST CAUSE THIS TO STOP IMMEDIATELY.

PAY ATTENTION. Your/our country is being destroyed for amusement and money.

Correspondence ID: 3580 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife should take priority over people's "fun" rides and amusement! There is no good reason why vehicles need to traverse on the sand, period! Each life is iall-mportant to the creature who's losing it, despite our indifference! As caretakers of our planet, we must be mindful of protecting wildlife to the best of our ability, even though we may have to sacrifice now and then, and that certainly includes prohibiting vehicles on the beaches!

Correspondence ID: 3581 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The Plovers and other ground nesting birds need to be protected. NO off-road vehicles should be allowed two months before to two months after official nesting periods.

Correspondence ID: 3582 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very happy after years of advocacy and litigation the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. This is ridiculous and common sense would dictate that instead that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 3583 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Driving on a beach is fun. Seeing animals in their natural habitat is fun. Can we balance our desire for jollies with respect for the creatures who were there first?

Correspondence ID: 3584 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live at a beach and realize how critical our shore wildlife is to us. Also, it's just the right thing to do to protect them. Please don't let vehicles drive on the beach and threaten their lives. The beach is the last of our refuge from any moving vehicles. They just don't belong there. If it is allowed at Hatteras it would be a travesty. Where is our sense of protecting the land and all living things that God has charged us to care for?

Correspondence ID: 3585 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing as a concerned citizen and steward of our planet. I urge you to consider making ORV permits limited to a smaller percentage of beach than the current proposal. As am American, I love my freedom and I love to drive, but I also realize the interconnectedness we have with all life forms. It is selfish and greedy to use so much beach for ORV use, which will undoubtedly come at the expense of wildlife.

Thank you, Lisa Joy Merrill

Correspondence ID: 3586 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches. Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. Please do something to help end this. thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3587 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Offroading should be confined to areas that have already been decimated by humans - leave the wild places to themselves. There are so few left anyway! Please, consider the consequences.

Correspondence ID: 3588 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3589 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please insure that there are adequate areas for wildlife and nesting protected, given sound science and enforceable laws. ORVs do and will continue to harm, destroy and kill wildlife if not prevented from doing so.

Correspondence ID: 3590 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, Having just returned from the Outer Banks and my second trip up the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse I have been concerned about the National Park's services plan for managing the ORV On Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Huge gains of the interim plan has helped produce more nests for the sea turtles. Shore birds are growing in number. We want this to continue not decline. If you expand the use of ORVs across the seashore, it could have a reverse effect on the already endangered species that call the seashore home. If not for many creating this problem the valuable species would not be endangered. The current plan only sets aside 26 of 67 miles of seashore for wildlife and pedestrians. I feel it is time for more vehicle free areas are needed now. The proposed writing of current regulations treat wildlife as optional. This is not acceptable. I am asking the National Park services plan to include more buffers and more explicit protection for the wildlife on this National Seashore. I hope my next years vacation, things will have improved for the wildlife on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you for your consideration. Beverly d Schlosberg

Correspondence ID: 3591 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The beach is no place for cars!

Correspondence ID: 3592 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There should be restrictions as to where these off-road vehicles can go.

Correspondence ID: 3593 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3594 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please make permanent the Cape Hatteras National Seashore protections that have been in place on a temporary basis since 2007. This interim plan has worked well and should be extended indefinitely.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3595 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't let idiots on their 3-wheelers continue to kill animals & destroy beautiful places.

Correspondence ID: 3596 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Sample comments to Superintendent Mike Murray, Cape Hatteras National Seashore

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of Seashore beach. The entire area should be closed to beach driving.

If the Park Service does not close the entire Seashore to beach driving, then I urge you to include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians in the regulation. I support non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, and this is simply not acceptable. Please add buffers and other specific, mandatory wildlife protections to the regulation. I urge you to include science-based protections for all natural resources that strictly adhere to the "Highest Degree of Protection" as outlined in the USGS Protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3597 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please put measures in place to protect wildlife. Our entertainment does not trump their safety.

Correspondence ID: 3598 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3599 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I know that you have worked on beach driving at Hatteras for a long time but I fail to understand why people need to drive along the beach at all. Are there no areas that should be sacred and secure without vehicles?

if you are going to do this you need to have specific protected areas for nesting and and specifiici science based protection for all wildlife in the area.

Correspondence ID: 3600 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Please don't let off-road vehicles destroy this habitat for the birds and other wildlife , thanks.

Correspondence ID: 3601 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow the unconditional use of off-road vehicles to destroy the sensitive ecosystems of the beaches. Their access must be controlled. I believe that a simple balance can be struck for both preservation and pleasure

Correspondence ID: 3602 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service

This is to let you know that I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free

areas for nesting. In fact, i'd be in favor of making all coasts vehicle-free areas barring emergency vehicles - categorically so. Vehicles not only run over wildlife, they are also polluters of fragile ecosystems already battered by oil rigs, shipping traffic, agro-industrial run-off, etc. I have seen what devastation people in vehicles bring to fragile coastlines and habitats - most recently on South Padre Island, TX -- please give priority to animal species dependent on these habitats for their survival and prohibit people looking for cheap thrills from using these areas to get them. Instead, invest in educating people to acquire an ecological conscience; penalize offenders by making them participate in something equivalent to community service but with respect to wildlife and wild landscapes - we are responsible for protecting what is left of this continent and its setting and to forego driving on beaches should be a very tiny price to pay for the preservation of what is not ours to waste.

Correspondence ID: 3603 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We can do better than this! All it takes is some more imagination of ways to structure protections that will enhance wildlife protection and provide a clear framework for beach driving in limited areas. Beach driving can be appreciated even more if it is overarched with care and appreciation for the wildlife on our coasts.

Extend the protections for nesting. These may even be seasonal and limit beach driving.

Correspondence ID: 3604 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no way that off road vehicles are more important than our wildlife, why is this even being discussed?

Frankly, I don't think any vehicles should be allowed on our shorelines. This practice goes way back in history, to a time when there were a heck of a lot less of these smelly contraptions. There have been children killed on the beach in Florida, is that what will finally stop this stupid, stupid practice?? Perhaps, but it hasn't yet, it did lead to some "studies" though.

Lisa E Perry

Correspondence ID: 3605 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Correspondence ID: 3606 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Is there NO compassion?

PLEASE protect wildlife nesting areas.

Humans SHARE this planet.

Correspondence ID: 3607 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protecting wildlife and the environment is much more important than the short-lived amusement afforded by off-road vehicles on our beaches and shores.

Correspondence ID: 3608 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am writing as someone who vacations in the Cape Hatteras area and is very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. While wildlife has begun to rebound under the current interim plan, expansion of Off Road Vehicle (ORV) use will destroy these gains and result in needless deaths to the wildlife that lives in and relies on this region. It is their home, and it is our obligation, and most especially the National Park Service's obligation to protect threatened and endangered wildlife. Wildlife and minimal pedestrian use should be preserved and protected from rampant destruction by ORVs at the Seashore. The proposed plan by the Park Service would protect ORV drivers at the expense of wildlife, as it sets aside. As currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional. This is unacceptable. Wildlife protection should be at the core of any plan. ORVs and wildlife do not mix. Please revise this plan to include offer explicit protections for the wildlife that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3609 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I vacation at Cape Hatteras or try and stop on my way to other vacation spots each year. I have relation that live near there also. They along with myself hope you do not allow the beauty of this area to be spoiled by allowing off road vehicles into them. For the sake of natural and tourism please do not pass this proposal. Thanks

Correspondence ID: 3610 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles and nature don't mix. Preserve nature and ban the vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 3611 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: After all we have been though this summer, let's give our feathered friends a chance to recover. Do we really need off road vehicles damaging our fragile eco system even more than Irene has done?

Correspondence ID: 3612 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science based protection for wildlife. I also support additional vehicle free areas for nesting birds and turtles. We need specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers.

Sincerely, Eleanor Briggs

Correspondence ID: 3613 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect shore wildlife from off-road vehicles. It is not at all necessary for off-road vehicles to drive in these sensitive areas. Fun is fun, but it shouldn't cause harm to others.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3614 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3615 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Visitors to Cape Hatteras National Seashore should have the opportunity for viewing more wildlife, and less off-road vehicles. Regulations should be put in place to protect wildlife and habitats from off-road vehicle use.

Correspondence ID: 3616 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 3617 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please oppose unrestricted off vehicle use that threatens sea turtles and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3618 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help stop the senseless killing of animals by prohibiting the use of offshore vehicles

Correspondence ID: 3619 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID:	3620	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please help stop the destruction of wildlife on the shore lines from human traffic. Thank you, Beth						

Correspondence ID:	3621	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I oppose the unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shore birds and other wildlife. Please support wild life.						

Correspondence ID:	3622	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Correspondence ID:	3623	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. The National Park Service must mandate specific measures for Cape Hatteras National Seashore to protect wildlife from beach drivers. I strongly recommend that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and provide additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you.						

Correspondence ID:	3624	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Representative,						

I wholeheartedly OPPOSE unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shoebirds and other wildlife. This use of unrestricted road vehicles does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you, Kindly, Julie Amato

Correspondence ID:	3625	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed Please do not disturb them.						

Correspondence ID:	3626	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please save our precious wildlife.						

Correspondence ID:	3627	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Mindy Chairez

Correspondence ID:	3628	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.						

Correspondence ID:	3629	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System: Cape Hatteras as National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001)
 As a private citizen concerned about wildlife, which does not have a voice, I wish to voice my concern that we as humans do not destroy their habitat. This is their home. They have a right to live, not to be run over by pleasure-seeking humans. Please do all you can to preserve their wildlife habitat. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3630 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles do not belong on our beaches. They endanger those on the beach trying to sit or those trying to swim or shell. They are especially dangerous to the wildlife. Surely you must realize that many people who use these vehicles are not at all responsible! One spring we were watching a flock of mixed sea gulls trying to identify all of them when a man with his young son actually made a detour so he could drive through the birds scattering them in all directions. A fine example for his son.

There are endangered birds who nest on our beaches and they need to be protected, and it's your job to do so. After all, this IS a National Park. We don't enjoy sharing our beaches with these vehicles either. Please do the right thing and ban these vehicles on the entire Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 3631 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please call for a end to off road riding on the sand dunes to protect the sea turtles's habitat and their nests. Also to protect the birds. This is urgent and very important to their survival. No vehicles should be allowed on the shore where they live.

Protect the sea shore now before it is too late.

Thank you for listening.

Mrs B. Pry

Correspondence ID: 3632 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3633 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Please protect this precious wildlife habitat and the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3634 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3635 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please regulate and restrict the use of off-road vehicles which threaten sea turtles, shore birds, and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3636 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles will destroy most of the wildlife on the seashore. There are enough places for automobiles, and this needs to remain more eco-friendly. Please do not permit vehicles in this area. Thank you - Gayle Edelman-Tolchin

What happens in one state, really effects everyone!

Correspondence ID: 3637 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The National Seashore of Cape Hatteras is special because it is a natural resource and ocean-side nesting area. The protection of the wildlife is essential to the character and purpose of the space. Therefore, ORV use must be controlled. Unlimited access would render the space a dead sand stretch with a view, but no essential purpose. Please protect as large an area as possible from indiscriminate motoring.

Correspondence ID: 3638 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

Correspondence ID: 3639 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save the wildlife on Cape Hattera by protecting them from recreational motorized vehicles driven along the shore line.

Correspondence ID: 3640 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Public access with vehicles to wildlife areas should be restricted to governmental activities for purposes of rescue, maintenance and research. Allowing public vehicular traffic into such sensitive areas will deprive future generations of this beauty and keep

wildlife from the safe sanctuary they find and need in order to be safe from humans.

Correspondence ID:	3641	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect all our wildlife at all costs. Humans have taken enough of this world. The animals need our help and protection.						
Correspondence ID:	3642	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We have become a society dedicated to the mindless pursuit of pleasure and monetary rewards while our ecosystem is suffering from onslaughts on all sides. If it is not corporations threatening the wildlife it is government itself who is not representing the people. Please continue to allow the Cape Hatteras area to remain protected.						
Correspondence ID:	3643	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Gentlemen: We oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						
Correspondence ID:	3644	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect the wild life including turtle's, shore birds and all affected by the changes that are being threatened.						
Correspondence ID:	3645	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please stop!						
Correspondence ID:	3646	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please provide protection of public wild areas from the ravages of off road vehicles. The production and promotion of off-roading recreational activities simply defeats much of our important preservation efforts. These vehicles must be closely regulated, since the numbers have grown so immensely -- driver training requirements, manufacturer liability, and licensing regulations are all tools which should be considered. Such was not a problem 5wenty years ago, but through advertising, recreational industry promotion, and sheer population growth, this IS NOW an issue. Please provide leadership in resolving this problem						
Correspondence ID:	3647	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please make sure that the Cape Hatteras Nationa Seashore is not open to vehicle traffic. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	3648	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Our Naure is a report card of how well we are taking care of our planet. Running over them and over the places they nest is Not taking care of it or them!!						
Correspondence ID:	3649	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Although I am myself an off-road enthusiast, I do not believe or agree with unchecked, unregulated OHV use ANYWHERE on our National Park lands. That especially pertains to those areas where there are nesting or migratory routes of animals.						

It is entirely possible to strike a compromise between the two, whereas OHV use can be limited to those areas that are not fragile or in any way harming the very wildlands that our taxpayer dollars are subsidizing.

Correspondence ID: 3650 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This kind of senseless killing must STOP.

Correspondence ID: 3651 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop off-road destroying birds nest

Correspondence ID: 3652 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't believe that ORVs should be able to ride on beaches. That is for walking and families vacationing and for the local people to enjoy with out a motorized vechicle running around. There are plenty of trails for them to ride on. I can't believe that the local townships are allowing this to happen. Ours is one of them that did. Now we have to hire a lawer to represent the township in case there's an accident. Its just another burden on the taxpayer. There must some way to reverse this law to save the birds and turtles. Make sure that there are some areas that they just can't go to .

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 3655 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: National Park Service will adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. It reserves only 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

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All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over. We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife, and we can not lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving.

Please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 3656 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

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However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and speci

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Name: private
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I want to speak out for wildlife to oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

I understand the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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Great progress has been made in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. I am writing to let you know that I support specific and respectfully urge enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Patricia Bennett

Correspondence ID: 3658 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our state and federal parks and the critters that inhabit them need to be protected. The land and plant life also need to be preserved for future generations to enjoy. We humans have the ability to destroy habitats and entire species of animal and plant life. It is up to us to protect them from human destruction. Please protect our parks and their inhabitants.

Correspondence ID: 3659 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It makes no sense to have all terrain vehicles on prime beach nesting areas such as Cape Hatteras national Seashore. This is where birds, turtles and other creatures, many endangered, do their nesting. The traffic of vehicles and people frequently results in physical damage. Even when it does not, all the activity results in stress which interferes with mating, reproduction and with parenting where relevant.

There should be protected no entry zones around sensitive areas!!

Correspondence ID: 3660 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Get the ATV's out of the National Park! They don't belong!

Correspondence ID: 3661 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow beach driving vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. shorebirds, sea turtles, and other animal and plant life must be protected. Humans need to be good stewards of the earth's resources. I support regulations of ORVs.

Correspondence ID: 3662 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep ALL motorized vehicles on highways and byways and out of our pristine wilderness and parkland, wherever they are. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3663 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration. Brian Lee

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Correspondence ID: 3665 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do more to protect shoreline wildlife, and to make beaches friendly for pedestrians. Please don't give ORV-drivers priority in management of this national resource.

Correspondence ID: 3666 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As someone who has come to the beautiful Outer Banks every summer for the past thirty years, I implore you to keep our shoreline free from off road vehicles. The beauty of the beach and the birds who frequent it are in danger of being disturbed. Let off road vehicles go somewhere that is not so pristine and fragile to use their noisy, destructive vehicles. PLEASE protect our Outer Banks and our wildlife. Thank you. Anna Askounis

Correspondence ID: 3667 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Environmental protection must be in place in all places to be sure that through our thoughtlessness and greed we are not exterminating other native species. People and corporation have to learn they may be inconvenienced at times to respect the lives of others, human or otherwise. As people have little ability to regulated themselves, and human populations are too large to be taught respect by elder authority, the government MUST take action to protect us from destruction.

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration. Robin Elliott

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a gulf shore resident I am very aware of the effects humans have on the ability of wildlife to survive or face decline. It is our duty to consider the effects our actions have on wildlife. Cape Hatteras National Seashore does not need to have the entire area open to ORV. Small areas that do not affect nesting could be opened and more easily enforced. We must learn to live with the creatures we share the planet with-not drive them to extinction.

Correspondence ID: 3671 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider seriously, the banning of off road vehicles at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Along with preserving the wild life habitats, you will also be cutting the carbon pollution of these vehicles!

Thank you for caring about wild life and the air we breathe!

Correspondence ID: 3672 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our shorelines are delicate ecosystems which are easily damaged by offroad vehicles. Often the plants are taken for granted - in

other words, treated like weeds which do not need to be saved, which is a mistake as these plants stabilize the dunes and other areas. Once the plants are destroyed, the area is destabilized and it will cost a lot of money and time to repair.

Also, offroad vehicles are polluters, which will not only pollute the sand but percolate through and pollute the water.

Please reconsider the amount of land for non invasive enjoyment and allow the land to be able to be enjoyed for many lifetimes to come.

Correspondence ID: 3673 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am from WA state and have experienced being on a beach while large cars and trucks drove by. It is an awful experience, especially when you are there with your children. It is even worse for the species that need these shorelines for their habitat. That is why I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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This area has just been hit by a devastating storm. Please don't let ORV overuse be another devastation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3674 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect wildlife from off road vehicles in the NPS plan. Having more wildlife at Hatteras will attract more visitors and bring economic benefit to the area. Being able to drives those vehicles there disturbs everyone, including tourists.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are just too many vehicles on the beaches these days.

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Angela Ridolfo

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have been in several states that have restrictions on vehicles during certain times of the year, and this is great. I understand that ORV's are damaging the outer banks of North Carolina, I do not feel that this should be allowed to go on. They should be restricted to populated areas!

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting shorebirds such as the endangered plovers.

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Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 3685 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Madam or Sir,

this is to let you know that I strongly oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore is extremely damaging to wildlife and a nuisance to people who love to enjoy the quite of nature for sport or rest.

with many thanks, Stefanie Eskenazi

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: So much more important to let our environment stay pristine and keep flora and fauna undisturbed than to let a bunch of yahoos blast the hell out of it for their destructive high.

Why is this even an issue? What government agency is even considering such folly?

Anyone who is employed at the National Park Service and is advocating the destruction of any part of Cape Hatteras should be fired immediately and replaced with someone who actually has a brain.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please vote No on Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System:Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001).

I oppose the use of motorized vehicles off road, on beaches or in other sensitive areas. National Parks and other National Sites are for the enjoyment of the entire population, not just the few.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am writing to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. The wildlife cannot speak up for itself, therefore we must do what we can to represent them and their needs. As a mother, an educator, and wildlife advocate I cannot think of anything more important than securing the balance of nature for future generations. The damage these vehicles impart to the environment is devastating, and while they will argue that it is their right, it is a luxury and can be done elsewhere, where the wildlife that is being impacted does not have the luxury to move somewhere else.

Correspondence ID: 3690 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Re: National Park Service -- Proposed ORV Regulations for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan,

protected wildlife have experienced increases in the area. Nesting Sea Turtles in 2007 were recorded to have 82 nests and by 2010 they made 153. Piping Plovers and other shorebirds are also experiencing increases in their populations. If expanded ORV use is approved across the Seashore, the real possibility exists that threatened and endangered wildlife could be negatively impacted. I would like to strongly recommend tough regulation of ORV use at the Seashore, but it would appear that the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. As an Off Road Vehicle enthusiast who for several years have enjoyed the unique experience of negotiating my 4x4 pick-up through the sands of Assateague NWR off the coast of Maryland and Virginia, I can honestly say that increasing the areas off limits to ORV use as long as there is a solid and science based reason behind them not only makes sense but is no big deal. It not only demonstrates the Service's responsibilities for the environment and the special wildlife that use the beach and dunes but also still keeps in mind the public's desire to experience the same areas in a responsible manner. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. A better balance is truly needed. It's more than appropriate to set aside more vehicle-free areas for wildlife and pedestrian use. The proposed regulations as it is currently written seem to treat wildlife protection as discretionary rather than being a main objective, which to me and the voiceless wildlife is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like Piping Plovers and the numerous Sea Turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you!

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please place restrictions and limits on road vehicles that harm the habitat and ecology of shore and sea birds and turtles- to name a few inhabitants. All wildlife survival is at the mercy of us-the violators. Change the peoples habits and the wildlife will survive!

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Wildlife needs to be specifically protected under the Park Services plan for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. A temporary plan that limits ORV use has been successful in protecting nesting areas. Considering the pollution, noise, danger and resource wastefulness of off road vehicles in general, it is inexplicable to me that an agency created to protect natural areas would be increasing their use rather than restricting it.

I would believe that they should be disallowed altogether, as they have been in the surroundings of the salmon breeding streams of the Northern Cascade Mountains near where I live. However, I am willing to consider that some of the "public" using our national lands have a different belief and am only asking for reasonable limitations: specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle free areas for nesting.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have seen the damage done to the California forests and wilderness by ORV's. Please do not let this happen in Cape Hatteras. Hurricanes do enough damage without ORV's contributing to it.

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Correspondence: I don't think ANY off-road vehicles belong in this park. Or certain trails and dirt roads could be made available, with strict prohibitions on deviating off-road and destroying precious wildlife. I am sick and tired of hearing all about this problem all over the United States, and elsewhere.

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National Seashores should NOT be for motorized vehicles. This runs counter to the National Park Service mission. Namely, to preserve and protect for future generations. Running ORV and ATV's just doesn't make any sense.

When ORV and ATV's roar through, they destroy the enjoyment for others. It's not about machines, it's about nature.

Running over bird and turtle nests should be enough to ban them completely. Please employ some common sense and don't cave in to those who would happily destroy that which they claim is "thiers"!

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Correspondence ID: 3706 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. As an agency that manages public land for the inherent values of the land including habitat for associated plant and animal species, it is very important that policy decisions protect these values over the long term. As man is part of the ecosystem and one of the few species that have rapidly expanded its population over recent times, it is obvious that unless we control how we affect land and associated values, that these values will continue to degrade and change over time

As a retired public resource manager, I found it very difficult to reverse a decision that reduces public opportunities. Therefore, I support only the minimum amount of ORV roads which are compatible with the land values of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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The Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Current regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations."

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Name: private

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Correspondence: Please put the needs of wildlife, the protection of habitat and quiet above the desires of ORV users. Theirs (ORV users) is a "want" not a need.

Correspondence ID: 3709 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please regulate off road vehicles to protect wildlife!

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for the nesting of birds and turtles along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Besides the natural destruction done by weather such as the recent hurricane Irene, Off Road vehicle advocates are more concerned about their own selfish entertainment then protecting the seashore and it's rightful inhabitants, the wildlife that has made their homes on the shore since the time before man arrived.

Driving on the beaches is not a Right. It is a selfish act advocated by a small but vocal group. Their concerns are selfish--destroying nature, killing wildlife (for generations to come) and using fossil fuels not to create jobs or provide for themselves but only to have a fun time driving around, killing time.

Let's ensure that our children get to enjoy the wildlife that our generation, and our parent's generations have neglected (at best) and allowed to desimate over the last 50 years.

Thank you,

David Weinkle

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Thank you for considering these comments and for your hard work and dedication.

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Correspondence: Animals not only feed us directly but are important in pollination of trees and shrubs. These plants use the animals by way of hitching a ride on the animal either in side (when eaten) or on their fur to their destination of the next plant. Not too mention the relaxing quality of watching them in nature and some species help in pest control eating insects or rodents which keep us from having to deal with the problem.

PLEASE think about what you are doing and what we ALL could loose by not preserving nature!

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I know off-roaders bring in money, but when the animals are gone and their habitat destroyed, the off-roaders will bring their dollars and destruction somewhere else. Please protect our parks

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support less ORV use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support as much preservation as possible of this magnificent treasure.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

We love this area ! Millions of us visit it for it's natural beauty, not to hear and see ORVs tearing it apart.

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Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: So much of our wildlife is disappearing because of man, can man be a little less selfish and save some wildlife before it all disappears.

Correspondence ID: 3720 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no good reason for off road vehicle use on sensitive geological areas. This is a form of recreation that is not compatible with preservation of natural wild areas. I respectfully request that the NPS take action now to eliminate ORV's from access to the Cape Hatteras National seashore Thanking you in advance for your action on this matter.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: All terrain vehicles not only blow out dirty exhaust (expelled oil) and pollute the air (not to mention muck up the water by the beach), they destroy the ground they tread upon. They also destroy the poor turtles that tread on these shores, and the last thing America needs is more pollution and animal cruelty. Do you want an ideal society with harmony, justice, virtue, and prosperity with somewhat stiffer regulations, or do you want an unbridled, chaotic war-zone? Make the choice.

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Correspondence: It's about time that we start putting wildlife on equal par with humans and give them important protections. We are all on this increasingly tiny planet Earth together and what happens to one affects so many others - more than we immediately comprehend. Please take this important step and make sure the wildlife on these beaches is protected to the fullest extent possible.

Thanks, Shawndra Hayes-Budgen

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Correspondence: Parks should always be protected no matter what.

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If at all possible, non-emergency vehicles should be banned from the beach. If they must be allowed, then restrict them so that the beach remains a beach -- a place for wildlife and people -- not a freeway.

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Correspondence: We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. Tell the Park Service instead that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must protect wildlife, off road vehicles have no business being where wildlife in any way will be impacted. Our "sport" should not be at the expense of other living creatures well being.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Hello,

What is going on at Cape Hatteras and other parts of the world, especially areas that are supposed to be "protected", needs to stop. There are plenty of other places for people to use their toys (offroad vehicles), where they won't destroy the habitats of animals such as the sea turtles, shorebirds like piping plovers, and others who have been using this land to lay their eggs and raise their young for much, much longer than these idiots who are just out for a joyride. This is a home for these creatures, they have no other place to go, and they should not have to die just because some idiot wants to kick their tires back in the sand. Let's do what national parks/seashores were intended to do in the first place, and that is to protect the pristine, natural beauty of the wildlife, including both plant and animal species who call these places home. If we don't stand up for these things now, we are setting a poor example for future generations and are certainly heading towards de-evolution as a species. I trust you will do the right thing.

Thank you,

Joshua Van Deventer

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enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Please please protect the wildlife and shore.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: You're hearing from me again regarding protection of Cape Hatteras through a different organization because We the People need all the commonality and comeraderie we can get in our fight to protect America's priceless natural treasures. No one in a position of authority did enough to protect the Gulf of Mexico; no one did anything to protect New Orleans; no one is doing enough to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. You have the opportunity to prove to America that you are not selfish and self-serving. Do the right thing for Cape Hatteras.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect wildlife from offroad vehicles. Allowing offroad vehicles on a National Seashore threatens a vulnerable ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 3739 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: "Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches."

PLEASE STOP THIS!!! Hasn't enough of this planet's wildlife and natural resources been destroyed! DO NOT WAIT UNTI IT IS TOO LATE!

Correspondence ID: 3742 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As an frequent visitor to Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I support vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please improve your efforts to protect the wildlife of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 3743 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Correspondence: Please continue to offer significant protection to wildlife at Cape Hatteras! We cannot give up the gains we've made!

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Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife. Thank you for your time and attention.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protecting Cape Hatteras:

I'm one of the many Americans impacted by the current difficult economy, but I still believe we must protect our national parks and all natural resources...protection of these resources must transcend politics or fear of a poor economy.

Thank you.

Joanne Fanizzo

Correspondence ID: 3745 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am an annual visitor to the Outer Banks. One of the reasons I enjoy visiting is the wildlife. The wildlife and their nesting areas should be protected, not opened up to off road vehicles. And the ban on off road vehicles should be extended to additional areas to protect not only wildlife but the people who walk on the beach areas.

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Correspondence ID: 3748 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: THERE IS SOMETHING SO WRONG WITH HUMAN BEINGS. I POSTULATED MANY YEARS AGO THAT WE WERE MOTHER NATURES BIGGEST MISTAKE! TRUTH BE TOLD... WE ARE!

Correspondence ID: 3749 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I feel very strongly that natural environments must be protected to the fullest. There are less and less of these places as development eats at them constantly. In the USA only 36 % of land has not been developed. Allowing vehicles of any type causes erosion and species endangerment and death. Plus the parks have no way of constantly enforcing rules since many vehicle operators defy them.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Surely people can understand the need for restricting some of the shoreline from off road vehicles. Walking along the water is a meditation in itself.

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Correspondence: The environment is far more important than allowing ORV's to destroy the natural habitat there. I hope you'll consider another solution quickly.

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

My name is Anah McMahon, and I'm a strong supporter of protecting wildlife- especially when it is humans impacting their habitats and lives. I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Correspondence: It's time to create specific areas for off-roading in places that do not impact habitat vital to wildlife. Restrict use of habitats by heavy fines and possible property confiscation for violating boundaries.

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Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please help support this too!!

Correspondence ID: 3759 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am contacting you in opposition to allowing unrestricted off road vehicles that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Allowing this would do little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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please protect our wildlife, no one else is!

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Correspondence: I just want to put in my two cents worth regarding ORV use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am against the use of these noisy and polluting vehicles at the National Seashore.

Too often the riders are inconsiderate of the rights of others to enjoy the park in peace and quiet and also of their adverse impact on the native fauna and flora. Seeming, unless they are ripping around these areas and tearing them up the riders feel they cannot have a good time.

They should realize that the parks are there for all to enjoy and their enjoyment should not prevent others from enjoying the seashore in peace and quiet. The first thing I would advise is that these vehicles be limited as to the noise that they make and if allowed to use certain areas they should not be allowed to tear up what they come to enjoy.

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Correspondence: PLEASE DO NOT KILL WILDLIFE LIKE THIS!! STOP!!

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Correspondence: Everybody is trying to protect sea turtles' nests here in Fort Lauderdale, even no turning lights on during the hatching. I really don't see any reason why people have to drive on the beach and I hope that you MAKE IT ILLEGAL AND NOT ONLY STATE RULES FOR THE DRIVING ON THE BEACH.

Sea turtles are going to be extinct pretty soon if people are don't care about them. I had the pleasure of swimming with them while scuba diving and it is a wonderful experience

Please make it ILLEGAL

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Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

Preservation of habitat and wild places is an important part of our country's legacy. At a time when there is much uncertainty

about our future climate, it is doubly important that we protect these places and the wildlife that is dependent upon them.

Off Road Vehicle (ORV) use is extremely harmful to the wildlife of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. For instance, in 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. In 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

ORV use MUST be restricted in the majority of the National Seashore in order for irreparable harm to be avoided. I implore the NPS to severely restrict or ban their use.

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What you may not know...is that even after the hurricane damage this past week, I am planning on bringing my family to Cape Hatteras next weekend for our one and only vacation this year. I can assure you we are not coming there to drive off-road vehicles. We are coming there to enjoy the uncrowded beaches, and sea oats and the wildlife. Please do not let this be destroyed. We love it because it is NOT like Myrtle or VA Beach. If this changes, we are not going to be interested in spending our hard-earned money there anymore.

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Correspondence: It has come to my attention that humans are causing a problem for the wildlife habitat at Cape Hatteras with Off Road Vehicles. We, as a people, must protect and defend our wildlife, anywhere they live. This is imperative to future generations. Our environment is of utmost importance, not just now but in the future as well. We need to be responsible and ensure that rules are established to protect animal habitats.

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Correspondence:	Keep off-road vehicles off the sands of the Cape Hatteras Seashore in order to safeguard habitat and nesting territories of wild animals and birds. Degradation or destruction of habitat is one of the chief causes of losing species. Off-road vehicles are one of the major causes of loss of habitat.						

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Perhaps the greatest advocate for national parks and forests in the United States was President Theodore Roosevelt. He felt it was imperative to protect all natural wildlife in these national preserves, and in fact, felt it was necessary to employ measures to keep wildlife from becoming extinct. I could not agree more. I strongly encourage you to incorporate maximum wildlife protection measures for Cape Hatteras.

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Correspondence: Thank you for letting me speak about the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Some of my best moments in driving have been with my jeep on roads that take you to some of the hidden treasures of California and allow me to hike even further into the interior. But also as an owner of an SUV, it doesn't give me the license to tear up the landscape and destroy animal and bird habitats. In the land of the free, there is a need for designated roads for the sole purpose of 4-wheel driving/motor crossing, etc. But in an environment like Cape Hatteras, which I do hope I get to see someday, it sounds rather prudent and the responsible thing to do as to limiting times and places of beach driving for the consideration of all life. Please continue to adopt safety measures so that all life may prevail. Any society which does not insist upon respect for all life must necessarily decay-Albert Einstein

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Correspondence: I sincerely hope that the National Park Service will be sensitive to the critical nesting habitat on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I realize that accessibility to the shore should be made as convenient to the public as possible, but would hope that there could be concessions made during breeding season for birds and turtles. Perhaps the successes of the Piping Plover habitats would be a good exmpt to follow. There could be "off-limit" areas and areas that would prohibit ORVs and other animals during critical

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Correspondence: As a Senatorial intern, I visited Cape Hatteras back in 1983, and remember how beautiful the landscape was, and how there was even at that time a clearly maintained respect for the wilderness from fellow visitors. Please don't allow this area to be disturbed unnecessarily by off-road vehicles. If people want to experience the wilderness first-hand, it's best without the addition of vulcanized wheels and exhaust fumes.

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Correspondence: Please protect the creatures who have lived and bred on Cape Hatteras from off road vehicles that have no business in a pristine area.

Thank you for our children and grandchildren who want to have a chance to visit the area in the future.

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Correspondence: offroad vehicles are killing shore birds. Young people with no awareness of what they are doing are usually the drivers. With the regulation in place, they may be stopped. And certainly all conservation organizations should connect with companies that sell off-road vehicles to help educate the young people who drive them to the impact and effect of their driving.

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Correspondence: Please provide for protections on NC's Outer Banks to protect our endangered wildlife. Allowing Off-Road vehicles unrestrained access to a majority of the beach areas is not a sound management policy for wildlife.

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Correspondence:	I think that all off road vehicles should be prohibited in public lands, especially those with fragile habitats or wildlife populations, such as Cape Hatteras National Seashore which was just battered by Hurricane Irene.						
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Correspondence:	We need to be responsible stewards of the world and the creatures that live in it. It is our duty to protect those that cannot protect themselves. Please pass this important legislation to help protect our wildlife and their environment.						
Correspondence ID:	3802	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Critical that the wild life on the beaches remain respected and out of harms' way. End the invasion of the oil snatchers!						
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Correspondence: Please do not allow vehicles to destroy shorebirds habitat. There is must be a better way with all we know these days.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Decision Makers,

Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

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We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Robert J. Barnhart

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence:	There is plenty of room for all beings....to allow humans their 'irresponsible fun' at the expense of our precious animals is more than shameful.						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please do not allow off road vehicles unlimited beach usage...the shorelines are home to wildlife endangered by unrestricted vehicles and we need to protect our wildlife, not put it at further risk. thank you						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Humans should not be allowed to destroy the habitats of other creatures.						
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Don't we have enough areas where people can run rampant with vehicles? We need to have a few places on earth where people and other creatures who are on this planet with us can walk in peace.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: *lease protect wildlife and prohibit off-road vehicles, ATVs, bikes, motorbikes, cars, etc from beaches.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed

Please do not allow birds to be harmed because of humans seeking entertainment.

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Correspondence: Please consider this message as our comment on the proposed rule for managing offroad vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I first visited Hatteras some 30 years ago and value its wild beaches and wildlife. We have submitted comments during the National Park Service's planning process on this subject.

We are glad to see that the rule cuts back on ORV traffic on the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. For too long the beaches have been dominated by motor vehicles, ruining their value for those of us who go to the ocean to enjoy the wind, the waves and the wildlife.

However, we are alarmed to see that the rule does not provide for no-driving buffers around nesting sites of birds and turtles, including chicks and hatchlings. We do not see protection for migrating and wintering shorebirds. We do not see enough attention to designating ORV-free beaches for pedestrian use. These should be essential elements of the rule.

In the final rule, we urge NPS to require the designation of ORV routes on a site-specific basis and include buffer zones for wildlife and pedestrians

We also are disappointed with the balance between ORV zones and pedestrian zones. The proposed rule provides only 26 miles of year-round vehicle-free ocean beach, out of 67 total miles. We ask NPS to make at least half the beach mileage ORV-free year round, to serve pedestrian visitors and wildlife. That would correspond to the balance struck at Assateague Island National Seashore, here in Maryland. We think that is a reasonable balance.

Thank you for considering our views. Please keep us informed of further action on this project.

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DO YOUR JOBS AND PROTECT AGAINST ORV DESTRUCTION.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop destruction of coastal areas by off road vechiles,and protect all species that live there!

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Correspondence ID: 3830 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the shoreline and the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3831 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLEASE keep vehicles off the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The increased noise and air pollution would be harmful to the resident wildlife, and would also be a nuisance to many human visitors.

As a national landmark, Cape Hatteras National Seashore should be managed in a way that preserves its natural resources and keeps it intact for enjoyment of ALL visitors, not just the minority who use off-road vehicles, as well as for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3832 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles are fun, but the joy of nature is even more pleasurable. Let's preserve wildlife instead.

Correspondence ID: 3833 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There needs to be restrictions placed on off road vehicles which inadvertently kill innocent wildlife. There needs to be a specific area where this type of off road vehicle driving is allowed. If human life was in danger, I doubt I would need to write this letter.

Please limit the area where these off road vehicles may ride.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are no reasons to open land use up to of road vehicles that would be good enough to put all the species who live and need to have this land to feed, nest and live on. All of the turtles, birds, crabs and many other forms of life depend on safe use. If you allow off road vehicles you are damaging the environment and the habitat of species that have no where else to go.

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ORV users and wildlife.

I don't believe this to be a big ask. Many thanks for reading Bryce Bermingham

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Seriously? Letting people drive over turtles and birds! I drive an offroad vehicle and I wouldn't let anyone do that						
Correspondence ID:	3840	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please consider the needs of wildlife in their own habitat above those of invaders in vehicles not meant to be on beaches. Why can't these people enjoy the outdoors instead of being in a destructive vehicle?						
Correspondence ID:	3842	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I oppose the unrestricted off road vehicle use that has been proposed for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am concerned about the threat this would present for sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.						
Correspondence ID:	3843	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I have been vacationing in the Outer Banks for nearly three decades.						
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Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. These seashores are some the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments.

ORV use impairs park resources but it can coexist with wildlife protections.

Therefore it is disturbing that he Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation.

Please uphold your obligation "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Please designate both ORV routes and specific regulations and set aside adequate vehicle-free areas.

At least half of the beach should be available year round for non-ORV users. The current regulations are not fair in this regard.

Thank you for preserving our natural and cultural heritage and for considering these comments

Correspondence ID: 3845 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I wish to comment on the regulation of vehicular use on National Seashores. I am a lover of our National Seashores and a frequent visitor. The regulations on the use of ORV at Cape Hatteras does not, in my opinion, fulfill the mandate of the NPS "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Our seashores are open to ORV use OUTSIDE National Seashores and I believe the reason for these special places being set aside is to provide a safe and peaceful and natural experience of the seashore and its thriving wild life for all Americans. This experience is becoming rarer and rarer. Please make it possible at Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 3846 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I write to you at this time to ask you to reconsider proposed plan for managing Off-Road-Vehicle use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Sea turtles populations, which have plummeted worldwide in recent years, need protection to continue the small foothold that they have on the Seashore; why would you even consider a plan that threatens to undermine the gains made in recent years, with the current interim plan in place? Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I believe that the Park Service's proposed plan does not adequately protect wildlife, and thus is unacceptable. As it is currently written, it sets aside only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you,

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: For the health of the humans, and more importantly for the health of the creatures that inhabit the beaches, make people walk!

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Correspondence ID: 3849 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to protect the breeding grounds of our turtle and bird populations, and opening up the beaches for ATVs will certainly destroy this habitat. When their gone, it will be too late! ATV's should have their own trails where they don't destroy the environment and the animals that live there.

Correspondence ID: 3850 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As an ATV owner and frequent off road rider I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3852 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Just this weekend at the La Push area I watched an ATV romping around on a beach and tear it up. Not only was very disruptive to us as visitors but it also tore up this special beach. To make matters worse on the way out the ATV went up a rocky beach hill right next to a small little girl about the age of 1.5 and although he missed her by a couple of feet he almost severely injured the toddler when he gunned the gas to make it up the sliding rock hill and spit rocks as large as 6" in diameter out the back of his tires and they just missed the girl. Talk about miracles!

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Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America. It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan. However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, e

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Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: When I returned from South America 25 years ago beautiful birds were my pleasure and entertainment. Unfortunately crows now are the only birds! They've all departed due to pollution and population increase. Please work to bring back the birds!

Correspondence ID: 3856 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No powered vehicles should ever be allowed. This area has very sensitive wildlife, and riders would not be vigilant. Foot traffic only, and then with warnings. There should also be enforcement of the no vehicle law.

Correspondence ID: 3857 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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I would love to visit here with my kids and grand kids one day. Please make sure the wild life is still there.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3859 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Preserve Cape Hatteras National Seashore! Modern science has shown us the folly of riding roughshod over pristine natural environments for the sake of profit. Sea Turtles and many other species rely on Cape for breeding and survival. Each link in the chain of life is vital. We have learned this from the destruction of frogs, bees, and so many other species. Our survival depends on the well being and survival of the other species we share this globe with. If not for the sake of the animals themselves, or the preservation of the land, then do it for the preservation of humanity.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3860 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The national parks, forest preserves and wildlife areas were intended to be an oasis for nature and wildlife. The use of powered vehicles, except those used by the forest service and other management and law enforcement agencies, is a violation of the charter for national parks. If people want to use power vehicles, they need to go elsewhere.

Correspondence ID: 3861 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Park Service,

I am writing to urge you to very strictly limit the amount of space available to off road vehicle use. Personally, I really dont' see the need for people to go riding on the shores anyway. It's absurd.

But if it has to be so, I urge you to set aside a LARGE enough area for wildlife, not to mention pedestrians, to enjoy the sea shore without worry of injury, or worse, from ovr activity.

This is just common sense to me. Please show good sense and constraint when regulating beach driving, and give enough room and leeway for wild animals to live out their lives in safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Joseph Collins

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Laura DeHaven

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Do the right thing and protect wildlife now.

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Correspondence: Please give this issue the time and decision make power, on this issue that affects the Nations Park System that Protects and enhances The Park that provide space for all Americans'a place to enjoy the Nature of this Great Nation. To Create Parks and sustain them, was the goal of many enviornmentalists'of bygone ears, Please head the words of Of leaders that sent madates to

provide areas of this great Nation for all Americans to see What Nature Made For this Nation. We must work everyday to protect these parks, shorelines, for if we do not, what was given to us to do, will only show that we as a people have not learned the lesson that was ment to Be. Boyer c. August

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles versus wildlife habitat? In a world where every living creature seems to be under threat, do we really need to think about this? ORVs should be banned from fragile places.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please remember that the primary function of the land set aside by our taxpayer dollars is to PRESERVE OUR WILDLIFE. Period. Humans have other places to play. They don't need these precious places as playgrounds.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I'm disturbed to learn of the low priority that wildlife, and the protection of wildlife, apparently have at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Is this area a parking lot, a road, or a beach? Shouldn't we support the idea of quiet areas for pedestrians, as well as wildlife, instead of needing to make every square mile of our country accommodate motor vehicle traffic?

Thank you for your consideration, Lynne Glaeske

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about your proposed regulation for managing loud, unhealthy, & carcinogen-emitting ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use by a small minority of beach goers across the Seashore then these threatened and endangered wildlife will be impacted. This doesn't make sense to me - why kill/impact so many innocent creatures for such a small group of loud beach-goers? Most of us use the beach to walk and swim in peace, not ride loud ORVs or to smell their fumes.

I strongly support increased regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the current Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. How can you defend such a lop-sided proposal that also does nothing for the local economy?

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable to me and many logical humans. Please revise this plan to include current or increased buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore for survival. Who even rides an ORV anymore? Do you ride these obnoxious machines on the beach? Then why should these animals and normal beach goers have to put up with them?

IMHO, the only people that should be able to ride an ORV on the beach would be law enforcement and life guards. The beach is not the place for oil and gas leaking ORVs to be ridden. Maybe you'll also consider revising it to BAN ORVs completely?

Thank you for your consideration.

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It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources, diminishing access and increasing safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers.

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Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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I expect you to protect these special areas with the utmost respect for the environment and creatures in it.

Thank you!

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I understand how difficult it is to balance the wishes of recreating individuals with those who wish to maintain the wild aspects of the area. However, destruction and loss of wildlife can be permanent. How do we explain their disappearance to the next generation? "I'm sorry" doesnt quite seem enough does it?

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Ladies and Gentlemen:

Offroaders should not be permitted to demolish the beaches in Cape Hatteras. Wildlife is disturbed enough by other man-made matters, to allow offroaders on this national seashore would be a catastrophe. No vehicles belong on a beach of national value because we know for a fact that birds, turtles and other wildlife will be massively disturbed by such senseless traffic. Plus they

are already threatened enough by man-made obstacles. Offroaders destroy nesting grounds and could cause the loss of too much wildlife. Please keep the beaches in Cape Hatteras pristine.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3877 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect our beautiful sea shores, so that generations to come can enjoy the sights we have seen in our life times. The off road vehicles should not be permitted to use these quiet areas. I like to go out and not hear the disturbing noises of vehicles, smell their fumes and tolerate their presence. IT is more peaceful to hear the sounds of birds and wild life and just the wind blowing, the waves crashing into the shoreline etc.

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Correspondence: Unrestricted use of ORV on the beaches should be outlawed. Take an unofficial ORV onto Pensacola Beach and the result will be jail time.

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The National Park Service must set up (and enforce) specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						

There is absolutely no reason that ORVs should be permitted on any beach at all - and certainly not in a National Seashore.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. Sea Turtles and Piping Plovers depend on our protection

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Correspondence: Prohibit vehicles from bird nesting sites.

There must be other ways for people to amuse themselves than driving vehicles off roads where birds nest.

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Name: private
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Name: private
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Correspondence: Please explicitly protect wildlife under your park service plan. In 2007 there were 82 nests on the shore and after just 3 years of temporary protections that number rose to 153; please explicitly protect them now.

Correspondence ID: 3894 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Secure habitat for wildlife on Cape Hatteras

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Name: private
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There are plenty of places for people to use their vehicles other than this area. We need to leave this area to the wild animals who call it home, and stop treating the land as an amusement park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards, Stacey Haysler

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Name: private
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Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Please protect this habitat.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We do not need to be driving on land that the animals need to survive.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Allowing motorized vehicles on any park land or preserved place of natural beauty is anathema to their enjoyment by most people. There are plenty of places for people to go who think the only formula for fun is noise, speed, danger and carbon monoxide fumes. On behalf of the rest of us, who make up the vast majority, I implore you to keep natural places, wild places and preserved places of natural beauty free of the noise, danger and pollution of motorized vehicles. Thank you.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Just because some rich people can afford expensive toys doesn't mean they have the right to drive them where ever they want.						
Correspondence ID:	3905	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please protect our shorebirds with these simple regulations.						
Correspondence ID:	3906	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect wildlife do not allow ORV on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank You.						
Correspondence ID:	3907	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	It is imperative that we support and preserve our wildlife and bird populations, especially those that have been endangered. Please ensure that protections are written into this legislation.						
Correspondence ID:	3908	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off-road vehicles have no business in nesting sites! That's just common sense - we would not want truck driving thru our child-care centers...						
Correspondence ID:	3909	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Thank you for your consideration.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

ORVs are driven for recreation. Accordingly, not having the privilege of driving helter skelter anywhere will not result in death. In most instances... wildlife does not enjoy such flexibility. Wildlife MUST have certain environments for subsistence and existence.

Thus... I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I understand that the proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. Why must wildlife suffer at the expense of mere human recreation whereby humans have the option to recreate elsewhere?

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional which will obviously make conditions intolerable for wildlife.

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Thank you for your considerations. And know that I'm counting on you and the agency to do the right thing... protect wildlife!

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Name:	private						
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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Hi,

Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. Please do not allow off road vehicles to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Thanks, Bharat

Correspondence ID: 3915 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

Please change the proposed regulation to include vehicle-free nesting areas.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of Seashore beach. The entire area should be closed to beach driving.

If the Park Service does not close the entire Seashore to beach driving, then I urge you to include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians in the regulation. I support non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, and this is simply not acceptable. Please add buffers and other specific, mandatory wildlife protections to the regulation. I urge you to include science-based protections for all natural resources that strictly adhere to the "Highest Degree of Protection" as outlined in the USGS Protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

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Correspondence: Please ensure wildlife protection is included in the Cape Hatteras plan and regulations. Thank you.

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Correspondence: Your guidelines are too vague. If people out for their own pleasure are given an inch they will take miles and kill off all our birds to boot. They will use the old stand-by excuse "We were just having fun." Why should that work in this case when it doesn't in any other? They have to know there will be specific consequences. Write them.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number

rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: A national park is for everyone and every creature. Lots of people are opposed to loud and fast vehicles in an area for ALL to enjoy. Don't harm nature for a few selfish people.

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Correspondence: Please make the temporary plan that limits ORV use in protected areas PERMANENT. The improvements already seen for nest numbers are convincing enough!

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Correspondence: We have to protect this earth

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Correspondence: Please continue to improve the protection of the wildlife sanctuaries on Cape Hatteras. Limited vehicular traffic and improve walking trails. Cape Hatteras is a national treasure and must be protected and respected.

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Nicole Waybright Smithfield, RI

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The human footprint is becoming unsustainable large on the Hatteras shoreline. Please restrict the use of ORV's and the driving of automobiles on the beach, to a greater extent, so more wildlife, including nesting turtles and shorebirds have a chance to survive! Thank you for your consideration!

Correspondence ID: 3940 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I opposed unrestricted off road vehicle use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Allowing this would cause harm to various endangered species including sea turtles and the piping plover. I worked this summer with the Park Service as a Student Conservation Association intern protecting piping plovers on the New Jersey coast. I learned first hand how much time, sweat, and effort goes into protecting endangered species. I also learned how much people could devote themselves to the environment and the other living creatures we share it with. Please don't negate all the hard work people have put in by allowing vehicles on the beach where they could crush nests and baby birds. Humans already use so much of the coast line for recreational purposes. Just let the birds have some beach of their own.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't believe in off road vehicles for any reason except for park rangers and for rescue services. Americans are fat and lazy. If someone want to enjoy a shoreline, walk it. It makes me angry to think that animals and sea life can suffer and die due to the thoughtless and irresponsible actions of stupid people. This land is not ours to do whatever we want with, it is held in trust for future generations.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please add specific protections for wildlife and pedestrian visitors into the ORV regulation to ensure that wildlife recovery continues and that the safety of all visitors is protected.

Correspondence ID: 3944 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to protect our environment. We need to encourage solar and wind energy instead of oil based energy. We need to learn how to convert to green living.

Climate change is the MOST important issue of our time. We are cutting off the branch we are standing on if we do not pay attention to it.

We need to support and protect our National Park systems, for as natural areas diminish, they become like locked up zoos. We need to expand and protect them as much as possible.

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Correspondence: In Oregon, ORVs are allowed on the beach, and now the habitat is so eroded that it will be impossible to restore even if ORV usage was stopped. It's permanent damage for crying out loud, just to satisfy an adolescent desire to be loud and go fast.

Correspondence ID: 3947 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider the effect that allowing off road vehicles would have on the wildlife of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am concerned about animals not having protected nesting areas along the seashore. In my mind, the best solution would be to set aside designated, protected nesting areas for wildlife.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Vehicles do not need to be on the beaches. If they were Emergency Vehicles that would be a different story. Leave the beaches for walking and our wildlife.

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Correspondence: Please keep vehicles of all kinds of the shore. Our wildlife is in tremendous danger with this sort of activity. People need to grow up and think. This I deserve all gratification thinking must stop. We Must start caring about all aspects of our earth.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow unrestricted off road vehicle use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This would be very harmful to the wildlife there. Thank you for your time.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My family and I have been coming to the Outer Banks for over 12 years now. It is my absolute favorite place to vacation. I have used the beaches with an offroad vehicle myself - my husband is disabled and sometimes it's the only way to get to the beach for him. However, we are VERY careful to avoid wildlife. I have realized now that it is practically impossible to do so. Banning vehicles will NOT kill the tourist industry for the OBX. In fact, more damage is done due to vehicle use. We are stewards of our environment, and responsible for the wellbeing of creatures who are at our mercy. Please consider seriously limiting or banning vehicles on these beautiful and fragile beaches. Otherwise, we lose them forever.

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Correspondence: birds keep the balance

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Please adopt strong regulations for protecting the shoreline, especially the nesting sites from destruction by OHV's.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: There needs to be more information put out to the masses on a more regular basis of just how much damage ORVs have done and will continue to do to wildlife if we continue to leave precious wildlife areas unprotected.

Haven't we done enough damage?!

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Thank you for your consideration and action to give more protection to wildlife at the Cape Hatteras Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Prevent Vehicle Death in Cape Hatteras!

Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am from Texas and I am a life long coastal beach enthusiast. Please preserve this unique ecosystem for the wildlife and our grandchildren. Thank you for taking my comment.

Phyllis Jacoby, DVM

Correspondence ID: 3962 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

The proposed regulation for ORVs does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife, and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. As a citizen who walks on the beach and enjoys the ocean, I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you for accepting my comments.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

Wildlife Protection is not optional. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence:	The proposed regulation for managing ORVs at Cape Hatteras National Seashore are not sufficient to protect habitat for wildlife.						

ORVs impair park resources, damage habitat, and diminish access for pedestrians. During the past few years, the NPS has enforced science-based measures like buffer areas, but this is not sufficient. ORV users have no specific right to damage the area, reduce scenic qualities, and make lots of noise for wildlife and the rest of us. Currently, the NPS has fallen short of obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate narrowly defined ORV routes to specific end point, not allow unrestricted access.

I've been visiting the OB since the 1980s, and it is distressing to see the changes over the years. It was better back when only a few trucks used the beach, not with lots of noisy ORVs running wild.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: National Seashore comment

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Under the current interim plan, protection of wildlife has made significant gains. Successful nesting of rare shorebirds and sea turtles indicate that new regulations are producing excellent results. But animals with globally and nationally Threatened populations, such as the piping plover, deserve more protection than proposed regulations provide.

Please set aside more miles of habitat with the needed buffer areas for this and other wildlife. Wildlife protection for species like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore should be mandatory. Please strengthen the current plan to include such mandates.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3968 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All wildlife is precious and their lives are interconnected. A region such as CApe Hatteras is too delicate for motor vehicles and should be a stroll only region. Preserving such delicate areas promotes growth of wildlife and a better understanding in self centered humans, who need to adjust their flagrant existence.

Please heed the needs of this area for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 3969 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore do little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposals only set aside areas for ORVs, and don't mandate specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. It reserves less than half of the Seashore's beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving. In recent years, the temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. Please take the steps necessary to extend this plan and explicitly protect the wildlife, because once the animals are gone, they are gone.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please take necessary steps to prevent wildlife death caused by vehicles on Cape Hattaras. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 3972 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	There are just too many people. And there are too many people who have no regard for wildlife and the importance of wildlife habitat to the survival of that wildlife.						
Correspondence ID:	3977	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	It seems to me that public parks, unless intended for uses such as ORV use, should have as their first priority, the protection of the native wildlife. ORV use at Cape Hatteras may be a lot of fun, but it must be secondary to the protection of nesting, breeding and fledging areas for birds and sea life.						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	National Seashores require maximum protection; period!						
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Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles damage the ecology of the seashore and animals. They also damage areas inland, like along the Current River in Missouri, part of the National Scenic Riverways. I would only allow vehicles in certain sections and preserve most of the area in pristine condition						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles should not be allowed in any National Park, especially in very environmentally sensitive parks like the Cape . Please, do what is right to sustain natural life in all our parks.						
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please do what is right in protecting these wild east coast park habitats and the species that call the area home.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Linda C Chase

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Correspondence: ORV's are very destructive to the environment

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protecting our shores and the animals and plants that live there is vital to maintaining a healthy ecosystem. Please reconsider this proposal as it's consequences could have devastating effects.

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Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am concerned that the proposed rule does not contain explicit protections for wildlife. In particular, birds and turtles that nest on the beach should be protected from off-road vehicles. Otherwise, their populations may decline as off-road vehicles crush their eggs or offspring. Therefore, I suggest that the rule be revised so that off-road vehicles are excluded from areas of the beach where birds and turtles nest.

Correspondence ID: 3989 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why do government agencies always seem to side with the ORVs rather than with the wildlife who have little choice in where they can live. Please don't allow any ORVs in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. That would be my wish, but if you have to allow them then please limit them to a small area where there damage can be minimized and please provide complete protection for those areas where shorebirds and turtles nest. If you don't make specific inclusions for the protection of wildlife, then they will all die out eventually. I hope that is not what you want.

Sincerely, A Canadian lover of US National Parks

Correspondence ID: 3990 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the shoreline creatures from off road vehicles.. We need to leave some space for animals and this is one of them.

Correspondence ID: 3991 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow beach driving on the Cape Hatteras sea shore. Instead of allowing beach driving you need to provide protection for wildlife and vehicle free areas for wildlife to nest.

Correspondence ID: 3992 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: For the preservation of wildlife that is so important to our ecosystems as the as beauty and enjoyment these species provide, it is imperative that our special regulations be imposed to keep off-road vehicles off these areas. These vehicles destroy nesting areas of many types of water fowl whose habitats are throughout these waterways. Off-road vehicles are often driven by careless persons who have no regard for nature. These vehicles create unnecessary pollution and noise which frightens these poor creatures. The careless drivers run over and destroy their eggs and nesting areas.

Correspondence ID: 3993 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras is one of the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach habitat on the Atlantic coast, and is a national treasure visited by millions of Americans.

It is also home to nesting shore birds and sea turtles who are threatened by off-road vehicle (ORV) use along beaches.

During critical seasons, it is important to curb off-road vehicles to allow these species the space to grow and fledge.

Plummeting populations of protected wildlife species at Cape Hatteras are starting to recover thanks to increased management protections from the National Park Service (NPS).

However, these protections are temporary while NPS prepares a final ORV management regulation. The regulation is nearly completed, but the current draft lacks the critical wildlife protections that have helped species like the piping plover and loggerhead sea turtle.

As an occasional visitor to the Cape Hatteras area, I ask the NPS add specific protections for wildlife and pedestrian visitors into the ORV regulation to ensure wildlife recovery continues and that the safety of all visitors is protected.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3994 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sir, with growing population serving as a threat to a vanishing inventory of "natural Places" in our country I feel it is imperative that policies and procedures are put in place to insure that future generations of Americans have the opportunity to enjoy nature in its virgin state. I've been to many National Parks throughout the country and there is no greater feeling of wonderment, beauty, and respect of what our land offers. Please take all the necessary steps to insure what natural area's still exist in the United States stay that way for a greater appreciation of exactly what this country is. America The Beautiful. To neglect these natural resources would deprive citizens of what is rightfully ours. Thank you, James M. Pjura

Correspondence ID: 3995 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: "I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and spec

Correspondence ID: 3996 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help the birds and wildlife in Areas of National Park System: Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Correspondence ID: 3997 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3998 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 3999 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Assigning human recreation a higher priority over wildlife is not the stewardship our values demand. Decisions must be scientifically based, and the standards must be enforceable.

Correspondence ID: 4000 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I'm shocked that the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore that does NOT protect wildlife nesting areas.

What are you thinking?

What could be more important: polluting the environment with loud machines for nothing but pleasure, or protecting innocent wildlife who depend on our kindness to survive?

Please, we only have one Earth to pass down to our children's children.

Let's take care of it, okay?

Appreciating your consideration of this crucial issue, Dr. A. Goodwin

Correspondence ID: 4001 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep ORV's Off the beach, So there is safety For the animals

Correspondence ID: 4002 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: When I go to a beach it is for the beauty and tranquility that Mother Nature provides, not to smell, hear or see OVRs' or the aftermath of damage they cause.

In addition to the damage that those vehicles cause, they disrupt peace of mind and calm as well.

OVR enthusiast can do what other specialty types of driving enthusiast do; build tracks suited to their specific vehicles sport and drive them there.

Correspondence ID: 4003 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the wild life from off road vehicles. There are plenty of areas that they can ride to their heart's content, and leave the beaches for the endangered sea turtles, birds, etc. If we continue not protecting the wildlife there will not be any left for future generations to enjoy. Life is hard enough without wildlife to enjoy. Please think of our children and their children.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4004 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Julia A Dugan

Correspondence ID: 4005 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off road vehicles to disturb bird nesting sites on Cape Hatteras

Correspondence ID: 4006 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

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Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 4007 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please help the birds and turtles

Correspondence ID: 4008 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must preserve the wildlife area of Hatteras in the Carolinas so that those that survive can continue to nurture their newborn and not have offroad vehicles destroying what nature has given us.

Correspondence ID: 4009 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect shorebirds and wildlife on our shorelines. Protect nesting areas to ensure wildlife for future generations. Thank you.

Janie Martinez

Correspondence ID: 4010 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Seashore.

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4011 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to do what we can to protect wildlife. There are plenty of places for off-road vehicles that do not interfere with animals who need the shoreline.

Correspondence ID: 4012 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep strong protection for wildlife in place at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Protections from all vehicles should extend the entire length of the Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 4013 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a marine scientist and one who makes frequent use of our nation's beaches for recreational as well as educational purposes, I oppose unregulated offroad vehicle use that threaten shorebirds, sea turtles and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4014 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep motorized vehicles off of our precious national seashore beaches.

Correspondence ID: 4015 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: A persons personal pleasure should never come at the expense of someone elses life be it human or animal. I believe that when it comes to wildlife we humans think it so much less important than other items on our agenda. In so doing, we take much less time to consider the real ramifications of our actions/decisions. Please take TIME to consider the ramifications.

Correspondence ID: 4016 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is REALLY easy to be a caring person...jusat remember that there is all kinds of wildlife around you. You SHOULD take care to not hurt the wildlife by being careless.

Correspondence ID: 4017 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Use of any off-road vehicle in national parks, national forests, and protected habitat areas has been granted too widely. When I am enjoying such spaces the last thing I want is to have people riding around on ATVs, motocross vehicles, or off-road vehicle.

There are legitimate reasons for some use of such vehicles for emergency response and upkeep, but it should be very tightly

restricted, not only for the pleasure of people using the spaces, but to limit the damage to landscape they tend to cause. Trail creation is a recognized phenomenon that can be bad with nothing but hikers in an area. Powered vehicles, especially driven by people who aren't paying attention to the land, make the problem a lot worse.

Thank you for your help in preserving our land.

Correspondence ID: 4018 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thank you for offering us the chance to submit our opinions.

I strongly believe that at least half of the Seashore must be declared off-limits to any vehicular traffic. There are many more places for driving than there are for birds and turtles to breed.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 4019 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4020 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am writing because I am concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

ORV use at the Seashore needs to be regulated or the strides made toward increasing populations of Piping Plovers, Sea Turtles and Shorebirds will most likely be lost.

The proposed plan only sets aside 26 out of 67 total miles for year round wildlife and pedestrian use.

Wildlife protection must be made mandatory or it will never be enforced. Please revise this plan to include explicit protection for the wildlife at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank-you

Correspondence ID: 4021 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please protect wildlife from off road vehicles using science / not desire or profit. Great wildlife habitat will be better for tourism in the long run.

Correspondence ID: 4022 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

Correspondence ID: 4023 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4024 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Fauna and flora must rely on us for protection from the powerful and often destructive technologies that we've created.

We must be stewards of the remaining wildlife and natural habitat. Standards of conduct for humans must be established because thoughtless or reckless applications of our technologies may destroy wildlife directly or indirectly by disturbing habitat.

Penalties for reckless or willful destruction of wildlife and habitat by OTV/ATV users must be set and enforced.

Thank you for your consideration. Linda C. Langlitz

Correspondence ID: 4025 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is well documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations.

On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

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Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4026 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Re:Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001)

I visit the Hatteras seashore as well as other National Seashore sites. My feeling is that this draft does not adequately protect sensitive species from offroad vehicular traffic. There should be a portion of the seashore designated off limits to such traffic, and the portions so designated should be selected on scientific evaluation of the resident species. Also, the prohibition of offroad traffic should be enforceable. Finally, I feel that there should be routes specified for offroad vehicles, much like the routes in place in Cape Cod National Seashore. Restricting traffic in these ways will help preserve and restore the seashore so that my grandchildren (and beyond) will be able to enjoy the same wild scenery and lesser-seen wildlife which are endemic to this environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

Sincerely, Frank Wilson

Correspondence ID: 4027 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The wildlife should be kept a priority. Why should the habitat and wildlife suffer when they were there first, all for the unnecessary needs of humans. How much more of this earth do we need to lose before we realize how valuable it is.

Correspondence ID: 4028 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This area should be strictly off limits to recreation or any other moving vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 4029 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: These shorebirds must be protected. Stop offroad vehicles from trammeling our beaches and shorebird nesting areas. Nobody needs to drive there and these birds are decreasing at an alarming rate. Save our birds and our beautiful planet Earth.

Correspondence ID: 4030 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please know I appreciate this chance to comment on the Park Service proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The 7 national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean are literally the last of wild and open, undeveloped beach on the US eastern seacoast. These ecologically vital areas do not just protect habitat for threatened, rare & endangered wildlife. They literally are last best places where citizens can visit a wild beach place that connects to our ancestral experiences on this continent.

ORV use impairs park resources, as should be evident by now. Diminished access & increased safety hazards for strolling visitors together with further wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. Conversely, wildlife protections are known to work, and work well. In the past few years the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers near nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

Correspondence ID: 4031 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Horrible Idea! One goes to our pristine wild or wetlands to avoid all the noise and pollution of the rest of the world. Yes, these lands are for the use of everyone, but not for anyone to despoil and wreak havoc upon. NO, a million times and million time NO!

Correspondence ID: 4032 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As a concerned member of Defenders of Wildlife and dedicated environmental advocate, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gregory P. Kardell

Correspondence ID: 4033 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The region was defined by hurricanes over the past 1,000 years, so the human development of the region is prone to continued assaults as the planet warms. Still the beauty of the coast and the coastal waters require our immediate attention so that nature can be preserved with mitigation for our interference. Act now!

Correspondence ID: 4034 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In reference to the ORV regulations for Cape Hatteras National Seashore that the Park Service is in the process of making final:

As you are aware, the current draft lacks wildlife protections for shore birds and sea turtles. The temporary protections of the past several years have allowed such endangered species as piping plovers and loggerhead turtles to rebound. This would seem to be a compelling reason to continue this protection.

Undoubtedly the Park Services has its reasons for not limiting -- or banning -- ORV's in the Seashore, but the presence of off road vehicles -- we're talking about gasoline powered vehicles roaring around in the dunes, tearing up vegetation, creating an environment in which the creatures native to this place cannot exist.... not to mention making it impossible for Me to take a walk in peace... how is this in keeping with the mandate of the Park Service?

If the goal is to entice people who otherwise will not come to the Seashore, I think there are better ways..

Thank you, Elizabeth Gilchrist

Correspondence ID: 4035 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I recently had the pleasure of vacationing near the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and was appalled at the number and size of the vehicles allowed to drive on the beach among turtle and bird nesting sites. I was so dismayed that I wanted to write a letter to the governor of North Carolina to complain. There were no other people using the beach except these ORVers, and no wonder: use of the beach by pedestrian beach-goers would have been most unpleasant. I can't imagine how it is for the nesting birds and turtles. It isn't like they can't carry their fishing and picnicking stuff through the designated drive-through areas, which are among the fragile dunes -- reason enough to prohibit them altogether.

I was happy to hear that the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, until I learned that the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

These restrictions will fall short of what they should be doing to protect wildlife -- there is no reason any vehicle except emergency Park Service vehicles, should be on the beach.

Please address this before these wild places are no sanctuary for anyone.

Correspondence ID: 4036 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Add specific protections for wildlife and pedestrian visitors into the ORV regulation to ensure wildlife recovery continues and that the safety of all visitors is protected. the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

The Park Service has omitted buffers and other wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. wildlife protections work.

THANK YOU.

Correspondence ID: 4037 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I is important to preserve Cape Hatteras National Seashore and area of our Nationa Park System.

Correspondence ID: 4038 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Plummeting populations of protected wildlife species at Cape Hatteras are starting to recover thanks to increased management protections from the National Park Service (NPS). However, these protections are temporary while NPS prepares a final ORV management regulation. The regulation is nearly completed, but the current draft lacks the critical wildlife protections that have helped species like the piping plover and loggerhead sea turtle.

Correspondence ID: 4039 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We should be looking to further restrict the use of ORVs and other fossil fuel burning vehicles as much as possible. The direct damage from the use of these vehicles can take decades to remedy, even skilled operators will cause severe destruction of fragile

soil structures and whole ecosystems. As a former motorcyclist that has seen the devastation caused by irresponsible use of ATVs, I would like to see the recreational use of ORVs restricted to as little space as possible, there are healthier and more environmentally friendly ways to enjoy nature. Do not allow any use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 4040 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, WILDLIFE PROTECTION WORKS. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Correspondence ID: 4041 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please preserve the nesting grounds of the sea turtles and piping palover, by making the beaches safe from off-road vehicles. I've engaged in off-roading on beaches when I was young, and know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that such use destroys natural habitats and nesting areas.

There's no "brains" to driving an offroad vehicle. the "fun" is in chewing up dunes and grasslands, blasting though creeks and estuaries, spitting up clods of sod and grass with the knobby tires. To "protect" such infantile and childish "fun" as compared to preserving the natural habitat of endangered species, or any species, for that matter, seems to me a foolish choice. Of course, the Jeep corporation and the Land Rover corporation and the Honda 4x4 ATV manufacturers will disagree, and I'm sure will line your pockets with gold to get you to vote otherwise.

There is a money right and a moral right at work here. How will you sleep at night? Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4042 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Dear National Park System at Cape Hatteras: Since the hurricane Irene has made an exclusive mess of Carolina coast I would suspect sand is everywhere and it will take awhile for power to come on line. Now that there has been numerous power problems with gas burners and oil burners for this upcoming fall/ winter I would hope that North Carolina would look at energy alternatives and not go back to the original ways of heating their homes. This hurricane Irene is Mother Nature's reply to the exhausting heat in the south and mid west and west where rain has been the relief but too much in a short time. Maybe one of your state's government officials have put this jigsaw puzzle together to advance your state as a sate of the future. As far as wildlife refuge is concerned drilling iin their refuge is not an option although not enforced stop and think of your self as water wildlife and what would be your greatest fear ie drilling for oil, gas, coal or nuclear power next to your house and if no result try in another part of your state leaving apparatus behind. The Cape Hatteras National Shoreline should be restored as much as possible asking wildlife experts for assistance but not endangering of the animals who make Cape Hatteras their home for the winter. Sincerely, judy wisboro jwdem@ao.com

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Correspondence ID: 4043 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Dear Supt. Murray,

I am writing to express my concern about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding.

Should the current plan to expand ORV use across the Seashore be allowed to go ahead, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	4044	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Sea turtles need all the protections they can get along with many bird species. Off road vehicle use should give way to the welfare of our dwindling wild species. Wildlife protection is a much higher priority for our government than providing areas for humans to "drive" vehicles. Let Americans learn to walk and smell the roses again!						

Correspondence ID:	4045	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Do the right thing, please.						

Correspondence ID:	4046	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	"I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.						

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific

Correspondence ID:	4047	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	bEING A PERSON WHO LIVES IN PLYMOUTH WE HAVE VERY STRICT RULES WITH REGARD TO PEOPLE USING THE OUTER BEACH AND PROTECTING THE BIRDS AND THEIR NESTING AREAS WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT.						

THEY ARE JUST NOT ALLOWED TO GO THERE. SO YOU ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER GREAT PARTS OF THE BEACH TO DO YOUR STUFF

Correspondence ID: 4048 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: For the health of the humans, and more importantly for the health of the creatures that inhabit the beaches, make people walk ! or jog or run or if disabled go in a motorized wheelchair.

Correspondence ID: 4049 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a an avid RVer who has enjoyed many of our National Parks and Federal Lands. I do not feel that these areas are afforded enough protection. Lack of funds is certainly an issue and does make law enforcement difficult. I have felt intimidated and in danger of injury in various places when walking or hiking when ORV's are allowed. There are plenty of places where folks can enjoy their ORV recreation; I do not agree that they should be allowed in our National Parks or Seashores. There are so few places to go to enjoy nature in a natural state, why allow a few to take over those places? If they were to prohibited entirely then enforcement of regulations would be much easier.

Correspondence ID: 4050 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on our seashores' beaches.

Your proposed regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore do little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

Where is the mandate or specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers? You are reserving just 26 miles of beach for wildlife year-round and setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving?!?! All it takes is one wrong step by an animal into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

Instead of this misguided proposal, I think you should support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4051 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration Jacki Fromme, Sausalito, CA

Correspondence ID: 4052 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Protect the outer banks.

Correspondence ID: 4053 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Off road vehicle drivers are a small portion of those who visit Cape Hatteras National Seashore each year. I wish to speak up for all of the piping plovers, sea turtles, sea and shore birds and all of the other wildlife that relies on this region by insisting that the Department of Parks and Recreation protect their habitat.

Correspondence ID: 4054 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Machines should NOT rule in wildlife areas.

Correspondence ID: 4055 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4056 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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Correspondence ID:	4057	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The proposed regulation for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.						

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

Correspondence ID:	4058	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	PLEASE HELP!!!						

Correspondence ID:	4059	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of Seashore beach. The entire area should be closed to beach driving.

If the Park Service does not close the entire Seashore to beach driving, then I urge you to include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians in the regulation. I support non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, and this is simply not acceptable. Please add buffers and other specific, mandatory wildlife protections to the regulation. I urge you to include science-based protections for all natural resources that strictly adhere to the "Highest Degree of Protection" as outlined in the USGS Protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Correspondence ID:	4060	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	"I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.						

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However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and spec

Correspondence ID:	4062	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am commenting on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean not only protect habitats for rare wildlife, but represent the last places where Americans can visit wild beach environments.						

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources, causing increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers.

The Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act to conserve the scenery of the seashore. To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

The regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural

heritage for future generations."

Correspondence ID: 4063 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Many of the threatened species that depend on the lands along Cape Hatters may be severely impacted if ORV's are allowed to have free range. It is important to continue the protective efforts that have been established. I urge you to limit the ORV's use. Thank you for your consideration to this important habitat! Sincerely, Michelle Mitchell

Correspondence ID: 4064 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: When I lived on Kauai, the utility company and gov't agencies cooperated with the fledgling season of the endangered Shearwaters by turning off lights that would affect and confuse the new fledglings on their first flights to sea - about a 3 month time period. Surely there must be a way to compromise with the off roaders to stay out of the nesting site areas during nesting season. Please work toward making this a win-win situation. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4065 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please limit ORV use in Cape Hatteras National Seashore, set aside substantial vehicle-free areas, designate ORV routes, and specify enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians.

ORV use impairs park resources (e.g., diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, increased wildlife mortality, dwindling populations). On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, at least half of the beach (33.5 miles) should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Again, please limit ORV use in Cape Hatteras National Seashore, set aside substantial vehicle-free areas, designate ORV routes, and specify enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4066 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have to preserve our natural resources. There is a place for everything. Animals have to be able to live in protected areas. Allowing ATV's in breeding areas is a crime against nature. Please stop these crimes against our environment.

Correspondence ID: 4067 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4068 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 4069 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please release funds (and obtain new ones!) to restore our national treasure, Cape Hatteras National Seashore after the havoc wrought by Hurricane "Irene". Not only is it a magnet for vacationers from all over the US, but it is an invaluable preserve and habitat for many of our native marine and littoral animals and birds.

Correspondence ID: 4070 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4071 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I believe ORV should be banned from use on the Cape Hatteras National seashore. It is disruptive and, unnecessary and a

danger to the habitat.

Correspondence ID: 4072 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please limit or ban ORV use! People need peace and quiet, and animals need sanctuary.

Correspondence ID: 4073 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Subject: Prevent Vehicle Death in Cape Hatteras

Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. The impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

NPS's proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. PLEASE support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you for your attention and considerations, VLouie

Correspondence ID: 4074 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore represents one of the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the US Atlantic Coast. It protects habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, and represents one of the last places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of early settlers.

ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. Conversely, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have rebounded, with some reproducing in record numbers. Under that plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

The Park Service has omitted these buffers in its proposed regulation, falling short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Hence, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes AND specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

The Park Service must also set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. 26 of 67 total miles of beach is not adequate. If ORV use is to be allowed at all, a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work of the Park Service in preserving our wild lands.

Correspondence ID: 4075 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions each year. The impacts of unrestricted off road vehicle (ORV) use has taken an awful toll on the already threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

OPPOSE UNRESTRICTED OFF ROAD VEHICLE USE THAT IS THREATENING SEA TURTLES, SHORDBIRDS AND OTHER WONDERFUL WILDLIFE.

The proposed regulation now in effect Does not mandate any specific measures to do this protecting and clearly is not working.

A temporary plan that limits ORV use near protectrd wildlife nesting areas appears to however be working.

Which one do you think should be put into place?

Correspondence ID: 4076 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4077 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As I have often observed with the vast majority of operators of off-road-vehicles, they have the attitude that just because they can travel through an area, regardless of the terrain, they somehow have the right to do so. To the contrary, I strongly feel these vehicles need to be severely restricted or they will be even worse when it comes to going places they're not supposed to and causing undue harm to wildlife and its habitat.

Correspondence ID: 4078 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Re: Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future

generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Correspondence ID: 4079 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

The human population, with rampant greed, is devouring our once pristine planet. All of the natural world is being carelessly squandered, regarded as only a resource to fulfill our whims, and insatiable appetites. There is no area left that doesn't require protection from these appetites that seemingly can never be satiated. What other species of animals, trying only to exist on this planet now infested by homo sapiens, can survive in the long term? If not for the sakes of fairness, ethics, and compassion, then at the very least, for the sake of the preservation for our own descendants, the voracious greed of the human species must be held in check by heads that have the wisdom to do the right thing by all the earth's innocent species, that seek only to survive in a dire competition with the craven demands of an ever more desirous humanity. As if in a lifeboat lost at sea, with only a limited tin of rations, someone has to keep ourselves from finishing off, in a matter of moments, these rations that must somehow still last for the rest of eternity.

Protected wildlife at Cape Hatteras National Seashore are so deeply at risk because humans destroy their natural habitats and demand these lands for their own uses (ORVs, for example). They have no voice, no power to resist the crushing demands of our wanton race.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

The proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 4080 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife for example shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I most definitely support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently stands, the proposed regulations treats wildlife protection as option, which is unacceptable. Revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

I thank you in advance for the time you dedicate to ensuring that our wildlife comes first and is protected for future generations to enjoy.

It is our duty to protect our wildlife and habitat.

Sincerely yours

Correspondence ID: 4081 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Really need to stop killing baby sea turtles. There are few enough of them as it is.

Correspondence ID: 4082 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am deeply concerned about NPS's proposed plan regarding off-road vehicle use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The temporary plan currently in place has allowed a significant increase in threatened species of sea turtles and shorebirds there. Off-road vehicle use should not be expanded now, or these threatened species will certainly face devastating declines.

The permanent park service plan currently pending seems to focus more on protecting ORV drivers than wildlife by setting aside only 26 miles of the shore for pedestrians and wildlife. This is unacceptable.

Any plan must at a minimum cement the current temporary buffer zones and should also lay out other explicit protections for piping plovers and sea turtles that need Cape Hatteras National Seashore in order to survive. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Layne Tisdell Martin

Correspondence ID: 4083 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: "I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." This flaw must be remedied. No ORV's would be preferable. thank-you

Correspondence ID: 4084 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: So terrible to make these creatures suffer in ways that are so needless.

Please keep these creatures safe.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4085 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORVs do not belong in an area such as The Cape Hatteras National Seashore due to the fragile nature of the environment there and the need to protect said environment, including the beaches and the birds from erosion and harassment. This is a place for people to come to enjoy the peace of the wind, waves, calls of the birds not to hear the roar of ORVs! One should be able to walk here without interference by vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 4086 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: "I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and

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Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5

Correspondence ID: 4087 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4088 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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The regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas - only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This is not a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach (33.5 miles) should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you for helping to preserve Cape Hatteras!

Correspondence ID: 4089 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Opening the entire National Seashore to off road vehicles threatens the public's use and enjoyment of Cape Hatteras.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4090 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: "I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

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Correspondence ID: 4091 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mariam Shah-Rais

Correspondence ID: 4092 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration

Correspondence ID:	4093	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Considering that Cape Hatteras National Seashore was just hit by a hurricane, it would be prudent to NOT allow ORV's anywhere in the area. The dunes need to recover and they cannot do that if ORV's are roaming over them. Also, there are not enough rangers to police the area in question. Please DO NOT PERMIT THE USE OF ORV'S AT CAPE HATTERAS!						
Correspondence ID:	4094	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Since the Hurricane on August 28, the beaches are terribly battered. They will need a long time to recover and having vehicle traffic of any sort on them is unnecessary and dangerous to the wildlife and the recovery of the beach grasses and other plants to hold the sand in place. Please do not allow vehicles on the beaches or in the other off road areas of the parks!						
Correspondence ID:	4095	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I live in Neah Bay on the Makah Reservation. We have a lot of issues with off-road vehicles tearing up our dunes and actual burial sites! Please do whatever you can to stop the abuse of these vehicles.						
Correspondence ID:	4096	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	All parks should have special regulations. People get away with too much in this country. Killing wildlife is no joke. thank you Cathy Staniunas						
Correspondence ID:	4097	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Name:	private						
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Correspondence:	I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.						
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I grew up in Eastern North Carolina and have returned to Buxton and Hatteras many times (including this September) over the last 60 years. There must be a limit to human impact on the land and the creatures as development always threatens.

Thank you,

Ann & phil Jordan

Correspondence ID:	4100	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect our wildlife and keep motorized vehicles off the sand.						
Correspondence ID:	4101	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please restrict use of mvoing vehicles! Nature's struggling to continue to exist. Humans can give birds a break this time.						
Correspondence ID:	4102	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I hate off road vehicles. They should be banned by everyone everywhere. They do nothing but destroy the topsoil of land so put an end to it at Cape Hatteras National Seashore						
Correspondence ID:	4103	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Protect Cape Hatteras shore from off road vehicles!						
Correspondence ID:	4104	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	As a long time North Carolina resident, I've spent many happy days at our beaches, and still think that the Cape Hatteras area is by far the best place to spend time when down at the coast. I've been going down there since i was 17, and never tire of its' beauty, tranquility, and of course the wonderful beaches! I don't think that ORV's have a place on these beaches - people walking and enjoying the beauty of the coast, the waves, and the sandy coastline are why we love this area! Please, please don't let these ORV's endanger the wildlife in this magnificent area - the wildlife is a huge part of this area, and like so many treasures that nature provides for us, we have the responsibility to keep it beautiful for years to come. Coastal North Carolina needs our help, and we will join in the fight to preserve this very special part of our state! No ORV's - None! I will do my part and pass this along to all of my friends, who feel the same way about the value of our lovely coast!!						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Austin Spooner

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This should be a no brainer!

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

Sincerely, Carol Coe Kansas City MO

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow ATVs on the shore of Cape Hatteras National Seashore and threaten nesting shorebirds and other creatures. There is such little undeveloped habitat left for our feathered and nonfeathered friends that they have so little protected open space to breed and nest and raise their young. It is our duty as compassionate stewards to protect them at all cost. Survival allows outways recreation or at least it ought to. Can we not as a humane and highly developed species demonstrate compassion and love for our lesser co-inhabitants of our world? We must speak and act for these creatures because they cannot and their survival is so precarious and fragile. Thank You. Bob Deacy

Correspondence ID: 4112 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please include provisions to safeguard wildlife, such as birds and nesting sea turtles, in the National Park Service's plan for ORV use at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Wildlife should be the most important, rather than the least important, consideration. As a member of the National Parks Conservation Association and also of Defenders of Wildlife, I urge you to take care of the irreplaceable natural aspects of this beautiful park and not let the desires of a few ORV enthusiasts trump the desires of the many who enjoy the natural aspects of the park. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4113 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: O.R.V. should be banned period. They serve no useful purpose other than cause damage to the environment due to careless

operation from those people who believe they can do what ever it is they want to, damn be the costs. The so called right that these same people demand, doesn't do the rest of the people any positive result[s]. They are a minority, they need to realize that the world isn't their oyster to do with what they want, even to the detriment of the flora & fauna as well as other humans.

Correspondence ID: 4114 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please save the natural beauty of this site.

Correspondence ID: 4115 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

Regarding the proposed regulation on ORVs on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I am writing to tell you that this is our responsibility to enact. Human population will continue to increase and therefore more conflicts with wildlife will arise. Our technology makes it easy to wipe away the dead animals and distract ourselves as to never notice their suffering and ultimate decline. This World is our home and without the animals it is simply dying place. Please do all you can to expand and enforce this regulation. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please do not allow off road vehicles to go on the seashore as they could endanger birds , the nests and the chicks, Thank you.						

Correspondence ID:	4120	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Robert Sotak

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am uncertain why anyone would NEED to drive on this beach in the first place. It seems to me that if you want to view this beach it should be on foot so that you may witness the many wonders of nature. If you are driving on it then you will miss these wonders as well as perhaps destroy them. I think that NO MOTOR VEHICLES should be allowed on this beach or any other beach for that matter. I believe beaches were made for walking, not driving.						

In this day and age we need to slow down and enjoy what has been given to us, not whiz by and miss it! Come on people! Common sense should tell everyone in this country or the whole world that life is already too short - take a walk on the wild side America, we could all use the exercise I'm sure!

Correspondence ID:	4122	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	ORV need to be banned!! They are bad for the wildlife, the air & the land in general....go play somewhere else please....Thank you						

Correspondence ID: 4123 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4124 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Mr Murray,

We visit Cape Hatteras at least once or twice every year.

The shoreline is becoming less and less attractive, and even, not pleasant at all, because of the off road vehicles. We almost got hit by one that had a distracted driver.

In addition, being bird watchers and nature lovers, it has been sad to see the needless destruction of nests etc. It certainly is not as attractive as it once was. We spend a great deal of money on holiday there.

Please help preserve a great asset.

Norm Mackay

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This has been on my mind for a long time. Recreational vehicles, boats, etc wreak havoc on our wildlife and environment constantly. These people have no regard for the creatures or environment that they destroy. They don't realize the terror and destruction they are creating with these vehicles. And the sad part is, they either don't realize they're doing it or at worst, THEY DONT CARE!!! It's time for a lot of education regarding this situation. The earth isn't their exclusive playpen to destroy. How would they like it if someone were to do that to their home??? They would be screaming their heads off abt it and demanding that it stop!! The problem is, the creatures and environment that they terrorize can't call for them to stop. We concerned individuals are their only voice! I suggest that everyone who buys any type of recreational vehicle be required to watch a film abt this. Maybe then they would have a little respect for the flora and fauna of our world! As the old saying goes, you don't realize what you have until you don't have it anymore. As humans, we've already driven countless species to extinction. It's abt time we got our act together and started doing things right, instead of simply doing what pleases us. Thank you for your attention re this message.

Correspondence ID: 4127 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: In order for wildlife to survive and thrive, they need special protections. If left unchecked, some people can cause serious and permanent damage to the local ecology that will effect all of our descendants.

Please bear in mind that there are no second chances; for if we lose these creatures, they will be gone forever.

Thank you.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cars do not belong on a beach.

Correspondence ID: 4131 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Driving on the beach is bad for the dunes too. It should be illegal at Cape Hatteras as it is here in Hawaii.

Correspondence ID: 4132 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The use of off-road vehicles lays waste to park resources, limits access, increases safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with threatening wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, because of wildlife protection around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers.

These vital resources of Earth must be protected.

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration. I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

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However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein ...and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both

ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and others in the regulation.

Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural herit

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: In regards to your final ORV management regulation I ask that you please include critical wildlife protections that have helped species like the piping plover and loggerhead sea turtle.

Correspondence ID: 4136 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The use of vehicles in these areas is harmful to many forms of wildlife, including sea turtles. Please help protect the habitats of these beautiful and important species whose habitat and mating patterns are threatened by off human activity, especially off road vehicles. Thank you, Dr. Christopher Foster

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Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow unrestricted off road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore park> It endangers shorebirds, sea turtles and other wildlife. Thanks very much for your consideration.

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Correspondence: The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments.

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Please serve the majority, and preserve what little decent space we have left.

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

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Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Our wildlife has shared the brunt of oil spills, water and air pollution and now off-road vehicles becoming a danger to their nesting grounds and habitat. Please recognize the severity of these vehicles causing death and injury to these birds and animals.

Correspondence ID: 4142 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. When is the federal government going to realize that caving into special interests who want to destroy native areas is going to ruin habitat and eradicate wildlife and it will not be there for future generations.

But they will have a kick ass off road track won't they. Wow. Something to be proud of.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

The proposed regulations does little to protect wildlife and nesting areas.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep the ORV off the seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean. We really do not need to be blasting around the beaches scaring & killing off wildlife, interfering with people enjoying the beauty & serenity of of the eastern seashore. Keep the vehicles on the road where they belong & get those people off their lazy butts & go for a walk which will not infringe on any wildlife or people on the beach!! Thanks for listening & get something done. Sincerely, Maureen Finlon

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely Joseph A. Owen

Correspondence ID: 4148 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am against providing a designated area for orv's to ride, you are taking wildlife habitat away from the wildlife. Wildlife keeps getting pushed closer and closer to the brink of trouble every day, your proposal would help speed that up. Please do not allow this to pass.

Correspondence ID: 4149 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why would you let these idiots trample the small birds and pristine coast line?????

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please add protections for endangered wildlife along the shores of Hatterass, especially during their breeding season, when the turtles come ashore to lay their eggs, etc. How people could be so irresponsible as to drive over shore birds and nesting turtles is shocking! Off road vehicles just do not belong where wildlife is nesting, if the drivers are this insensitive! My guess is that in

some cases, beach parties with excessive beer consumption could be contributing to these things. Could off road vehicles at least be prohibited during the breeding season? Please take steps to see that these creatures are better protected that to be run down by vehicles as they are trying nest. thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4152 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore needs more protection for the continued abundance and safety of the sea turtles , shorebirds and other flora and fauna .

Correspondence ID: 4153 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not permit off road vehicles. This would kill wild life.

Correspondence ID: 4154 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles not only pollute the air more than conventional cars but they ruin the environment they drive through.

Correspondence ID: 4155 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no public interest reason to permit off road vehicles to operate within the environmentally sensitive regions of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. In fact, I am confident that there is a statutory and regulatory reason to NOT allow them. Off road vehicle use other than for park maintenance is inherently and unavoidably damaging to the environment and the species endemic to the seashore area. It also interferes with the enjoyment and appreciation of the park by the rest of the public for whose benefits the area is managed and protected. There are places in the system of public lands where off road vehicles area appropriately allowed to operate -- but this is definitely not one of them.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: As one of the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach habitat on the Atlantic coast, Cape Hatteras is a national treasure visited by millions of Americans. It is also home to nesting shore birds and sea turtles who are threatened by off-road vehicle (ORV) use along beaches. During these critical seasons, it is important to curb off-road vehicles to allow these species the space to grow and fledge.

Plummeting populations of protected wildlife species at Cape Hatteras are starting to recover thanks to increased management protections from the National Park Service (NPS). However, these protections are temporary while NPS prepares a final ORV management regulation. The regulation is nearly completed, but the current draft lacks the critical wildlife protections that have helped species like the piping plover and loggerhead sea turtle.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: When you save the parks; you save our planets.

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please stop driving over the seashore and ruining it for the birds. I'm sure folks can find someplace else to drive and have fun. This is their home. Leave them in peace and quiet.

Thank you

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As birders my husband and I have visited numerous units in the National Park Service, including Cape Hatteras. The whole reason we come to these natural areas is to observe the birds and other wildlife in as pristine a wilderness setting as is practical. Off-road vehicles destroy this experience, not only for us as observers but for the very birds and other wildlife (not to mention the plants and topography) that we have come to observe. The birds and wildlife depend on the ecosystem to be as undisturbed as possible, and this is not even remotely feasible in the presence of off-road vehicles. The only real answer is to close all of the beach area to off-road vehicles - this is the only way to preserve the ecosystem for the birds and other animals that depend on it.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	I am completely opposed to allowing off-road vehicles in any area that wildlife reside in. Off-road vehicles should be used for one thing and one thing only--search and rescue. Using them to scour and gouge the land for no other reason than a perverse belief that they are "FUN" makes me ill. When are we ever going to evolve as a species and learn to live aside and respect other life?						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of Seashore beach. The entire area should be closed to beach driving.

If the Park Service does not close the entire Seashore to beach driving, then I urge you to include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians in the regulation. I support non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, and this is simply not acceptable. Please add buffers and other specific, mandatory wildlife protections to the regulation. I urge you to include science-based protections for all natural resources that strictly adhere to the "Highest Degree of Protection" as outlined in the USGS Protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches. Please stop the permits and protect the wildlife in this fragile and important area. Thanks.

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Correspondence: The area along these shorelines is home to many beautiful creatures and we should not be encroaching any further than we must. On foot we can enjoy the shore lines and waters, but there is no need for ORV to access these areas. Animals must be given SOME sanctuary and there are countless other venues for those who enjoy driving on the beach. A line in the sand must be drawn - literally.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras like ALL areas of this country with a remnant of natural wildlife needs protection !! People want recreation and for some that is wasting gasoline by roaring up & down the beach. That is very destructive particularly at some times of the year. Please work out a plan to restrict areas/times when ORVs can be used - "AND INFORCE IT. Explanatory signs in simple language should be posted in the appropriate places with contacts for people to get more knowledge about the area they are using if they are interested.

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Correspondence: Any areas designated for off road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore should be strictly limited to less than 50% of the territory and clearly marked as such. Accordingly, protected areas should not only be clearly marked, but demarcated with physical barriers to protect wildlife from reckless types who will defy mere signs. It is not only wildlife we'll be protecting with such measures, but humans who value a quiet reserve, unpolluted by noise or fumes.

Correspondence ID: 4174 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shore birds and other wildlife. We have so many other places to drive them. Let's think of the animals for a change.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicle use and recreation destroys valuable wild habitat. This should be staunchly opposed on every level.

Thank you for your concern!

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Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations."

Thank you very much for helping to protect one of the Atlantic's last wild seashores! Sea turtles, nesting shorebirds, and future generations of Americans will be grateful for your action.

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Seashore.

I guess I am one of the few who believe that off road vehicles have NO PLACE in any park. Why can't the non motor people have a place to go that does not contain all the entrapments of mankind? Nature is to be enjoyed on its own, not simply a road extension.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I understand that the NPS is considering permitting off-road vehicles (ORV's) to use the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The use of the Seashore by fast, noisy, dangerous vehicles is not a sensible recreational use of the Seashore. ORV's endanger and despoil those things that visitors seek by traveling there, including peace and quiet, but also a chance to see a variety of wildlife. Turtles and many shorebirds, including the endangered Piping Plover, will be harassed and killed by ORV's. As owner of a cottage on a small lake in my area, I know first hand how fast motorboats and jetskis ruin the tranquility of this beautiful spot. The same would happen to Cape Hatteras N.S. Please keep that area off limits to ORV's. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4181 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Without these protections, we stand to lose thousands of nesting, wildlife, such as birds and sea turtles.

Correspondence ID: 4182 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Name: private
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Correspondence: Please keep off-road vehicles away from our National Parks.

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Correspondence: We are at a critical point in the evolution of this great land and country of ours. We need to be forward thinking and start protecting nature or it will ultimately be one of our greatest regrets/mistakes.

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Correspondence: Please lets try and save shore birds and tutles from traffic.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. Please opposed off road unrestricted vehicle use.

Correspondence ID: 4188 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have to stop letting every one with money do what ever they want while abusing our Earth. Haven't we lost enough clean air and forests already. Now the wild life will perish further after hardly any time to recover from the greedy BP company.

When is too much ever going to be enough? I have never seen a sea turtle in the wild. If violation of these beaches continues, I never will. Just stop this foolish abuse of my planet. Stop ending innocent lives. These creatures of the shores are living beings, not disposable ornaments or toys.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please create off road space where it will not interfere with wildlife.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles have ample widespread and diverse venues in which their drivers can play to their hearts' content; the little that remains of critical habitat necessary to sustain wildlife - particularly threatened and endangered species - CANNOT be among them. That this is even a question under consideration is in itself grotesque.

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Correspondence: Save the turtles!

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: My husband and I are adamantly opposed to allowing unrestricted off-road vehicle use on the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore which are the nesting grounds of so many species of wildlife/birds.

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Correspondence: Please don't approve the Canadian tar sands pipeline through Texas.

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Thank you very much,

Jane E Branyan

Correspondence ID: 4201 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. My husband and I enjoy vacationing there and the proposed expanded ORV use could threatend and/or kill the very wildlife we enjoy watching there.

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plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration. Kim Camuso Hudson, NH

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop off road vehicles from killing shoreline wildlife now before it's too late to take action & we've permanently changed the environment for the worse leaving nothing for future generations to enjoy!

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Hackett

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Unless we do something to preserve our natural heritage, we will lose it and it become possible to see what it may have been like only in a zoo. Sometimes the profit is in the experience of seeing nature in its glory and not the bottom line of a budget sheet.

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Correspondence: Please ban ORV use at the shore.

Correspondence ID: 4205 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please add specific protections for wildlife and pedestrian visitors into the ORV regulation to ensure wildlife recovery continues and that the safety of all visitors is protected along the Outer Banks and the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Correspondence: Any activities of this nature need to be regulated and enjoyed as such that it is not putting any wildlife in danger! And it is possible, if we all respect and follow the rules. It's not important enough to do if it is destroying habitat and being disrespectful to the environment.

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Correspondence: There are plenty of other places that people can go off road and you should try to give the wildlife a break. They need protection from greedy people that would destroy all they can for a moment of fun. What happens when everything is gone? What will they destroy next! The animals deserve a place in life too!

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Correspondence: Please speak for those who can't.

Thank You

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Correspondence: Superintendent Murray:

Please re-write your plan to do more to protect wildlife (birds, turtles, etc..) at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This can be accomplished by buffers and other specific protections. If the ORV use across the Seashore is not regulated, these animals as well as others could be very much impacted. More vehicle-free areas are needed. The current 26 of the 67 miles in the Seashore is just not enough to ensure that animals are not harmed and/or killed by recreational users. Superintendent Murray, you have an opportunity to increase this number from 26 to acceptable number - - to at least 40 and preferably 47 - - which will still give the ORV users 20 to 20-plus miles to "play." Protecting wildlife should be more important than ORV usage!

Thank you.

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Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: dont endanger birds for the ease of driving. if u want to use it walk

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Correspondence: Every piece of legislation from 1916 to today has placed the environment ahead of personal enjoyment in the use of the National Park System, yet the attitude persists that the public must have its way when it comes to ORV use.

ORVs do not belong on the beach anywhere, but if they must be on the beach at all, their access should at least be restricted during nesting and fledging seasons.

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of Seashore beach. The entire area should be closed to beach driving.

If the Park Service does not close the entire Seashore to beach driving, then I urge you to include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians in the regulation. I support non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, and this is simply not acceptable. Please add buffers and other specific, mandatory wildlife protections to the regulation. I urge you to include science-based protections for all natural resources that strictly adhere to the "Highest Degree of Protection" as outlined in the USGS Protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

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Current funding for our national parks and preserves is inadequate to maintain their pristine condition, protect them from damage and provide appropriate convenience and safety for those who would use them.

I am grateful for your work to protect and fund our national parks and preserves.

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1. We humans are stewards of our planet. This requires us to protect even small corners. The Cape is already fragile in the face of nature. "Nature is the storehouse of potential life of future generations and is sacred." -- Audrey Shenandoah, ONONDAGA

2. ATV kill humans let alone destroy nature. Have you been acquainted with any family that didn't understand how their child could be dead when they thought that a dangerous vehicle would not be sold to be used by children?

3. Please come down on the side of the greater good for use of the dunes by all of the people and not just the loud selfish joy riders.

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Correspondence: Please make the regulations on offroad vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore as restrictive as necessary to protect wildlife.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: It seems quite evident that we have not treated this earth with the care that the earth deserves, and how many more disasters have to happen before we realize that we need to be kinder to the earth and to the innocent creatures that inhabit this planet.

I hope that you will reconsider allowing ATVs in this National Seashore area, or any National parks for that matter. Thank you.

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Correspondence: It is so important that we protect our seashore environment from heavy traffic caused by off road vehicles. On one of our family vacations we were fortunate to see a turtle migration to the ocean. It was amazing, yet so fragile. We are not trying to ban anyone just allow space for these animals and pedestrians. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in this sensitive matter.a3711a4d5137&locale

Correspondence ID: 4232 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4233 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a regular visitor toCape Hatteras and surrounding areas irequest that you formulate specific regulations which restrict beach driving during all seasons and thus protect wildlife. It is a wildlife reserve so we need to put wildlife first.

Correspondence ID: 4234 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I feel we have to preserve the natural habitat and environment of the coastal areas. Mother Nature does enough damage on her

own; so we need to be very careful about the foot and vehicle traffic that we allow on our beaches. I don't think off road vehicles should be allowed on beaches. They cause too much damage.

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 4235 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As a zoologist and informed vote, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

As would be expected, under the current interim plan protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Given the devastation that hurricane Irene and frequent seasonal storms have caused to the shoreline and surrounding areas, the Park Service needs to err on the side of caution and protect more of our nation's wild heritage for generations to come, starting THIS year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4236 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Future generations should be able to enjoy the same wildlife as we can! Do not allow uncontrolled off road vehicles to destroy the wildlife of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Most people driving these vehicles do not care about wildlife and should not be allowed onto the seashore!!!

Correspondence ID: 4237 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife nesting areas must be protected! In many areas, beach nesting sites are roped off so as to protect them even from casual individuals enjoying the beach. It is unheard of to me that motorized vehicles could be allowed near nesting sites of birds and especially sea turtles. Temporary measures that you have had in place, have encouraged an increase in nesting turtles. Please do not go backwards!!! 26 miles is not enough. Beach nesting areas must be protected and absolutely during nesting periods, motorized vehicles should not be allowed.

Sincerely,

Jean Tabin

Correspondence ID: 4238 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORVs are dangerous the seashore and the animals on the seashore. It's not necessary for people to use the shore for this type of entertainment. It's selfish and it displays a lack of concern for others and our environment. Please do not allow this kind of destruction to continue. Please support additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. We humans can find other ways to entertain ourselves. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4239 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore, In regards to ORV use on your beach: Please use science based research in determining ORV

use. They have their place, but on a national seashore with many threatened species - it should be very restricted. There are many other areas where ORVs can be used, but only a few areas for these animals to nest James Stahl, Biologist

Correspondence ID:	4240	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	These birds have to be saved & not disturbed.						
Correspondence ID:	4241	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						
Correspondence ID:	4242	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please include the critical wildlife protection as has been done in the past to preserve this special habitat.						
Correspondence ID:	4243	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please limit off road vehicle use at cape hatteras and protect wildlife!						
Correspondence ID:	4244	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	It is time to stop the use of ORV in the nesting areas of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						
<p>The current proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. As it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving, this does not protect wildlife adequately.</p> <p>Please change the requirements to more severely limit ORV use.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>							
Correspondence ID:	4245	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Even though the "Drunken Frat Boy" is gone the mentality of all of his buddies still remain. We CAN, we SHOULD and we WILL do better!						
Correspondence ID:	4246	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Good people: please keep off road vehicles from beaches where plovers are breeding and nesting. The off-road vehicles have many choices of where to drive; unfortunately, the plovers do not have all the options the vehicles have, and they could be driven to extinction. Sincerely, Wendy Jerome						
Correspondence ID:	4247	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please ban vehicles entirely from Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches with the exception of emergency and Park service employees to protect wildlife such as nesting shorebirds and sea turtles.						
Correspondence ID:	4248	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						

Correspondence: I want to save the birds!

Correspondence ID: 4249 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please lessen the ORV access proposed to a FAIR 1/3 of the trails! ORV permanently scar nature, make noise far beyond the trail boundaries, ruin visitor's experiences in national parks, leave smog, chase away and kill wildlife, severely disrupt wildlife breeding and feeding, erode soil, and cause endless damage.

I love the Outer Banks and national parks and can't imagine going there anymore if full of ORV's. I already lost interest in Yellowstone due to too many snowmobiles.

Please help wildlife continue to recover, we need biodiversity and natural wealth. Resude ORV access!

Correspondence ID: 4250 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very worried about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be killed in huge quantities and these gains destroyed.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife, and I am wondering why this is. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4251 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please preserve our National Park System - Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 4252 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please craft regulations that include critical wildlife protections

Correspondence ID: 4253 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please make sure the nests and young of the various seabirds in the area are protected from offroad vehicle use! As is human "recreation" such as speedboats, hit and maim or kill peaceful manatees. We have to stop "party" drivers from killing more wildlife!!

Correspondence ID: 4254 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Shorelines and wildlife must be protected!

Correspondence ID: 4255 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 4256 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Surely we have provided enough areas for off road vehicles. I don't think we need to give them freedom to destroy critical habitat.

Correspondence ID: 4257 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off roaders and others should not be allowed to destroy the earth and its wildlife just so they can have their fun.

Correspondence ID: 4258 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Pretty simple really, I oppose all off road vehicle use on public beaches.

One possible exception might be persons covered under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Correspondence ID: 4259 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific,

Correspondence ID: 4260 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4261 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	4263	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Save Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						
Correspondence ID:	4264	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	No off road vehicles!						
Correspondence ID:	4265	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	People can drive their ATVs in non-sensitive areas.						
Correspondence ID:	4266	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Shorebirds have no place else to go. For millenium they have been using these specific areas. For the "jolly" of a few minutes driving on the beach, these nests are destroyed.						
Correspondence ID:	4267	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please, please include strict protection for wildlife and for pedestriians as you work on your regulations for ORVs. I personally do not like to see ORVS on beaches and find them a dangerous distraction when i am at the outer banks						
Correspondence ID:	4268	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am a bird watcher, a hiker and huge fan of our national parks. I have visited Cape Hatteras N. S. and many beaches and shoreline habitat along the east coast of the US. I have seen where Piping Plovers have been properly protected along the shore. I have also watched turtles deposit eggs in areas where beach drivers have come within inches of crushing the eggs (and sadly, probably did after I left). The birds and turtles need our protection! The proposed rule, as it currently reads does NOT GO FAR ENOUGH! Please increase the area of protection to the entire 67 miles of shoreline during the nesting season.						
Correspondence ID:	4269	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am writing to ask that you regulate ORV use at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Wildlife counts show a decline in the native species, including turtles and certain bird species. Cape Hatteras is a national treasure and we need to protect it. Thank you for your consideration.						
Correspondence ID:	4270	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras National Seashore has a lot of natural beauty. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches. I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The current proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. It reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for						

wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4271 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to put in place specific regulations to manage the operations of ORVs within the national seashore. These regulations should be based on solid science and contain specific and enforceable restrictions that protect wildlife and allow beach goers to experience the natural beauty of a vehicle-free national seashore. This is a national seashore; there is a concern that the proposed regulations treat the protection of wildlife as an option, whereas it should be a principal concern. Like any area along a body of water, there should be a buffer area to protect the ocean and also the wildlife areas along the seashore. Please also set aside areas for wildlife and beachgoing uses.

Our national seashores are rare places and special natural areas. Please protect Hatteras from the adverse effects of overuse by ORVs.

I know from our visits to the ocean with our children that witnessing the egg laying and hatching of sea turtles is one of the great natural experiences for young children. It demonstrates our responsibility to our children when we take action to protect these ancient and threatened creatures.

Correspondence ID: 4272 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is imperative to the species that are being effected by off road vehicle damage that off road vehicles should NOT be allowed to access these areas.

Correspondence ID: 4273 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4274 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-

round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

Correspondence ID: 4275 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As a scientist and birdwatcher, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4276 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hi,

I'm very concerned about the trodding on, killing, and injury of wildlife by off-road vehicles.

To my mind, there is no reason to allow this. Although occasional exceptions can of course be made in emergency situations, the leisure and adventure afforded people who enjoy off-road excursions is surely nothing compared with helping to extinguish a species.

Some people just don't think of these things. I like to think of myself as someone who does -- and that you do, too.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Correspondence ID: 4277 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I urge you to oppose unrestricted use of off-road vehicles on beaches and other habitats where wildlife and people are threatened.

Thank you, Kathleen Dwyer

Correspondence ID: 4278 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect nesting birds from off road vehicles.

Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I am American Indian and I live only 8 miles from the Atlantic Ocean and I wish every American citizen will take care of the ocean. God made this ocean for us to enjoy. I rather fish or go swimming in the ocean. This is more natural to be near the ocean, I feel wind blowing knowing God's presence.

Correspondence ID: 4281 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Using Dirty sand tar oil creates more pollution than standard oil wells. The oil company will underprice the cost of pollution as they wont pay. Either canadians will in bad health or the govt. will pay to fix the problem. Most likely some of both, but the full cost will not be reflexed in the price of this oil. then the pipe line will break at some point or leak. The cost of clean up will be limited to miniums like in the gulf. Then refining of the oil will create pollution. But if you don't allow the pipeline, we can build wind and solar energy sources using the money from the pipeline cost and have non-polluting energy for an age!

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Name: private
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Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please restrict off road vehicles from sensitive areas of the national park system. Damage to wildlife habitat is unacceptable.

Off roaders should be encouraged to get out of their vehicles and use their feet while in a park!

Correspondence ID: 4286 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am aware that you will have received a great number of letters regarding the following matter so I will keep mine very brief. My simple request is that you work diligently to ensure the safety such threatened species as piping plovers and sea turtles by keeping off-road vehicles away from inhabited areas of the Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep the National Parks the way our former Presidents wanted them to be. Something for people to visit and see the wonders of nature and the wildlife in the wild.

Correspondence ID: 4289 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ---Sample letter--- Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4290 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I think we should take a minute and think about our responsibilities of altering wild-lives irreversibly. No other species in this planet has 'accomplished such caliber work'. What would this planet become without the Homo sapiens? Probably Eden!

Correspondence ID: 4291 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4292 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: It has begun to be apparent that the government cares nothing for wild life. No matter what it is. More and more animals are being killed/slaughtered because of loss of funding. I think my contribution via taxes should be used to save animals.

If a wolf crosses an invisible line it becomes fair game. No one told this wolf he couldn't leave. Ecology is so messed up it is amazing we are even still here. Please do something to save the animals/mammals that are still left on this planet.

Correspondence ID: 4293 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

I oppose unrestricted off-road vehicle use in areas where it could threaten turtles, seabirds and any other wildlife. Please regulate off-road vehicle use and protect those living creatures that cannot protect themselves. Thanks.

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Name: private

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Name: private

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. It reserves only 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153.

If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Correspondence ID: 4298 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protecting our natural resources, including wildlife, is far more important than non-sustainable, even destructive, human recreation.

Correspondence ID: 4299 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please make sure the special regulations to not end up being toothless. We should not leave enforcement entirely to local governments, worse yet to commercial interests, which would not much be cocerned with environment, plants, natural habitats, etc. With damages done, they would be gone, not held responsible for them. We need effective, fully enforceable regulations while keeping in balance variety of interest. The National Park System is the only defence we have in place in the current climate.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 4300 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Using ATV's and other off road vehicles everywhere is NOT A RIGHT. We need to protect as much of our shorelines, forests and other natural habitat as possible for the other creatures that use this earth. Encroachment of these vehicles as well as campers disrupt wildlife cycles and cause the wildlife to move into more populated areas searching for new habitats.

Correspondence ID: 4301 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This nationally significant place not only protects habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represents one of the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. These impairments can be diminished through specific measures.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Leave some spaces on the earth for birds & animals without vehicles. PLEASE

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4306 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30.2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This is in regard to important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

Correspondence ID: 4307 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30.2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As someone who loves wildlife and who plans our family vacations around our national wildlife treasures, I was upset to hear that the National Park Service is proposing regulations for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. As a nation

we should be cutting back our use of fuel-powered vehicles and discouraging ideas such as this.

In addition, I read that under the current plan, protected wildlife had huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted and this would just cancel out all the good that has already been done.

Don't misunderstand, I believe that ORVs should be regulated at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. Once again, I must reiterate that as a nation, we need to cut back on vehicle use, not increase it!

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Please strongly consider my thoughts on this matter. I appreciate your time.

Correspondence ID: 4308 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I fully support specific, enforceable restrictions on off-road vehicles near wildlife nesting and breeding grounds, such as Cape Hatteras. These vehicles pose a danger to all wildlife and their nests, so their off-trail use in any national land should be strictly regulated and punishable by law. Further, these vehicles destroy much of the natural beauty of the landscape through noise pollution and vehicle emissions, which makes pedestrians less likely to visit these national treasures. When I visit a national seashore, or any seashore, I do not want to see an army of ATVs or a forest of fishing poles. I come for the sand, the sea, and the creatures that live there. Unrestricted ATV usage is the best way to destroy this trinity.

Correspondence ID: 4309 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect these parks and keep off road vehicles , off of the land and do not let it become over used and damaged. The wildlife depends on us to help and protect them.

Correspondence ID: 4310 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I'd like the Park Service to know that I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Correspondence ID: 4311 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and vehicle-free areas for nesting. Protect wildlife, not just the business interests in our natural areas! Keep off-road vehicles and other types of destructive vehicle traffic OFF areas where birds nest, turtles lay eggs, and where other wildlife LIVE.

Correspondence ID: 4312 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, and this is simply not acceptable. Please add buffers and other specific, mandatory wildlife protections to the regulation. I urge you to include science-based protections for all natural resources that strictly adhere to the "Highest Degree of Protection" as outlined in the USGS Protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4313 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please limit to extent possible motorized vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The recent hurricane illustrated the delicacy of the shore. ATV's will only destroy the natural beauty, not to say what the noise and smells will do. The primary transportation mode on the seashore should be foot. Even mountain-type bicycles should be limited. In Alaska, where I lived 1969-72, the parks and mountains are protected. In many places, horses and feet are permitted, but wheels are not. I favor that approach on the national seashore. I do not want to be sitting on a dune watching sea gulls only to have to duck OTV's and ATV's. Do something that makes sense for most people.

Correspondence ID: 4314 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ban unrestricted off road vehicle use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore because it threatens sea turtles, shore birds and other wildlife. The Park Service should support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4315 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must, must preserve all we can within our lifetime for the future!

Correspondence ID: 4316 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep all privately owned off-the-road vehicles out of federal parks. This includes snowmobiles.

Correspondence ID: 4317 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to encourage you to consider the needs of wildlife that need protection from vehicles driving on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Without these protections sea turtles and other wildlife will be unable to securely nest, vitally important for their survival.

Enlarging the area of protection is a logical way to accomplish this goal. Public access can still be maintained without the use of motorized vehicles. Their use is very destructive and should be more restricted or eliminated if we want the animals to thrive. As a beach owner living in Washington State who works to help all forms of wildlife to thrive on my beach, I would hope this would also be the case at Cape Hatteras.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Rollin Odell

Correspondence ID: 4318 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I believe that Daytona Beach is now being converted back to no vehicles allowed on the beach. Take a page out of their book, and do the right thing. Cars do NOT belong on the beach, especially not in the volume that occurs when allowed.

The fact that wildlife is threatened should be enough to put a stop to this ridiculous practice. Secondary to that, it is MOST unpleasant to have to sit on a beach while breathing in exhaust fumes, and listening to engines. Both are bad, as the typical

vehicle that people drive onto the beach are huge gas guzzlers.

Let's get our beaches back to what they should be - pristine areas for total relaxation, NOT VEHICLES!

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Name: private
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Correspondence: This has been an issue on Nantucket as well. Shore birds have a hard time as it is, they need their nesting sites and nesting seasons protected.

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For a good many, the reason for going to Cape Hatteras is to see a natural place, relatively unspoiled by man. This is a very fragile environment as witnessed by hurricane Irene. Man and his toys should not add to the stress on this national treasure. ORVs should be permitted only in developed, public areas and strictly restricted from the dunes, seashore and wilderness areas.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

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Correspondence: Our beaches shouldn't be viewed as drag strips, and I oppose most vehicle traffic on our fragile coastline. The Cape Hatteras National Seashore and especially those areas where wildlife nesting is known to occur should be off limits to all motorized vehicles. Rather than protecting roughly a third of the coastline at Cape Hatteras, the ratio should be reversed and strengthened. Those who enjoy riding on the beach can do so in limited areas - not two thirds of the national seashore.

Please protect the fragile dunes! Hurricane Irene just gave them a "new" look and let's not let thrill seekers in motorized vehicles have the chance to ruin that!

Thanks. Tim Sanford

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Correspondence ID: 4324 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please add specific protections for wildlife and pedestrian visitors into the ORV regulation to ensure wildlife recovery continues.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4326 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4327 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like to see more protection for shorebirds at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and lest miles of beach for ORVs! If we can do this where I live, it can be done at such a national treasure.

Correspondence ID: 4328 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This really and truly needs to stop because these machines have to scare the innocent animals it is just not fair not fair at all.

Sadly another law is going to have to be created to protect these animals or it just won't stop and that is a fact.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: stop unlimited use of off road vehicles as it will wear away natural animal habitats out of existence. Machines and nature need to be strictly controlled or we will have no nature.

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Wildlife protections work including the enforcement of specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, I understand that protected species have been rebounding.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. To remedy this flaw, I am asking that the Park Service designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you in advance for for the time you will take in considering my comments.

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Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

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Correspondence: We DO NOT "need" off-road vehicles on beaches--end of story! They disrupt, injure and kill wildlife and annoy those of us who just want to walk or sit and enjoy the sound of breaking waves. Vehicles of any kind (authorized official vehicles excepted) have no place on beaches at all.

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Name: private

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Support human rights in all the extension of the meaning of the term human.

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Correspondence: Habitats in most parts of the country are being threatened by the careless use of ORV's. The damage is often irreversible...on top of diminished protections for wildlife, both flora and fauna. Our quality of life is not the only thing at stake, but the overall health of the planet is ultimately what's at risk.

Correspondence ID: 4338 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Respect the earth and the life forms that inhabit it.

Correspondence ID: 4339 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I've often wondered why sand environments were not protected. Seems like a no-brainer to me.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife, and we can't lose traction now.

Please protect the wildlife!

Thank you!

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Please, protect wildlife at Hatteras!! ORV's DONT belong on the beach, any beach. Where I live in Washington State, beach driving of ORV's has negatively impacted wildlife and ruined Washington State beaches. For example, the once popular "Ocean Shores" is now called "Ocean SORES", due to the impact of ORV's on the beach. As you know, ORV riders don't casually cruise, but push those vehicles and really tear up the beaches....damage that isn't repaired by a high tide or two. If you won't ban ORV's from the Hatteras seashore, then at least use specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and greatly expand vehicle-free areas for nesting. ORV's can go elsewhere; wildlife dependent upon particular habitat cannot. STOP THE ORV'S! I WILL NOT VISIT PARKS WITH ORV'S ON THE BEACHES--ANY BEACHES!

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: As someone who lived on the Outer Banks of North Carolina for 5 years, I understand just how truly fragile and beautiful a place it truly is. Which is why it needs to be protected, including wildlife. There is absolutely no reason for recreational vehicles to be allowed on the beach. Not only is it rude, loud, and annoying but it is killing precious wildlife. What a large price to pay for just a small group to have "fun"! Do the right thing, protect the birds and nesting turtles, not to mention the beauty of the coast. Isn't that the beauty of the beach? No cars??

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please eliminate offroad vehicle use in this precious ecosystem

Correspondence ID: 4347 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect wildlife from off road traffic.

Correspondence ID: 4348 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Get all ORVs off Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Protection of birds & other wildlife is more important than people "recreating" & destroying precious lands for wildlife survival.

Correspondence ID: 4349 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To whom it may concern;

Please refer to docket NPS-2011-0005-0001.

After the recent devastation of city, town and parkland, all the way up the Eastern seaboard. My suggestion is to create more wild life habitat. We are responsible and must take charge of nature, not only for our own survival, but those who come after. Our time for change is now. Even if you don't believe in climate change....Keeping habitat free from commerce will do wonders to clean our air and make wild life an attraction for those living near and afar.

Thank you

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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 4351 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. It is our duty as

stewards of the environment to protect and preserve these vulnerable creatures. Please do all that you can to preserve their habitat and ensure their survival--we owe this to them and to future generations who must also have the opportunity to enjoy the beauty and uniqueness of these creatures.

Correspondence ID: 4352 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep vehicles off our beaches!

Correspondence ID: 4353 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our national parks are treasures for viewing on foot,not driving around and running things over.

Correspondence ID: 4354 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I request the NPS to add specific protections for wildlife and pedestrian visitors into the ORV regulation to ensure wildlife recovery continues and that the safety of all visitors is protected.

It is imperative that we protect and preserve wildlife and habitat.

Patty Weyhrich

Correspondence ID: 4355 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Because offroad vehicles are so destructive, they should be prohibited everywhere other than specific commercial locations designed for them and nothing else.

Keep them out of public sites such as state and national parks as well as undeveloped private land too.

Correspondence ID: 4356 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop allowing modern conveniences to destroy natural areas and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4357 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am against this band. Other options could include restricted areas. I have been going to the outer banks for 45 years and would be so distressed if this wonderful option for me would be closed.

Correspondence ID: 4358 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My comment is very simple. There should be no ORVs on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. None. Period.

As far as I am concerned ORVs (e.g. ATVs, Snowmobiles etc) have a role only as work vehicles or access for the disabled, or at most in confined dedicated areas on low-grade private land far away and out of earshot of the public. As leisure vehicles they are environmentally destructive, antisocial and a general nuisance.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Please don't allow this to happen.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicle use threatens much wildlife, risks natural habitat and puts endangered creatures at risk. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

I feel strongly about these regulations and wish my voice to be heard. Thank you. Caroline Fairless

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please do everything possible to help end this

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Correspondence: It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

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Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am writing about NPS's proposed regulation for managing off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. As a Cape Hatteras vacationer, I would like to say that if the use of off-road vehicles is not closely monitored and regulated, wildlife that is already threatened or endangered would suffer. The park service must protect wildlife, even at the risk of disappointing some of your park users (who can go elsewhere to do wheelies). If regulations favor off roaders, then there is no park! Please protect and preserve the Seashore and its wildlife from ill usage.

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I urge the Park Systems to please consider adding specific guidelines that will protect wildlife who wander into the unprotected zones near their nesting areas. An animal should not be freely placed into danger for wandering outside a line they cannot see.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a beautiful and fragile national treasure. I don't believe off road vehicles should be used at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I understand that there are those who would drive on our National Seashores, but would only support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

thank you,

Correspondence ID: 4371 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a long-time supporter of wildlife and their habitats, I know how valuable and rare places like Cape Hatteras National Seashore are not only to endangered land animals like the Piping Plover but to marine animals, especially all species of sea turtles.

Our population is exploding which means that we have to take special care to leave wild and undisturbed areas where wildlife can live and reproduce. If we don't save what habitat is left, we will find that the health of our planet will keep declining and it will be the fault of humans not using the scientific knowledge that we have. Humans cannot survive on a planet that is not healthy for other life. ORV cause damage and disturbance to the habitat that humans use as a playground. Think ahead! Be smart!

Correspondence ID: 4372 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Off-road vehicular activity destroys ecosystems. Even the desert region of California, lands considered of low value for development and permanent human occupation, struggles to recover from damage caused by off-road vehicles. Some areas will never return to their original state.

Off-road enthusiasts deserve a place to enjoy their activities. We as a country, though, will be hard-pressed to find areas all would allow the accompanying destruction that results.

I strongly feel the National Park System oversees land chosen for its unique beauty, features, fauna, and flora. All is inappropriate for off-roading, including the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The responsibility of the Park System is to protect and preserve lands while keeping them open for the public to enjoy. However, off-road vehicles do not provide the low-impact burden of hiking and therefore neither protect nor preserve.

Areas open to off-road vehicles are poor choices for any other outdoor pursuit so in essence serve only the small segment of the population that embrace an activity that disrupts and literally erodes the natural state of the area they practice their passion. What sense is that?

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am a college student that has been an active supporter of wildlife protection for years.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need Federal Government and Regulations necessary to protect our environment.

Correspondence ID: 4376 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do NOT allow motorized vehicles on the beach! I have lived in Oregon where no motorized vehicles are allowed on beaches. Then, I moved to Texas and was shocked that motorized vehicles are allowed (at PINS). It negatively impacts my enjoyment of the beach. It negatively impacts the environment (increased erosion and litter). It negatively impacts the wildlife.

The news now informs us that the majority of Americans are overweight. People need to exercise. Make them get out of their vehicles and walk.

Correspondence ID: 4377 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4378 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please PROTECT the Cape Hatteras Natl Seashore By enacting specific, Enforceable and science based protections restricting the use of ORV'S. The impact of unrestricted use will take a horrible toll on turtles ,shore birds and other wildlife. It is the National park services job to protect these sensitive areas for ALL users NOT the small percentage of ORV users who dont seem to care what is left to see when they get done.

It 's a PARK NOT A PARKING LOT OR SPPEDWAY>

Thank you Allysa Aaron

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hello,

I am writing to OPPOSE unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Please help protect these animals from further devastation.

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 4380 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

We should be doing all we can to protect wildlife along our beaches. Please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Beaches should not for driving. Driving ruins beaches for wildlife and for people relaxing and enjoying the beach for its serenity and beauty.

Your proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach

drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153.

If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

Thank you.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Don't let Off Road Vehicles use this area. Their use would threaten wildlife.						

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence:	Don't allow driving on the beach. I don't care if these idiots think it is their heritage. They should not be allowed to live on the outer banks let alone ruin our national park.						

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We need to protect these nesting birds and turtles and that needs to be written specifically in the law. I am a wildlife painter and I am often at Cape Hatteras to take pictures as reference for my paintings. We also need to protect this wildlife for future generation.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment to affect future legislation on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I love all seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean as they represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These seashores not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments.

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Wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

The Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and MORE vehicle-free areas & specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4386 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4387 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is unacceptable to allow off-road vehicles in the Cape Hatteras area instead of protecting the wildlife that is an important part of what makes this a national treasure.

Correspondence ID: 4388 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hi guys,

I visited Cape Hatteras as a kid and still remember that visit 25+ years later. Please keep the place as serene as possible. I see no reason why off-road vehicles should be there. There are plenty of other places for them to ride around. That beach and whole area is special and we need to protect it.

Thanks! Mary

Correspondence ID: 4389 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORVs are bad for the environment and entirely useless. They simply feed into the love of speed, greed, and waste. Their impact on national coasts and the various animals who use the shores as breeding grounds has been extremely destructive. In addition, they negative affect shore visitors' enjoyment of natural sounds and sights. There is no excuse for allowing them on beaches. Places like Hatteras, already heavily damaged by Irene, need to be protected even more. Please outlaw ORV use in these fragile coastal areas/

Correspondence ID: 4390 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ban unrestricted off road vehicle use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore because it threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. The Park Service should support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4391 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As an wildlife lover and avid fan of the outdoors, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4392 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please protect it.

Correspondence ID: 4393 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I opposed unrestricted off-road vehicle use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore because of the toll it would take on the threatened and endangered shore birds and sea turtles that nest in the area. Air pollution, noise pollution, debris would be

increased The disturbance to others who appreciate and want to visit such an area on foot must also be considered and protected.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4394 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Don't let off road vehicles on beaches with nesting birds.

Correspondence ID: 4395 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting lands along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 4396 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Please restrict off road vehicles that threaten the wildlife!

Thank you for your attention.

Correspondence ID: 4397 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. (North Carolina is my native state and I return there often.)

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4398 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore.

More vehicle free area needs to be provided for pedestrian and wildlife. 26 out of 67 miles of shoreline protected from vehicles is unacceptable.

Correspondence ID: 4399 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned over the wildlife at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The wildlife must be preserved and protected from all threats. Please help keep our wildlife alive and flourishing.

Thank You!

Correspondence ID: 4400 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: A million places to run atv, can't they find another spot to play?

Correspondence ID: 4401 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific,

Correspondence ID: 4402 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: People in charge were not put there to destroy but to preserve and protect. Animals are part of our world, our environment. We are charged with their protection, too. The vehicles that people insist are part of their "freedom" show that they have no idea of the definition of democracy - freedom to do what you want - IF it does not interfere with another's freedom - especially their freedom to live and survive. What are you thinking? Destruction will equal death. Each death brings us closer to the death of the environment. And when it dies, we all die. We cannot live without it. It is just that simple.

Correspondence ID: 4403 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: this world is a wonderful and complex place. Wildlife add to the enjoyment of humans, and humans should respect wildlife's role. Please protect wildlife along the shores and beaches by banning ATVs and other machines which destroy the tranquility for both humans and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4404 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There need to be regulations on where vehicles are allowed to be driven. Natural wild preserves are not areas that need to be disturbed. Off-road vehicles are dangerous and harmful, not only because of the drivers, but the emmissions they release.

Please take into account that wildlife is entitled to land free from litter and disturbance. I would love to know that my children can walk the beach without worry of these vehicles, and may possibly spot a turtle nesting on the dunes.

Regards,

Stacy Pihl

Correspondence ID: 4405 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Please don't allow this to happen.

Correspondence ID: 4406 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The male population that gets a testosterone boost from roaring around the surf, has enough area to ruin, and pollute with noise.

Keep these male-children off the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Leave wildlife (the REAL wildlife) some space.

Correspondence ID: 4407 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Good luck.

Correspondence ID: 4408 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles should be banned at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It's supposed to be an area of nature protection, but ORVs harm nature.

Correspondence ID: 4409 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Those kind of vehicles will just RUIN the lovely quiet beaches!!! Most people do NOT like that kind of noise and smoke around.

Correspondence ID: 4410 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles not only endanger wildlife, they also endanger other patrons. The damage caused by these vehicles impacts everyone who uses the beaches. Our children are as important as the wildlife that lives on these beaches. Our children learn from the examples that we set for them. If they see us destroying wildlife habitats & killing off local wildlife, they will think that it's OK for them to do it as well. The more we preserve & protect wildlife, the better all of our futures will be.

Correspondence ID: 4411 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4412 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of Seashore beach. The entire

area should be closed to beach driving.

If the Park Service does not close the entire Seashore to beach driving, then I urge you to include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians in the regulation. I support non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, and this is simply not acceptable. Please add buffers and other specific, mandatory wildlife protections to the regulation. I urge you to include science-based protections for all natural resources that strictly adhere to the "Highest Degree of Protection" as outlined in the USGS Protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration. regards, Ralph Tanner

Correspondence ID: 4413 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4414 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4415 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4416 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have serious concerns that any regulations that allow access to the shore for recreational vehicles will have adverse effects on the breeding cycles of shore birds and other wild creatures who need their breeding grounds to be kept as uncluttered as possible.

Please keep the health of our wildlife in mind when considering any changes to access allowed to humans.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 4417 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need regulations to be certain that everyone understands the same rules. There are many different ways of keeping things safe, but when two or more different ways are allowed at the same time, they come to a cross and nothing is safe any longer. I support regulations concerning how people are allowed to use our natural treasures.

Correspondence ID: 4418 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing regarding the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4419 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please just stop what you are doing.

Correspondence ID: 4420 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I own two beach houses in Corolla, NC that I rent out during the summer. Many of my guests own ORVs that they use on northern NC beaches to view wild horses and other wildlife. I visit all the NC beaches in the spring and fall and enjoy the opportunity to drive on the beach and enjoy the environment. In my lifetime, I have visited most of the National Parks and related preserved areas and feel enriched by my experiences. NC beaches, without abundant wildlife, would not be worth the visit. I encourage you to find the appropriate balance between ORV activities and preservation of all living creatures. Observing wildlife is an essential part of protecting wildlife. We need to know what we need to save.

Thank you for your service and good luck with this challenging process.

Correspondence ID: 4421 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

John R. Cannon, Ph.D. Conservation Biologist Front Royal, VA

Correspondence ID: 4422 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In order to preserve the survival of endangered wildlife and those nearly so, we must have protected areas for them. Enforcement should not be onerous, but effective in restraining ORV riders from ruining nesting areas. Please develop rules & regs to protect same.

Correspondence ID: 4423 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4424 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: "I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in

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However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and spe

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the National Parks, Cape Hatteras in particular. The parks are invaluable resources for us as individuals and as a country. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4426 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: according to REPUBLICANS...damn the birds and turtles and seashore as long as their millionaire and billionaire buddies fund the REPUBLICAN campaign.

May all REPUBLICANS drown in saltwater

Correspondence ID: 4427 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't allow off-road vehicles unrestricted access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore. There are lots of other places for people to roar around & have fun without hurting wildlife -- birds, turtles, small animals and large... I love nature, and wildlife. I don't much care for noise & pollution and disruption and destruction in natural places such as this.

Thank you for helping our natural friends!

Correspondence ID: 4428 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is wrong and obnoxious for people to use their big mechanized toys to ravage sensitive areas. We have had problems with trespassers on 4-wheelers and dirt bikes on our rural mountain land, so I can just imagine the irreparable damage being done along a beach. Please do all you can to put a stop to this irresponsible and reckless nonsense. I am fed up with people who think they can, for their own perverse pleasure, devastate natural areas that belong to everyone and which, more importantly, provide habitat for wildlife.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I will make this short and to the point. Pleasr limit orv's from cape Hatteras natl seashore. We don,t need this in our parks. Its hard enough to find peace and quiet as it is. keep america beautiful.

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trends.

More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians than the 26 of 67 total miles of the seashore. More stringent regulations to ensure wildlife protection is mandatory and not optional need to be put in place. Please revise the current plan to include specific protection for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles who rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

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Correspondence ID: 4434 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: do the right thingfor a change!

Correspondence ID: 4435 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting for birds and turtles.

However, I personally find the idea of someone wanting to ride a 4 wheeler on the beach offensive. The whole point of this pristine area (besides nesting for wildlife) is that you slow down and appreciate life, not go whizzing past it as fast as you can.

Honestly, I think vehicles of ANY kind should be prohibited to keep this area beautiful and safe for wildlife and people.

Correspondence ID: 4436 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I find it unconscionable that you would allow this dangerous activity. It's not just birds that are at risk here. It's the children who often dig bunkers in the sand as well as adults who sometimes cover with sand all but the area of their body they want to tan. And then there are the walkers who may not be aware of the speeding vehicle approaching them from behind or who are to old to be nimble enough to get out of the road.

Super foolish!!!!

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The life of your animals matter more than this road

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The natural world os disappearing, and if we don't appreciate it, it will stop feeding and caring for us.

Correspondence ID: 4441 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

Although I have not been to Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use there.

Whenever animals are involved, I need to voice my concern, whether it's a local matter or, as in this case, somewhere else. As it was explained to me, under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Thank you for considering these comments.

Correspondence ID:	4444	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	In a constantly shrinking world it is evident that wildlife everywhere is coming under ever greater pressure to survive. As the human population continues to increase wildlife habitat continues to shrink. So it makes sense to protect any and all animals wherever possible if they are to survive. Cape Hatteras National Seashore is no exception. I therefore urge that steps continue to be taken to strictly regulate ORV access in order to provide safe nesting and refuge for birds and other wildlife which depend on this area to thrive and prosper.						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am writing to state that I am opposed to the use of ORV at Cape Hatteras National Seashore for recreational use that may threaten the lives of sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife as well as cause noise and emission pollutants. Hopefully, there is a stated speed limit for these vehicles. Also, consider only electric ORV use on the beach. Thank you.						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Wildlife over profits! Duh!						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	These innocent creatures need to be protected.						
Correspondence ID:	4449	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We need your help in protecting the native wildlife from the un-natural activities that are disturbing their reproductive processes. Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.						
Correspondence ID:	4450	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	This is a very important topic. Wildlife MUST be protected.						
Correspondence ID:	4451	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We need to protect the wildlife that still exist at the shores.Please support enforceable, science based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle free nesting areas.						
Correspondence ID:	4452	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	My family visits the Outer Banks Regularly. We love it! We especially love the birds and deer and other wildlife that we see each time.						
	Please have more specific regulations to protect all of the natural wildlife in the area!						
	These changes will only have a positive effect on the Outer Banks and the ability of people to enjoy this beautiful place!!						
Correspondence ID:	4453	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.						

We oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife, and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. We are telling the Park Service instead that we support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off-road vehicles should NOT be endangering wildlife with their shenanigans.						

Correspondence ID:	4455	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Correspondence: I have ALWAYS thought that allowing vehicles on the beach was, frankly, a very, VERY dumb idea. I have NEVER had any interest in going to a beach that has vehicles riding up and down it. YUCK. It's ugly and pollutes the beach and, MOST IMPORTANTLY, it destroys the beach environment and the creatures that live in/on it. I believe that it should be illegal to take a motorized vehicle on any beach, anywhere. Killing wildlife and destroying the environment should be a crime.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please severely limit ORV use of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to protect the native wildlife. I encourage you to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4459 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the shoreline wildlife, which cannot protect against the driving by private motor vehicles which have no place driving along the ocean next to wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 4460 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our biodiversity is an integral part of our survival on this planet. The other beings that share the planet with us are, to their frequent detriment, at our mercy. They give us much more than we acknowledge. Please consider the lives of the birds nesting on your seashore and take the necessary steps to protect them from harm. Off road vehicles are destructive and polluting. They offer nothing to the user but a little fun and excitement. Is one person's fun more important than the creatures that are killed and maimed in the process?! It's hard to imagine that anyone would feel that way! This special regulations document NPS-2011-0005-0001, protecting the Cape Hatteras National Seashore from the destruction of off-road vehicles must be enacted. We have been on a willful and destructive path with nature for a long time and now we are paying the price. Let's try compassion and balance now, and maybe we can fix the messes we've made. Save the shorebirds!!!

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: You ask for 'help' and then start choking your volunteer with 'rules' queer to your slot? Keep wheels of Hatteras! Try doing a better 'docket' and you could get better/more comments.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow vehicles on the beaches. Thank you for saving the wildlife!

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However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific,

Correspondence ID:	4467	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	ban off-road vehicles on all beaches						

Correspondence ID:	4468	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.						

The National Park Service needs to do a study of the beach areas not in the current plan of protection to determine the wildlife population in those areas that may need that protection too.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	4469	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Wildlife are having a hard enough time these days to survive with outside influences at every turn. They certainly shouldn't have to worry about offroad vehicles in their own backyards.						

Enough is enough. It time to stop talking about how responsible we all need to be and just do it. If you don't understand, than your mother never taught you properly.

Keep offroad vehicles off of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID:	4470	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I commend the NPS for preparing a plan to protect Cape Hatteras. In addition to the present drafting, I strongly encourage you to go one step farther to protect nesting grounds from the ravages of ATV use. It is not hard to imagine how devastating these vehicles would be to fragile species like plovers and sea turtles. Clearly, there must be separation of animals from heavy						

recreation involving humans.

In honor of my toddler grandson, and thousands of extinct and endangered species, I thank you for your careful consideration of final regulations.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Stop						
Correspondence ID:	4472	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please ban the use of ORV as they threaten the wildlife. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	4473	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	As you know, millions of people visit the Cape Hatteras National Seashore each year. Unfortunately unrestricted off-road vehicle use has endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on its beaches. The NPS has proposed regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, but the proposal only sets aside areas for off-road vehicles, and has no specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. As a concerned citizen, I ask the NPS to enforce specific, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you for your concern.						
Correspondence ID:	4474	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	These birds have only a short time to reproduce every year. We need to be cognizant of this. Also, we as humans should walk more anyway.						
Correspondence ID:	4475	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	My wife and I visited the Cape Hatteras and Outer Banks this past March and were so taken by the natural beauty and diversity of the area. Although I would not be inclined to use ORV's in such a fragile area, I feel there should be strict rules and restrictions as to when and where this activity can occur. The protection of nesting and habitat areas and times must be of high priority. These areas are very fragile and must be protected at all cost						
Correspondence ID:	4476	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dunes are important nesting areas for sea birds. Protection for these vulnerable areas is essential to ensure the continuing well being of piping plovers and other endangered and at risk shore birds.						
Correspondence ID:	4477	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Especially after IRENE, the Seashore must be protected from overuse by vehicles. The wildlife deserve a break.						
Correspondence ID:	4478	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please ensure in all legislations that the rights of our future generations to have to hold and to enjoy wild spaces is preserved. thank you						
Correspondence ID:	4479	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4480 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our seashore wildlife suffers already from pollution, natural and man-made disasters, and lack of controls. Please consider and support this rule to restrict off-road vehicles. ORV drivers tend to be more interested in enjoying their ride than paying attention to destruction of the natural areas they use. However, if there are rules and restrictions in place, and authorities to enforce them, the hope is that there will be room for all.

Thank you for reading my note.

Sincerely, Liz Holtkamp

Correspondence ID: 4481 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles are incredibly destructive at any time, BUT during nesting season and the like, HORRENDOUS. Please better protect the Outer Islands and Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 4482 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must protect this area. It is a treasure that does not need ORV's destroying the land and wildlife. Such an area does not come along often. It must be preserved as wild as possible. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 4483 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4484 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Just because it can go anywhere DOES NOT mean it should have the right to go anywhere! We must look to long term consequences before we release restraints on off road vehicle usage,

Correspondence ID: 4485 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: During sea turtle nesting time in Florida, the coast is closed to campers. The condominiums built on the beaches often confused baby sea turtles just breaking out of their shells with their bright lights; a law was passed forbidding bright lights being operated; thus, the babies could head to the ocean and not the condos where they were smashed by cars and eaten by predators.

Out of 1,000 hatchlings, only a few make it to the ocean. Once there, nature takes over as they provide food for larger species; reducing their chances of survival even more. That we can do nothing about. Nature must take her course.

To allow these ORV's unlimited dominion over the precious ecosystem is simply a shame...so entertainment can be provided the fragile chances of threatened wildlife becomes slimmer. Really, people should hang their heads in shame when we have been made guardians of the earth.

Correspondence ID: 4486 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am happy to hear that finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I strongly support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving. In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

Let's not lose traction in protections for Hatteras' wildlife now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving which is harmful and completely unjustifiable.

I fully and strongly support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you for our attention in this important matter.

Correspondence ID: 4487 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our government should be highly ashamed of its' rape of the environment, its' ignorance on animal welfare issues. I fight these things every single day, and we seem to be going backward.

Enough. Stand for something, create a legacy in our country. End the destruction happening all around.

Correspondence ID: 4488 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Vehicles of any kind DO NOT belong on our beautiful beaches, that's what the roads are for. Please keep these selfish and bored people from chewing up our beaches and destroying any of the natural wildlife, flora and fauna.

Correspondence ID: 4489 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: RE: Special Regulations/Cape Hatteras (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001)

What this proposal SHOULD DO IS THIS: protect wildlife nesting areas. THIS IT DOES NOT DO.

• The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. • The proposal reserves ONLY 26 OF THE SEASHORE'S 67 MILES OF BEACH! The rest of the beach? DESTROYED by PERMISSION -- viz: year-round and seasonal beach driving.

WHY THE CHANGE? Previously, on a temporary plan, ORV-use was limited near protected wildlife nesting areas...

...and this protection has been working to protect wildlife:

• In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore... • ...And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153.

You know, as well as I do, that if wildlife is not EXPLICITLY protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

Correspondence ID: 4490 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Lets save as much wildlife from extinction as we can , while we still can.

Correspondence ID: 4491 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. You need to make specific areas, most of the shoreline safe for sea bird nesting. The Park Service should support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4492 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off-road vehicles on the beaches. There are many places that already allow this. I would like there to be some areas where people and wildlife can coexist without the threat of traffic.

Thank you.

Frances Myers

Correspondence ID: 4493 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am deeply opposed to unrestricted off road vehicle use. It threatens and kills many wildlife including sea turtles, birds and others. Being able to drive off road for entertainment is just not worth the damage and destruction to our wildlife. There are enough other places that people can drive recreationally! Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4494 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no reason, whatsoever, that off-road vehicles should be allowed to disturb the homes of flora and fauna at Cape

Hatteras National Seashore. Since it is part of the national park system - special interests should not get their way. National Parks are to protect our precious flora and fauna and provide a natural setting to enjoy these treasures in an appropriate manner. Off- road vehicles are totally inappropriate!

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving.

Correspondence ID: 4496 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLEASE stop vehicles driving over wildlife areas.

Correspondence ID: 4497 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to continue to offer protection to the animals who call Cape Hatteras home! I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4498 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4499 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's time to take the vehicles off the beach in this area to protect the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4500 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is a shame that we cater to the whims of ORV' s, all terrain vehicles etc. and care little for the animals that were also placed here on the earth. The animals are always the ones to suffer when they get in the way of the "recreationalists". We need to set aside land and space for the animals so they can live safely and reproduce naturally. Man does not need to keep invading their territories because it is there. They do not have the right to destroy and move animals at their whim. It is high time that big money doesn't get everything they want. Save the animals save the planet!

Correspondence ID: 4501 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. Wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The Park Service has omitted buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. Sadly, the proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

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Correspondence ID: 4502 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No Comment

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

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Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 4504 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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Correspondence ID: 4505 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Could we please just once people, show a little respect! We all really need to stop and think about what we are doing and the effects we have on wildlife and this precious planet.

Correspondence ID: 4506 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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Correspondence ID: 4507 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I understand that the National Park Service is ready to initiate regulations that would define the rules for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. However, I am concerned about protecting the "wildlife nesting areas." This proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect our wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving. In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. Therefore, I urge you to please support specific protections for our wildlife to enforce "vehicle-free" areas on our seashores for wildlife nesting. Thank you for your time on this important matter.

Correspondence ID: 4508 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned with the proposed regulations for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The wildlife at the seashore has bounced back from very small numbers in part to the limiting of ORV use. I am confident that you have already received other comments containing all the statistics.

I understand that many people feel the need to obtain recreation with ORV's, however, we need to also maintain some areas without them. It is my opinion that our national protected areas should all be truly protected from human damage as much as possible. This includes severely limiting if not banning the use of any motorized vehicles in a protected area.

"Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints." That, to me, would truly be protection.

Thank you for your time,

Correspondence ID: 4509 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

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It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future

generations."

Thank you so much for conserving our natural heritage!

Correspondence ID: 4511 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a person who travels to the Outer Banks yearly, I want to say that letting vehicles run up and down a beach where migrating birds nest and sea turtles lay their eggs is not right. The habitat of animals is shrinking faster than they can adapt, so extinction is inevitable for some species. Just the data that the number of sea turtles returning to lay eggs increased dramatically should be enough to stop vehicle traffic on the beaches. Please don't allow this to happen. Strengthen this regulation to ensure the safe nesting sites for your animals in North Carolina. It may just carry over to other endangered areas.

Correspondence ID: 4512 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I understand that the National Park Service is ready to initiate regulations that would define the rules for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. However, I am concerned about protecting the "wildlife nesting areas." This proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect our wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving. In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. Therefore, I urge you to please support specific protections for our wildlife to enforce "vehicle-free" areas on our seashores for wildlife nesting. Thank you for your time on this important matter.

Correspondence ID: 4513 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the wild life!!!

Correspondence ID: 4514 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned about the possibility of off road vehicles being allowed to drive on the Cape Hatteras national Seashore. The threat to wildlife, especially shore birds is not a risk that should be taken. Why can't the shore be enjoyed without exploiting it ?

Correspondence ID: 4515 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please work to keep ORVs away from Cape Hatteras National Seashore beach areas used by vulnerable wildlife during breeding/nesting/hatching season. Thank you.

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Name: private
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plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

It is really discusting that some people think that they can run over animals who live in the areas they want to use with their noisy vehicles and it is ok. Suppose there were giants on this earth besides humans. How would these people feel if the giants decided that it was ok to run over some humans and they were the ones?

It all starts with education while people are young to appreciate other living forms on this planet and respect them. How about contacting schools to come and have field trips on Cape Hatteras National Shore?

The ORV people are a minority on this park. There are more pedestrians than ORV people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Teresa Casacky

Correspondence ID:	4517	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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There is no point to enjoying the environment/wildlife of the seashore if you drive all over it and destroy it!

Please revise the plan to better protect wildlife rather than appease off-road vehicle drivers!

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Name: private
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The ORV people are a minority on this park. There are more pedestrians than ORV people.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to say that continuing to permit off road vehicles to drive along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore unrestricted will have dire effects on the natural wildlife that inhabit the area. This destruction cannot be justified, so do not permit it. Please regulate this activity, and include protection of wildlife nesting areas. It is unreasonable that these animals, which have inhabited the area for much longer than humans, and have done nothing to desecrate it, are being prevented from using it in the way that comes naturally to them. If we destroy their habitat, we destroy them, and they are part of what makes the area pristine. So pay attention to your conscience and put a stop to this destruction before it is too late.

Correspondence ID: 4522 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: "As both a NC windsurfer and nature lover, I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I understand the desire for recreational users to have ORV use on the beaches. However, it is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

Unfortunately, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Please restore these protections. Sincerely, Elizabeth Bickel

Correspondence ID: 4523 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: WE AS HUMAN BEINGS ARE THE ONES RESPONSIBLE AS CARETAKERS OF OUR PLANET'S ENVIRNMENT AND BALANCE. THE INDISCRIMINANT USE BY DRIVING UNRESTRICTED IN AREAS USED FOR BREEDING AND BIRTHING OF OTHER ANIMALS DOES NOT MEET OUR OBLIGATION AS THE CARETAKERS OF OUR PLANET AND ALL WHO INHABIT IT. TO THIS POINT IN TIME, I AM DISAPPOINTED IN THE JOB YOU HAVE DONE IN THIS AREA! YOU EITHER MUST DO BETTER OR RESIGN YOUR POSITION IN GOVERNMENT!

Correspondence ID: 4524 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Iam writing these comments in regards to the park Service's proposed reguation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras. My husband and I own rental property in Buxton, NC.

I believe that the majority of visitors to the Outer Banks appreciate the the natural scenery and sounds of the seashore and the wildlife there and would appreciate strong protections that would limit ORV use in much of the area.

If ORV use is to be allowed within the National Seashore, the plan should designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science based protections for wildlife. Adequate vehicle-free areas should be set aside for the enjoyment of humans who enjoy the natural values of the seashore. To this end, I ask that a minimum of half of the beach be available year around for non-ORV users and wildlife, and that non-vehicle buffers be set aside in particularly sensitive nesting or feeding areas. Nancy Bredemeier

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: More absurdity - Human beings do not "need" to use ORVs or ATVs!! This is a privilege which does NOT extend to critical wildlife breeding grounds or habitats. These endangered or threatened animals do NEED to reproduce and raise their young in order to avoid extinction! Sometimes I think we've become a nation of self-absorbed 3 year olds: "I want what I want when I want it - and I want it NOW!!!"

Correspondence ID: 4527 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife. There's plenty of other places for the off roaders to do their thing without endangering so many innocent animals. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4528 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: The National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore greatly concerns me.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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Thank you for your attention.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As an annual National Park Pass holder, I support roadless, non-ORV enjoyment of my national park system. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. I do not. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence ID: 4531 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, It is very distressing to hear about how the proposed regulations seeming have ignored the importance of protecting our wildlife on the seashores! I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. That is unacceptable! The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is deplorable! Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration. Luanne H S Anderson

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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We are in no danger of having too little motorized vehicles! I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. This seems very foolish to me.

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Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Every morning my husband and I sit on our front deck and watch the birds come into our yard to feed. I take personal pride in providing them with fresh water and seed and they reward me with their return. I may never see the your seashore or enjoy the birds and other wildlife it offers a haven to but I would like to think that it will be preserved for them and the government will do all it can to keep them safe. So few places can we retreat to with out the grinding noise of machinery and the need to abuse nature. Please protect the seashore and respect the sounds of nature.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: A thought... In Genesis, the first book of the Bible, when God gave Adam dominion over the birds of the air, the animals, the fish, etc., do you think he meant total control as to destroy at will as well? No he did not, in Aramaic this word "domain" actually means "the responsibility for the care of all of his Creation" (GOD).

Correspondence ID: 4535 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Make it happen!

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Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please do not allow ORV to take over the beaches... and really for what purpose?? Let us try to preserve what beautiful beaches we still have. And in addition to the beauty of it all...Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Please do the right thing.

Thank you, Dee Scott Birmingham,AL

Correspondence ID: 4539 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect the wildlife on the North Carolina coast by continuing restrictions on off-road vehicles. No one should be allowed to do things on our PUBLIC lands that are destructive. There are other places to ride, but some of the bird species and sea turtles have no other options.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and

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Thank you for your consideration.

~Aristana Firethorne

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Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

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Shawn M. Tays

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Sincerely, Sharon Mullane

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Living in California in the past, we have seen the devastation ORVs can do to wildlife such as the desert tortoise. Protect these more endangered animals by creating more safe habitat rather than taking it away.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please stop killing our wild life!!!!						

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Regrettably, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation.

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Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Re: the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife, and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. Instead, I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Sincerely yours,

Aleta Wallach

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to protect the wildlife!!!

Correspondence ID: 4561 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: How much more degradation of pristine wildlife does the nation and the world have to accept and endure so that a few can operate luxury items?

Correspondence ID: 4562 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly support regulation of off-road vehicles at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan does not do enough. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORVs are a singularly selfish vehicle. I protest their use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Much more should be done to protect wildlife, particularly birds that nest right on the beach but are difficult to spot. It would be nice if people would think of that before that head off to have fun at the expense of said wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4565 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Prevent Vehicle Death in Cape Hatteras

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider the wildlife. Cape Hattaras is one of the last great wild shorelines in the US. Please PROTECT IT.

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Motorized vehicles have millions of miles of roadway they can use and abuse to get to any place they need to go. Bird and marine wildlife have very little suitable habitat to lay their eggs and rear their young. This should be protected at all costs.

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wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. If ORV use must be allowed, and I would argue that ORV users have plenty of other open land available for use, then the open area must be maintained for other users and the minimal area set aside for ORV users. They are, after all, the ones causing the damage to the land.

Correspondence ID: 4572 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLEASE DON'T THREATEN OUR SEA TURTLES, BIRDS, OFF SHORE BIRDS AND OTHER WILDLIFE.. WE NEED THEM AS PART OF NATURE'S PLAN FOR OUR PLANET THANK YOU, DIDI D'ERRICO

Correspondence ID: 4573 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't allow off road vehicles or other vehicles on beaches.

Correspondence ID: 4574 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: RE: the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations.

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Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4575 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off-road vehicles use because it puts already struggling species like turtles at risk.

Correspondence ID: 4576 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches. The current proposal to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving. In recent years, a

temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4577 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	4580	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.						

Speak out for wildlife. Visit regulations.gov to oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. We support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID:	4581	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Of course we must do everything to keep the national seashores.						

Correspondence ID:	4582	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Correspondence ID: 4583 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. Do we really need to drive on the beaches. Don't we have enough roads for that. I understand that people who have lived all their lives on the shore, consider it a right. But human population has increased so much that the impact is far greater than in years past. I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. Wildlife protections should trump human desires to drive on the beach. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thanks,

Correspondence ID: 4584 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please strictly regulate the use of off road vehicles on Cape Hatteras

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: "I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY VEHICLES RIDING ON BEACHES. THEY ARE FOR CITIZENS TO ENJOY IN SOLITUDE.

Correspondence ID: 4587 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers, etc. in its proposed regulation. Thusly, the Park Service falls short in its obligations--the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

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Thank you for the hard work of the NPS!

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please no off road vehicles. Think of the destruction they will wreak. They will be so dangerous to birds, not to mention the environment as well as people.

Correspondence ID: 4594 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I have visited several National Seashores. The seven on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments.

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Correspondence ID: 4596 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: The last things any national park needs are off-road vehicles. They're noisy, they stink, they damage habitat and interfere with the activities of the local residents, particularly the non-human residents.

Correspondence ID: 4597 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please protect wildlife at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Do not allow off road vehicles in areas frequented by turtles, plovers or any wildlife that can not easily fly away.

Provide disabled access to limited areas by having paths for wheel chairs.

Thanks, Art

Correspondence ID: 4598 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I think animal's lives are more important that off-roading.

Correspondence ID: 4599 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to ask you to adopt ORV regulations that will provide positive protection for wildlife at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The interim plan has been a very successful one that has supported a hopeful rebound in wildlife, including Piping Plovers and Sea Turtles. I hope the new regulations will be closely based on those aspects of the interim plan that have a proven track record of protecting endangered and threatened wildlife species. The rules should exclude vehicles from additional nesting areas, and should be specific and enforceable. The proposed plan to protect only 26 miles of the seashore is very inadequate. I haven't been to Cape Hatteras yet, but if I go, I hope it will not be another place where human activity has destroyed the wildlife that once was. I have family living on Padre Island, Texas, where restrictions to protect sea turtles have been in effect for some time. There is a volunteer Sea Turtle Rescue project which is a significant tourist attraction when it puts on its presentations, and people can see and touch rescued sea turtles in their tanks. They have a Sea Turtle Days (name approximate) festival, and tourist information provides a number to call to report a tag ID if you see a sea turtle nesting. In short, the Island has adopted the turtles are part of the iconic specialness of the place. I hope Cape Hatteras National Seashore can do likewise, and I hope your regulations will protect the turtles and wildlife before it is too late.

Correspondence ID: 4600 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

Correspondence ID: 4601 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please make the nesting sites and the dunes and sandy beaches safe from the encroachment of vehicles that may damage and kill the nesting birds. Please help to preserve the few remaining locations that migrating and nesting birds may find a refuge.

Correspondence ID: 4602 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please control the movement of all terrain vehicles in park lands to avoid the injury or death of the animals.

Correspondence ID: 4603 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Must humans destroy everything for their own pleasure?

Correspondence ID: 4604 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Allowing off-road vehicles, ATVs and the like on public lands such as the Hatteras seashore is a thoughtless way to give people

access to some of the last undeveloped areas for wildlife and plant life. Spoilage of public lands like these is short sighted, and most often irredeemable.

Correspondence ID: 4605 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wild life has enough of a challenge staying alive around human populations, they shouldn't have to dodge traffic at the beach.

Correspondence ID: 4606 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need more space away from machines. All of creation needs more space from machines. I ride. But I do not need to ride here.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific,

Correspondence ID: 4607 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am concerned about how the regulations for beach driving will affect animal life on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am considering attending school near Cape Hatteras, and I would find it disgusting if endangered species like sea turtles and piping plovers would go extinct just for a few moments of reckless excitement. We need to take into consideration the effects this legislation will have on wildlife for years to come, and the first way to do this would be to ensure that all 67 miles of the seashore would be designated for beach-goers and wildlife, not for vehicles.

Please take my comments into consideration.

Sincerely, Larisa Karr

Correspondence ID: 4608 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ear Superintendent Murray,

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4609 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off road vehicles in areas that are not intended for that use. Wildlife as well as people are at danger with off road vehicles present, look at Pismo Beach California, it is total chaos just for the pleasure of a few. We must keep large areas off limit to any thing that is destructive to the natural and protected areas. There are already to many areas where off roaders can go. I have never seen an off road area that was safe for wildlife or people on foot, and they are usually dumping grounds for garbage, and crime related activities.

Correspondence ID: 4610 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need more space away from machines. All of creation needs more space from machines. I ride. But I do not need to ride here.

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Correspondence ID: 4611 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

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Correspondence ID: 4612 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4613 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Seashore.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	4614	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect wildlife. Don't allow cars on sand.						

Thanks, Dian Tublin

Correspondence ID:	4615	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please do not let any kind of traffic ,except foot traffic here						

Correspondence ID:	4616	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

To allow ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, is like giving permission to someone to come bulldoze the house you need and live in.

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Correspondence ID:	4618	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles should not be riding around in places that disturb wildlife ..You need to regulate these disrespectful morons..						

Correspondence ID:	4619	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Bob and Carolyn Primiano

Correspondence ID:	4620	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a crucial habitat for threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on its beaches. ORV use threatens these animals' continued existence, that is why I am so concerned about the Park Service's plan for this area.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 4622 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: When I was young, living in Florida, the sand dunes were not protected, and people used to drive all kinds of vehicles on them, tearing the dunes into pieces. They were almost destroyed, and we almost lost a vital treasure forever. Once the dunes were protected from vehicular traffic, they made a comeback and to this day we have this treasure for everyone to use and enjoy (as long as they walk on them and do not drive on them).

Protect these treasures, do not let them be destroyed.

Correspondence ID: 4623 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am sending this email to let you know that I oppose unrestricted off road vehicles that threaten sea turtles, shore birds and other wildlife. Please consider this opinion when finalizing your regulation. Thank You.

Correspondence ID: 4624 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep making the effort to protect all species of land and sea wildlife.

Loren Jones

Correspondence ID: 4625 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am in favor of the National Park Service restricting off-road vehicle use at Cape Hatteras. The plan chosen should not only limit or forbid traffic in some areas, but should choose protected areas in order to prevent impact on nesting birds, turtles, and other wildlife. The experience of humans who want to enjoy a quiet area that does not have vehicle roads across it also is of primary concern to me. Areas that are accessible to vehicles should be limited, compared to those accessible to people on foot.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 4626 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We visit Cape Hatteras each summer and it is a beautiful undisturbed ribbon of sand. It should be left for the wildlife to thrive, not just the nesting birds, but also turtles, crabs and other forms of life that affect the feeding food chain of nature. We do enjoy the sands of Cape Hatteras as it is now by being able to take advantage of the surf and sand. THERE IS NO NEED TO ALLOW OFF ROAD VEHICLES TO SPOIL THE RIBBON OF SAND IN THE ATLANTIC. Thank you for listening, Denise Whitney

Correspondence ID: 4627 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 4629 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our valuable species wich are part of our culture and beautiful habitatats

Correspondence ID: 4630 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PROTECT THE WILDLIFE AT CAPE HATTERAS AND THE PARK ITSELF. THIS IS A NATURAL AND BEAUTIUL AREA AND MUST NOT BE DESTROYED BY MAN AND HIS TOYS. THERE SHOULD NOT BE VEHICLES ALLOWED ON THE BEACH OR OTHER AREAS WHERE THEY COULD CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE LAND AND THE WILDLIFE....ALLOW THIS AREA TO BE NATURAL.

Correspondence ID: 4631 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 4632 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: One of the main reasons I visit the Cape area is to enjoy all the wildlife. Please do not allow the creatures of this area to be killed or injured by those who may not understand their actions and are destroying life.

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Correspondence ID: 4634 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: save the wildlife, prohibit vehicles

Correspondence ID: 4635 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

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Correspondence ID: 4636 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow ORV use on the entire Cape Hatteras National Seashore. ORVs are endangering many animals native to the area that are already endangered. ORVs degrade the shoreline and are a nuisance as far as noise and pollution. ORVs have no place on the Cape Hatteras shoreline--please make them illegal in the National Park or severely limit their usage.

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 4637 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect this habitat from the disruption of Off Road Vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 4638 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORV's are a serious problem in national park and wildlife areas. There are safety hazards for pedestrians, as well as dangers to wildlife. I urge you to increase the limitations to ORV's in the Cape Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4639 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I've been to Cape Hatteras National Seashore and have to say I can't imagine why anyone would want to drive on the beach. However, for those people who do, common-sense restrictions that keep them away from wildlife nesting areas are necessary.

Correspondence ID: 4640 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There has to be a way to balance the needs of wildlife to exist in their own habitat and the pursuit of excitement on the part of off roaders. To ban off roading vehicles is as bad as putting no restrictions upon the off roaders at all! Make a system whereby responsible off roaders can indulge their hobby without destroying the entire area for the wildlife! Is that really so hard to figure out? It's common sense!

Correspondence ID: 4641 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure with natural beauty, great wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and

sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Finally, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

BUT the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. WHY??

And, it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

I am against this plan and support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please Protect Wild Birds and All Wildlife from Off Road Vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 4647 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please protect wildlife and respect our natural environment thank you

Correspondence ID: 4648 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Superintendent, Please do NOT expand the beach area to vehicles. The wildlife deserves some respite from humans. Very few drivers I have observed on the beach are respectful of the people, or wildlife, they drive as fast as they can as far as they can.. For those that homes on the beach they knew when they bought or purchased them what the circumstances were.

Please don't knuckle under of a bunch of people that really don't care about anything but themselves and what they want.
Sincerely, Linda Price

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Dear People, I believe that the current proposed regulations regarding ORV usage at Cape Hatteras are wholly inadequate. Shorebirds, sea turtles, and other endangered species need year-round protection that encompasses the entire 67 mile area of this National Seashore. Please revise these regulations to create specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. I have had the joy of watching piping plovers and their young at Cape Cod National Seashore. These fragile and delightful birds deserve full protection at Cape Hatteras. ORV's threaten what remains of our coastal national heritage. Thank you. Sincerely, Aimee Sands

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence: The coastal environment is important in ways we don't commonly accept responsibility for but in light of environmental problems now, let us consider the impact of vehicles on nesting birds, turtles, crabs, and other creatures living in the sand. Let us consider the rights of sunbathers, swimmers, surfers, beach lovers who seek an inspiring walk by the sea. Let us limit the hours of hot-rodgers who come to try out their new equipment. Let us declare sensitive areas off limits and enforce this ruling. In short, let's think ahead a little and leave the place as good as we found it, with improvements if we are able.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I wish to register my strong opposition to opening Cape Hatteras National Seashore to any and all off-track motorized vehicle use. This National Park should be a refuge for those animals that inhabit it and not a throughway for recreational motorized vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 4657 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: In order to preserve the landscape, vegetation, and creatures that live on the shoreline, I oppose unrestricted vehicle use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I believe that all motorized wheeled vehicles, with the exception of emergency vehicles, should be banned from the beaches and dunes of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. They are a danger to people and wildlife. In addition they are noisy and highly polluting.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I am quite concerned about the proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, which I first visited in 1960.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore -- indeed, I would be glad to see no driving on any beach anywhere in the United States. I do understand that recreation is part of the Park Service's mandate. But the proposal sets aside only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

Wildlife protection, too, is crucial to the Park Service's mission. Please revise this plan to include explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles.

Correspondence ID: 4660 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I oppose the proposed rule. Unrestricted off-road vehicles threaten the turtles, birds, and other wildlife. I want to see specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife, and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4663 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please preserve wildlife from off road destruction.

Correspondence ID: 4664 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am opposed to unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Turtles and shorebirds and other wildlife cannot easily relocate because humans are threatening. Humans can easily go elsewhere to use their noisy, polluting off road vehicles. And so they must. We SHARE the planet with other species - we don't OWN it exclusively.

Correspondence ID: 4665 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please reconsider opening more of the precious shores of Cape Hatteras to unrestricted off-road vehicle driving. This action not only harms the shore birds and animals that inhabit the island, but the destruction of vegetation and possible erosion must also be considered. We just had a hurricane which has caused damage in the region - isn't Mother Nature enough of a hazard?

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must take action on this immediately. Financial, terrorism, and all other world issues must start coming second to caring for the world we live in, or there will be nothing left to fight for.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. I support scientific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4669 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras is a national treasure. Do not allow ORVs to destroy the precious land wildlife needs to survive.

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Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: i am opposed to nps-2011-0005-0001 no reason other than emergencies to drive on a beach

Correspondence ID: 4673 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop or restrict the use of off road vehicles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore - to eliminate the death of wildlife in that area. We need to blend with nature not distroy it.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 4674 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I really don't think that off-road vehicles should be allowed on the beaches, because of the people that are on the beaches. Children have a tendency to do incredibly stupid things, and I think that it would be horrible for you all to have the death of several little ones on your heads. Those are my thoughts.

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Correspondence: Please protect the animals of Cape Hatteras.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Please protect the animals...they are our part of our precious ecosystem...we need them to survive and to remember our humanity

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect our wildlands and animals! Why do people have to go and DESTROY everything?

Correspondence ID: 4683 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed, along with other creatures and animals. I really hope someone looks into this matter and does whats right, not just in this area but all over the USA. Thank you for your time, -Sasha Auffrey

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: off road vehicles should only be allowed in places where they do not endanger animals & other wildlife. there a plenty of places they can run around that are not hazardous to living things--

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Name: private
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Correspondence: What's wrong w/us humans? We think we're the only important species on the earth. We have so little respect for wildlife & the environment. All we can think of is our own pleasure. God help us.

Correspondence ID: 4688 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please adopt the proposed rules to protect endangered species and birds.

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Correspondence: Hi, I am a biologist that has worked with endangered sea turtles piping plovers and oyster catchers on the outer banks of North Carolina. I found vehicles disturbed both oyster catchers and piping plovers by causing them to expend energy as they constantly move as traffic approaches. Many vehicles would avoid signs and drive over nest and into nesting areas as well as camping right next to nests. Juvenile oyster catchers hiding in auto tracks and seaweed are under danger of being run over as they hide,they need to be near the shore to feed. I believe at least 1/2 to 3/4 of the beach should be protected from vehicular travel. Thank You Diane Tracy

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I very much oppose unrestricted off road vehicle [ORV] use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. The National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, which do little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving. In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over. I respectfully but most emphatically request that THE ENTIRE SEASHORE BE PROTECTED FROM OFF ROAD VEHICLES, AND BEACH DRIVING. PLEASE SUPPORT SPECIFIC, ENFORCEABLE, SCIENCE-BASED PROTECTIONS FOR WILDLIFE AND ADDITIONAL VEHICLE-FREE AREAS FOR NESTING. How many people in the public use ORVs? I know none, and think that ORVs should be entirely banned from the national seashore, and anyplace else where wildlife and pedestrians should be able to enjoy the peace of nature in serenity. ORVs are incompatible with nature, kindness, and compassion for other beings on the planet. PLEASE BAN them at least from all wildlife areas.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If we as citizens to do not adopt a position of responsibility for those species who cannot speak for themselves, who will? And

when?

Please consider the following statement:

The National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for Off Road Vehicles and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off Road Vehicles should be banned in environmentally sensitive areas to protect shore birds, turtles and other wildlife.						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Dawn Gwinn

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a 71 year old Republican conservationist. I oppose any off road machines. Go on foot or dont go. I know this exempts some but we all make sacrifices to let the planet live a little longer.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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In fact, you should expand the protected areas. There are plenty of places for people to waste their money and gasoline on driving, but a vanishing amount for wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4700 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider habitat and nesting protection to the local wildlife while granting privileges to ATV's and other recreational vehicles. Even these people do not want to have driven over a nest of turtle eggs or kill birds.

Unfortunately, unbridled population growth restricts the freedom for the rest of us and with 7 billion people on the planet this October 31, 2011, we can no longer pretend we are the only species which matters on the planet. Please use a common sense approach with scientific underpinnings on which to base this decision.

Protection of wildlife brings it's own brand of tourism, a better group of people for the local tourist areas to host versus a bunch of beer drinking redneck bubbas.

Correspondence ID: 4701 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Have regulated areas for Off Roding--look at what Daytona did for their beaches. Also take a look at what California has done for theirs.

Both can live in harmony if all do their part to preserve the areas for both uses.

Correspondence ID: 4702 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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ORV use should be very limited, if not eliminated. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop off-roading on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Surely there is some other place where they can drive without such great and negative impact.

Correspondence ID: 4704 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The National Parks along the East Coast, especially Cape Hataras, are a National Treasure. Please, do fight hard to restore it, so that future generations can enjoy it as well.

Correspondence ID: 4705 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: KEEP THE CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE OFF LIMITS TO OFF-ROAD VEHICLES. How outrageous that you would even CONSIDER endangering the wildlife nesting areas on the beaches.

Correspondence ID: 4706 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road or on road vehicles have no place along our shores. Preserve their natural state and the animals who live there by stopping all use of VEHICLES ON THE SHORE.

Correspondence ID: 4707 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep the shoreline safe.

Correspondence ID: 4708 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no excuse for allowing off road or any type of vehicles to degrade our beautiful beaches and imperil the wildlife thereon. I have visited Cape Hatteras and enjoyed its pristine beauty. We need to keep it that way.

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Correspondence ID: 4712 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Let's stop the off road "killing" machines. We should cherish our wild life and protect them for future generations to enjoy also. Let the off road riders find another area to play with their toys. Anyone who would knowingly ride over wild life in it's natural habitat is just down right heartless.

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Correspondence ID: 4714 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protected endangered species over recreation. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4715 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Special regulations need to be made so people don't inadvertently kill these animals.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4717 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: keep the beaches and etc.free from Atv and all three or four wheeled vehicles.Its a place where people go to enjoy themselves and we don't need those kind of vehicles on the beach's as they ruin the habitats of wild birds and animals,it needs to be stopped.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

i oppose off road vehicles that threatened wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4720 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't think people who represent such a tiny proportion of recreationers should be able to dominate the resr of us who want peace and,mostly, quiet in our public sanctuaries.

This has got to stop. Let them use the highways or be sent to jail. Enough is enough. They have had enough time to kill critters and destroy fauna. These folks meke me ashamed.

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I and my family support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: WHEN will we accept the critical importance of protecting nature and the animal population against the greed and unconscionable leisure/pleasure of the human animal???

We NEED to see proof that those in charge of decisions for the National Park System are responsible for stopping the ABUSE of such as the National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 4724 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our wildlife, Keep the beaches safe for them.

Correspondence ID: 4725 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There should not be any ORV use anywhere in protected areas, but especially not in beach areas like Cape Hatteras. They are destructive to the soil, create noise and air pollution, and are a blight for human use and wildlife habitat.

At the very least, your agency should be restricting the use of ORVs/ATVs. We humans don't NEED to be indulged like spoiled children. Please restrict human use of these lands.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: It is absolutely time that regulations be imposed and thought be given to the wildlife who depend on the beaches for their survival.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is a time and place for everyone to enjoy the beach. We must protect it. It has been proven that driving on the beaches has caused damage that can not be fixed. It endangers the species who inhabit the area. The noise is also an issue. By banning the activities of off road vehicles will help to protect. If you must allow the vehicles to travel on the beach then they should be limited to the amount of vehicles and times.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						

Correspondence ID:	4731	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We have to have these Special Regulations for Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001, in order to protect wildlife in this area.						

This is a start and must be implemented.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Mankind is destroying animals, marine life, birds, plants, etc. at levels never before seen - and the end result of these actions - is extinction of human life as well. I was taught as a child that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link - and all species are interdependent on each other. When all other species are decimated - the human species will go too. We can't afford to cater to those who are here thoughtlessly harming the ecosystem. Off Road Vehicles are not something beneficial to anyone, except the manufacturers who profit by them. Our people have become obese and lazy - and if they wish to go into the wilderness should use their own legs to get there.						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose the use of off road vehicles in areas that are breeding or feeding grounds for animals, including sea turtles. These vehicles should be banned from public beaches and this ban strictly enforced. Once they have damaged nests, eggs, vegetation, the damage is done. I pay taxes to have lands and the environment protected, not to let people run rampant all over the National Seashore I pay for.

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Thank you for your consideration. Crafting a useful, environmentally friendly regulation will ensure the enjoyment of the area for all, while preventing the destruction of one of the US's greatest wildlife areas.

Correspondence ID: 4736 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect our wildlife/birds.

Correspondence ID: 4737 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of Seashore beach. The entire area should be closed to beach driving.

If the Park Service does not close the entire Seashore to beach driving, then I urge you to include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians in the regulation. I support non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, and this is simply not acceptable. Please add buffers and other specific, mandatory wildlife protections to the regulation. I urge you to include science-based protections for all natural resources that strictly adhere to the "Highest Degree of Protection" as outlined in the USGS Protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4738 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I visit National and State Parks often. One of the joys of visiting such a site is that I will be able to enjoy wildlife in a protected

setting. I am writing to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It is inconceivable that you would consider not protecting these endangered species. Please do the right thing!

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please take action needed to save our wildlife!!!!

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Cassie J. Berrisford

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: save cape hatteras

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Please revise the regulations to restrict beach driving to a small part of the 67 total miles of seashore, and allow the majority to remain for wildlife and foot traffic. It is the destructive use (ORVs) that should be restricted to a small portion of the reserve, not the other way around. Our environment is crucial to the preservation of life. Don't allow it to be mindlessly destroyed.

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However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As one of the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach habitat on the Atlantic coast, Cape Hatteras is a national treasure visited by millions of Americans. It is also home to nesting shore birds and sea turtles who are threatened by off-road vehicle (ORV) use along beaches. During these critical seasons, it is important to curb off-road vehicles to allow these species the space to grow and fledge.

Plummeting populations of protected wildlife species at Cape Hatteras are starting to recover thanks to increased management protections from the National Park Service (NPS). However, these protections are temporary while NPS prepares a final ORV management regulation. The regulation is nearly completed, but the current draft lacks the critical wildlife protections that have helped species like the piping plover and loggerhead sea turtle.

Correspondence ID: 4750 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens wild life.

Correspondence ID: 4751 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep recreational vehicles off of Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 4752 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore wildlife from all vehicles and limit the number of visitors in the area. Surely the protection of the area wildlife is as important as the protection of sea oats. All must receive protection from the encroachment of uncaring humans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy M Howard, Citizen and Taxpayer

Correspondence ID: 4753 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

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Correspondence ID: 4755 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Please prevent off road vehicles from driving along these important beaches.

Thank you very much.

Correspondence ID: 4756 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned about unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

I have heard that the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, but that the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves only 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

Don't let ORV advocates convince you to make the entire seashore open to beach driving. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Which is more important: the survival of wildlife that need a specific environment or some air-and-noise-polluting recreation that can occur in many other places?

Correspondence ID: 4757 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do what is right and noble and good, and take necessary actions to preserve wildlife. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4758 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would respectfully ask that the Cape Hatteras National Seashore prohibit off road vehicles that could disturb local wildlife and vulnerable nesting sites. We need protections in place to keep wild places wild.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Current interim regulations resulted in huge gains for wildlife. Shorebirds have rebounded and more and more sea turtles are laying nests.

The Park Service plan seems to protect beach drivers rather than wildlife. More vehicle free areas need to be set aside for wildlife and pedestrians.

As an educator, a beach property owner, and a defender of wildlife, I urge you to revise this plan to include current buffes and other protections for wildlife like sea turtles and shorebirds that relay on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Donna Gmys

Correspondence ID: 4761 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: protect this priceless treasure by prohibiting off-road vehicles and enforcing all existing rules!

Correspondence ID: 4762 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose off-shore vehicles that threaten turtles, birds and other wildlife. Is it really necessary to endanger these glorious creatures for the sake of depraved thrill seekers?

Let's have some respect for Mother Earth!

Pauline Rosenberg

Correspondence ID: 4763 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. An expansion of ORV use across the Seashore threatens to undo this progress and the set-asides for wildlife and pedestrians vs. vehicles are backwards.

As currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thanks for listening.

Correspondence ID: 4764 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have to use common sense in regulating freedoms in that if you allow people to run roughshod over everything you are taking away some ones right to enjoy what they have destroyed and the right of the flora or fauns to exist. Once an animal or

plant becomes extinct it's for ever and that should not be allowed to happen .We as a nation must be care takers of our country and all of it's inhabitants .

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However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act. To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence:

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do what you can to prevent ORV drivers from destroying wildlife and their nests on the beaches. This kind of irresponsible behavior shouldn't be tolerated on a National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 4769 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am disappointed with the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Wildlife needs to be protected or there will be no reason to visit Cape Hatteras.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore; however, the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4770 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't think that off the road vehicles should be allowed on the beaches of Cape Hatteras. It has some of the last undeveloped beaches in the country. We do not need motorized morons running over the plant and animal life there. There are very few places that don't have motors of some sort. We have overpopulated the earth and should pay more attention to curbing our population. There should be some areas that are protected from us. Martha Winsten

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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 4772 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To the Park Service,

I definitely support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Please adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore and anywhere else as deemed necessary for the protection of our wildlife the off road vehicles have plenty of other places to ride instead of killing our wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4773 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Progress is being made; however, if you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife will once again be impacted.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles are dangerous, polluting, and have no place in a national park setting, or on a beach anywhere. They not only damage the ecology, but they are noisy and disturb not just the wildlife, but anyone trying to enjoy the ambiance of the area!

Correspondence ID: 4775 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles have no place in areas where wild life, vegetation, or people are walking and playing.

Correspondence ID: 4776 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please see that our National Park Systems are protected from destruction from the unregulated use of off road vehicles, (ATV's). There are special parks for the use of these off road vehicles and should not be allowed in our National Parks to cause wide spread disaster of our wild life, which is being threatened from every angle, every day. Especially from our own Government

Agencies.

Correspondence ID: 4777 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4778 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please stop this travesty

Correspondence ID: 4779 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Thanks

Correspondence ID: 4780 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must strike the proper balance so that we can both enjoy outdoor recreation, but take the correct steps to ensure that we don't endanger our beautiful environment and wildlife.

We mustn't forget that the life that we enjoy exists because of the delicate balance in nature that is provided and sustained by the very wildlife that we sometimes threaten.

Please ensure that the balance needed to preserve our natural habitat and our wildlife is maintain.

Correspondence ID: 4781 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As one of the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach habitat on the Atlantic coast, Cape Hatteras is a national treasure visited by millions of Americans. It is also home to nesting shore birds and sea turtles who are threatened by off-road vehicle (ORV) use along beaches. During these critical seasons, it is important to curb off-road vehicles to allow these species the space to grow and fledge. Off-road vehicles are annoying to visitors and dangerous to wildlife. Please keep them away from Cape Hattaras.

Correspondence ID: 4782 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a child, I spent most summers near Hatteras, and loved visiting the National Seashore. I live on the West Coast now, but Cape Hatteras National Seashore still holds a special place in my heart. I've always hoped to be able to share its beauty with my children someday. My heart broke this past week, reading and seeing the destruction caused by Hurricane Irene.

My sadness turned to outrage when I read the proposal to allow off-road vehicles in the National Seashore. NPS is the agency designated to PROTECT this incredibly valuable, beautiful, and fragile national treasure for all of us, and our great-great grandchildren. How dare they even CONSIDER such an obviously harmful policy?

Every presentation, display, talk, or lesson about the ecology of Cape Hatteras, includes some mention of the fragility of the barrier island ecosystems. Development, beach erosion, rising water temperatures and sea levels, increasing storm frequency and intensity, all raise the stakes for species whose continued local existence has always been tenuous, even in good times. Irene demonstrated how easily a major disturbance can affect entire populations and communities. The beach-nesting sea turtles and birds would be the first and most obviously affected by off-road vehicular use, even outside of their nesting season. Vehicles will directly harm the physical structure of the beach, accelerating erosion. They will degrade the vegetation that protects the dunes, even if those areas are designated off-limits.

The only guarantees from this policy would be that the ecosystems will be degraded, the biota will be impoverished, and some species will be extirpated or at least stop nesting there. Please, don't set the wheels in motion for me to have to describe to my children what a healthy, vibrant, natural area Cape Hatteras "used to be". Please abandon ANY consideration of ANY off-road vehicles within the National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 4783 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I write to express my strongest support for specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

It is vital that we work aggressively to conserve and protect fragile wetlands, endangered wildlife and wilderness areas, and the public's right of quiet enjoyment of these irreplaceable areas. Shore birds and marine animals are already threatened - and the American public supports our conservation and protection efforts.

Please take the necessary steps to protect these areas for future generations! Thank you for your urgent consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4784 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no reason for allowing off road use in these areas. You might as well srtp away all protections.

Correspondence ID: 4785 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore needs help!

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Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Correspondence ID: 4787 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict ORV driving in ecologically sensitive areas such as Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We need these areas for breeding and nesting of endangered or compromised species.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4788 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't allow off road vehicles to spoil the land & endanger wildlife at Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Correspondence ID: 4789 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please provide added protection for the wildlife species at Cape Hatteras.They are our national treasures and important to the eco balance of our land.

Correspondence ID: 4790 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: "I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

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Correspondence ID: 4791 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am extremely concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Please reconsider the pending change in regulations.

Correspondence ID: 4792 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing Off Road Vehicle use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. However, the proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving, a plan that protects beach drivers more than wildlife. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

As an avid birdwatcher I thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4793 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please see that our endangered wildlife do not meet with unnecessary and irresponsible acts by those who seem to care less. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4794 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I ask that you continue to support and protect the wildlife that make their home on the beaches of this great country. Please do everything possible, including stiff fines and penalties for breaking Federal regulations and driving on the beaches and/or disturbing nesting areas. America is depleted in so many areas--we must protect one of our last natural resources, our wildlife.

Thank you.

Yolonde Holt

Correspondence ID: 4795 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please continue to protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore by further restricting the use of off-road vehicles and other "beach driving". It is vitally important to maintain as much natural habitat as possible, and allowing these vehicles to wider access will not only adversely affect the beach itself, but also the wildlife that depends on the intact state of the area. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4796 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4797 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I can't think of any reason that off-road vehicles should be allowed anywhere in the vicinity of wildlife. The most dangerous threat to the planet is a human being who's careless of the environment and negligent in the stewardship of our country.

Correspondence ID: 4798 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Vehicles should never be allowed on a National Seashore. what are you thinking?

Correspondence ID: 4799 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: These vehicles are ruining our environment. Let's put a stop to them.

Correspondence ID: 4800 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must protect animals because we are continually encroaching their habitat and they have no place left to go.

Correspondence ID: 4801 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am opposed to opening fragile habitats to use by off road vehicles. Seashores are fragile and need to be protected for all generations to enjoy

Correspondence ID: 4802 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4803 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Sincerely,

Alexander Reysenbach

Correspondence ID: 4804 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to express my concern about the proposal by the National Park Service for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The current interim plan has resulted in huge gains for protected wildlife in the area. Sea turtles only created 82 nests in 2007, but in 2010 they built 153. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be negatively impacted.

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Correspondence ID: 4806 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Migrating Shorebird numbers have been dramatically declining world-wide, with some species now at critically low levels. Australia's beaches have had to stop vehicular access because of the considerable numbers of crushed nests/eggs and vehicles creating disturbances to nesting birds.

It is urgent that all beaches have vehicle exclusion and dog-free areas to allow these key migrating species some opportunity to recover numbers so that the ecological balance along shore lines is maintained into the future

Correspondence ID: 4807 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I am absolutely against allowing vehicles on the beach. If people want to fish, then walk your rod down to the beach. Maybe a service business could develop out of this... someone who could cart fishing gear in, and fish out - but in a pull cart. People will get used to not being allowed on the beach, and this is a learning opportunity - about habitat and preserving it.

Also, the animals (non human) are masters of camouflage and that means they are easy to run over. Please protect the flora and the fauna of your beautiful seashore by not allowing vehicles on the beaches. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4808 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Name: private
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Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas.

Correspondence ID: 4811 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I oppose unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife. Therefore, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Claire Waring

Correspondence ID: 4812 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number

rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife, and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. I want you to know that I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4813 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence ID: 4814 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Vehicles should not be allowed on any beach.

Correspondence ID: 4815 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence ID: 4820 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Recreational off road vehicles should be forbidden from beaches. It is not only wildlife such as sea turtles harmed in Hatteras, but in the beaches of Corolla wild horses are also injured and killed.

Correspondence ID: 4821 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

I am very concerned that after years of advocacy and litigation the National Park Service is about to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore that will do little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

We need to do more to protect the natural beauty and wildlife of this area. Why do we need MORE vehicles on the beach?

Thank you for your consideration- Sondra Huber

Correspondence ID: 4822 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dorothy Yamamoto

Correspondence ID: 4823 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Between hurricanes and man, nature doesn't have a chance. Washington State only allows human powered vehicles on their shorelines. Why would that not be enough for this fragile and endangered ecosystem?

Correspondence ID: 4824 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off- road vehicles have no business being anywhere near the beach, the forest, open spaces etc. They belong in enclosed private acreage and NEVER on public land. The environment is just too threatened and too precious to allow this desecration. Please don't even consider it. '

Correspondence ID: 4825 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The problem with ORV's, ATV's, ski-jets, and snowmobiles is that there is a tendency for the operator or driver to operate these potentially lethal machines with a reckless attitude, and in an aggressive manner. Many drivers operate these machines as if they're participants in a NASCAR race with little, or no preservationist concern for the environment, and the fauna and flora that inhabit it. Such driving habits are poor use of our public lands, be it national parks, national wildlife refuges, national forests, or other federal lands, where the public is given access compliments of the U.S. government; and then "pillaged" or vandalized knowingly by irresponsible off road motorists. This is unacceptable. Let's keep our public lands serene and picturesque.

Correspondence ID: 4826 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4827 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Paul Angelosanto

Correspondence ID: 4828 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Please ensure that NPS regulations ensure adequate protection for these endangered creatures.

Thank you.

Eric O'Rafferty

Correspondence ID: 4829 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Is there no end to the damage and killing some will inflict upon wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4830 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4831 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I may never visit this National Seashore but my son and his family have. The wildlife area should not be limited because a minority of visitor feel they should be able to drive where they wish when they wish. This type of thinking endangers those very things people go to the seashore for, getting away from the hectic day to day living and communing with nature. Please don't let the few destroy a national treasure.

Correspondence ID: 4832 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife habitat and nesting areas need to be protected,and vehicles in the area should be prohibited. would you like someone running their vehicles over your private beach while your family was on it?

Correspondence ID: 4833 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	4834	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Limit access to save the wildlife everyone enjoys!						
Correspondence ID:	4835	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I urge you to limit the use of off-road vehicles in Cape Hatteras National Seashore to protect wildlife nesting areas. Without such protection, wildlife in the Seashore could become endangered.						
Correspondence ID:	4836	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	As a life-long bird watcher and bird lover, as well as a professional ornithologist, I urge the Park Service to take the issue of ORVs and their threat to native wildlife seriously. Not only are threatened and endangered species reliant on some of the last remaining undeveloped beaches in the US.. for feeding and breeding, but national parks are meant to provide sanctuary for people and wildlife alike. Recreation is possible without ORV. Leave the national shoreline for what national parks were intended for: a place for people to come admire undisturbed natural beauty. Thank you for your time.						
Correspondence ID:	4837	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.						
Correspondence ID:	4838	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles endanger our precious native wildlife.						
	Please stop the use of off road vehicles on all of our National Seashores.						
Correspondence ID:	4839	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	"I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.						

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in

2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific

Correspondence ID: 4840 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is time we realized that our treasures are not in safes or bank deposit boxes. Our treasures are the places of natural beauty and the wildlife that graces them and has participated in the environmental system that has fed our bodies, our eyes and our aesthetic senses. Chief Seattle warned us over a century ago that the earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the earth. We have a choice whether we are to destroy that which is, in a real sense, our Mother, or love it and preserve it for ourselves and our progeny. What we do to the wildlife we do to ourselves, and we have a responsibility to protect them and to protect (and monitor) those who visit our national treasures. Anything else is negligence.

Correspondence ID: 4841 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a part of the National Park Service, Cape Hatteras Seashore should make environmental issues a major concern. The death of any animals, especially endangered and threatened ones like sea turtles, are an abomination; especially when they can be avoided with regulations on beach driving. I implore you to consider setting restrictions on vehicle usage on the beaches, especially in nesting areas and other environmentally sensitive areas.

Correspondence ID: 4842 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As a frequent visitor to the area, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be negatively impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving.

More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

Please revise the plan to protect more land for wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4843 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and

pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4844 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to help our wildlife survive Hurricane Irene.

Correspondence ID: 4845 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am concerned that the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore does not properly protect wildlife that lives on the shore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding.

Expanding ORV use across the Seashore threatens endangered wildlife.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable to me. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4846 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose off-road vehicles of any kind on the Cape Hatteras beaches. The impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches, and the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

Do not allow any vehicles on the seashore - the wildlife are depending on you.

Thank you -- David Ashton

Correspondence ID: 4847 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Regarding Hatteras' Wildlife: Please do not consider ORV advocates who want the entire seashore opened to beach driving, instead, please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 4848 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: hi,

pls maximize the protection of Cape Hatteras and eliminate ORV use. I don't see why ORV's are compatible with conservation values. When i visit the US--which i do 1-2X per year--the main reason is to visit the fabulous national parks. I like the wildlife, peace and solitude. Like most visitors, i like to walk. Except for the disabled, others should have to walk too.

ivor frischknecht

Correspondence ID: 4849 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: wtf?

Correspondence ID: 4850 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulations of the National Park Service for Cape Hatteras off road driving do not protect wildlife. Since only 26 miles of the beach's 67 miles of beach are protected, this does not do enough for wildlife. Please consider increasing the protected areas so birds and sea turtles are protected.

Correspondence ID: 4851 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to say that I definitely oppose any unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I am also totally against any ORV's on any sea shore but if it must happen, then I only support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

This is the Park Service's responsibility and I hope someone will step up and do the right thing. Those ORV's are pieces of metal but the living things they affect need all the protection they can get; I am counting on you.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Diane Andrulonis

Correspondence ID: 4852 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: STOP YOUR TERRIBLE TREATMENT OF WILDLIFE AND IT'S PROTECTIONS-- ALL GONE NOW DUE TO SALAZAR- GET RID OF HIM- SHAME ON THIS ADMINISTRATION AND THEIR TREATMENT OF ALL ANIMALS

Correspondence ID: 4853 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider protecting more area - especially the most sensitive shore bird and turtle nesting areas. I don't support banning vehicular traffic along the entire shoreline, but we need to protect most of it.

Correspondence ID: 4854 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: give these birds and other sea animals a fighting chance. do people have to dominate every shore line? do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 4855 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: NO offroad vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore!

This area has seen enough trouble, and these vehicles are killing wildlife.

PLEASE.

Correspondence ID: 4856 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Correspondence ID: 4858 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Nice job

Correspondence ID: 4859 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As members of the most invasive species on the planet, humans must begin to respect and protect the most fragile species in our environment. We cannot allow our reckless, fossil fuel-driven vehicles to routinely destroy the nesting places of sea turtles and delicate shore birds such as plovers. We do not hold the pattern or mold to recreate these species once they are gone. I urge you to prohibit OHRV traffic from driving over areas of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore that are known as critical breeding areas for these special animals that need our protection.

Correspondence ID: 4860 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I urge you support regulation of ORV's on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. 26 out of 67 total miles for wildlife is a shame. It should be the other way around! What we loose, we may never get back. While ORV use is only a small part of any one person's life.

Please revise this plane to to include current buffers and other protections for wildlife such as the piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration; Debey Zito

Correspondence ID: 4861 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I think it is important to keep our refuges as just that and allow some spaces for wildlife to breed, don't you?

Correspondence ID: 4862 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: "I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

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Thank you for your attention to this oversight.

Sincerely, Mary Ellen Shaffer

Correspondence ID: 4863 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: THERE ARE NO GOOD REASONS FOR BLASTING RECKLESSLY OVER A DUNE OR ACROSS A BEACH WHEN WILDLIFE IS NESTING, LAYING EGGS, OR PRESENT. WILD LIFE WAS THERE BEFORE WE WERE AND WILL PROBABLY BE THERE LONG AFTER WE ARE EXTINCT. WE ARE THE CARETAKERS OF THIS PLANET , NOT ITS OWNERS.

Correspondence ID:	4864	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We need to take of Gods creatures as much as we can,and dont abuse them and kill them foolishly!!!!						
Correspondence ID:	4865	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do not allow Off Road Vehicles to damage and erode our National Seashore. The entertainment needs of a few are not critical or essential, whereas the protection of our shores, the ocean itself and wild life is critical. It is time for Americans to value what is vital about our country and not selfishly destroy what is our common heritage for purely leisure purposes. Thank you for considering the ban of ORV on our National Shoreline.						
Correspondence ID:	4866	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	As far as I am concerned, gasoline powered off-road vehicles should be banned everywhere, on beaches, in forests, swamps and other wildlife areas.						
Correspondence ID:	4867	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Wildlife has a very difficult time with storms and climate changes, much less adjusting to human beings and human beings on four wheel atvs. Think about what people are doing to the shores.						
Correspondence ID:	4869	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Correspondence ID:	4871	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I want Cape Hatteras to be fully restored to its pristine state the way I remember it in 1969, 1976 and 1998 when our family camped there and visited Kitty Hawk National Historic site. I do not want to allow access to noisy ATV's that pollute and tear into the ecosystem. I want to be able to enjoy the flora and fauna that are endemic, without smelling, seeing or hearing these motorized vehicles there. I hope that tent camping is still allowed as that is the method we've used in the past when we stayed over night in the park. Once we pulled up stakes, one did not know we were there. It is very important to preserve the park as a nature area and an historic site. Families have many options if they want a commercialized vacation and very few if they do not. We feel that it is part of the mission of the Nat'l Park Service to ensure the Commons for this and future enWe remember Cape Hatteras and Kitty Hawk as the former and not the later. We have grandchildren now and wish to take them to make the same sorts of memories we were able to enjoy as children and with our children. Discouraging commercial management, enterprises and adjuncts even in close proximity, are the best way to do this. Preserving the past by presenting the facts in the same environmental context is what demonstrates that we value our common heritage and assures it will be passed on to future generations.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Always about love.						

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Name:	private						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray, I am a four wheeler, and visit the Outer Banks at least once a year. I don't need to drive on ALL of the beaches!						

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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

Thank you for the chance to comment about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Protecting wildlife and resources on public lands should be the number 1 priority for the National Park Service

ORV use causes damage to habitat and destroys wildlife. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. Do not expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan W Newell 2928 West MacDonald Drive Billings, MT 59102

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence:	Do all Americans a favor the stop the use of off road vehicles in these areas. Preserve the peace and quiet of nature. Encourage people to get out and off mechanical vehicles and walk thru these places. It will do wonders for their mental and physical health.						

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I wish to register my opposition to unrestricted off road vehicle use at Cape Hatteras that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.						

The nesting areas of these animals (many endangered) must be protected from reckless and unmindful drivers of off-road vehicles.

I'm strongly urging that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Off-road vehicles are not an integral or necessary part of the Seashore environment. The animals that live and breed there need our protection.

Thank you.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Thank you for your consideration.

Mamie Gaede

Correspondence ID: 4884 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have a responsibility to protect those animals who need these areas to survive.

Correspondence ID: 4885 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider the life of all wildlife. Do not allow any vehicle access to the shoreline that should be protected.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 4886 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I see no reason for allowing the unrestricted use of off-road vehicles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 4887 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protections for nesting shorebirds have worked well here on the west coast. They have been put in place by a variety of agencies.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore should have protections, too. Shorebirds, turtles, and other wildlife that use beaches for nesting need well thought out, science-based protected areas to assure their survival as species.

My husband and I visited the Cape Hatteras National Seashore this spring. I was surprised at how much development has occurred. The whole area is so overwhelmed by beach condos et al. that it was very hard to get a feeling of being in a wild place at all.

Limit driving on the beach to just a few areas where it will do the least damage.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Lesley Hunt

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Name: private
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Name: private

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect shore animal wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4890 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off Road Vehicles should not be allowed to destroy the tranquility of the beaches including the destruction of wildlife. No individual should be given permission to tear up our shoreline with a vehicle. This beach belongs to us all, not a few ignorant individuals creating a hazard. thank you, Paul GhostHorse

Correspondence ID: 4891 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources (e.g., diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations), while wildlife protections work.

The Park Service has been enforcing specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. And under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers.

But the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Also, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not seem to represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Please add specific protections for wildlife and pedestrian visitors into the ORV regulation to ensure wildlife recovery continues and that the safety of all visitors is protected. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4892 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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I support a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of Seashore beach. The entire area should be closed to beach driving.

If the Park Service does not close the entire Seashore to beach driving, then I urge you to include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians in the regulation. I support non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, and this is simply not acceptable. Please add buffers and other specific, mandatory wildlife protections to the regulation. I urge you to include science-based protections for all natural resources that strictly adhere to the "Highest Degree of Protection" as outlined in the USGS Protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4895 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORV's have no business on the beach. Let them WALK like everyone else and b sure to leave the turtles and birds unmolested.

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Correspondence: man has constantly destroyed life and environment of this beautiful planet. It is high time to stop man's destructive behavior and uncaring attitude of the lives of other species. I am sick of the senseless slaughter of the worlds marvelous wild life and domestic life. It seems man just thinks of his own pleasures and stomach and wallet. They should be fined for illegal driving on restricted area, fined for each animals death and suffering, and veterinary bills , and jail time and loss of four wheeler or dune buggy Permanently confiscated! All life needs to be cherished and respected.

Correspondence ID: 4899 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose any more shoreline from being used by vehicles of any kind in Cape Hatteras National National Seashore. In fact, I propose that vehicles be forbidden from access to any of the shoreline so that people can enjoy ALL of the area and wildlife can be protected and allowed to increase in number.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean are the last of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States that protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, and are a few of last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments.

ORV use impairs park resources (e.g., diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, increased wildlife mortality).

Wildlife protections work (e.g., no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds). Protected species rebounded, with some reproducing in record numbers (e.g., endangered sea turtles).

ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians as well as buffers and successful wildlife protections, and adequate vehicle-free areas must be in the regulation. If not the following Organic Act provision would be violated: "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Thank you for considering these comments and hopefully you will take action to preserve these areas.

Correspondence ID: 4901 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: we need to start protecting our land. Stop destroying everything

Correspondence ID: 4902 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Anything with wheels should not be allowed access to any beach with wildlife; probably most beaches. Only authorized vehicles should be permitted. Not only are these vehicles dangerous to wildlife, they may precipitate more erosion than normal. I know I would not like to have a vehicle drive through my living space. How we treat the defenseless says a lot about our values as a society. We need to take a stand in defense of wildlife or we may end up being the only "beings" left and wouldn't that be sad as well as unsustainable. Thank-you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 4903 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4904 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: You need to consider implementing regulation of ORV use on the beach shore lines due to the impact it has on the population of endangered species that call these beach shorelines, homes/ nesting grounds.

Correspondence ID: 4905 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We are the stewards of the land. Get those motorized maniacs off of the seashore

Correspondence ID: 4906 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There should be special regulations regarding the use of off road vehicles in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It has been documented time and again that ORV's degrade habitat for wildlife, destroy nesting areas (especially for endangered species like piping plover) and decrease the public's enjoyment of the park. They really do not belong in a national seashore.

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Ari Meyer

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Correspondence ID: 4909 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep what we have left of natural areas exactly that. Keep offroad vehicles off the Hatteras seashore. Let nature be with little to no human interference.

Correspondence ID: 4910 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 4911 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the speqad of destruction throughout our wonderful natural resources

Correspondence ID: 4912 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS, WE MUST CONSERVE, PROTECT,CHERISH AND SAVE OUR NATIONAL PARKS. FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THE SWAIN FAMILY

Correspondence ID: 4913 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is absolutely no reason to allow off-road vehicle use by visitors anywhere in the CHNS. This is just too disruptive and destructive for wildlife and the fragile environment that is being protected there.

Correspondence ID: 4914 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live in North Carolina, and visit the Outerbanks (HATTERAS shoreline) often during the season. I have seen, up close and firsthand, how these off road vehicles destroy the shoreline, sandline, and dunes. It is usually two types of people doing the damage and destruction: college kids in jeeps (who don't care about conservation, just having a good time), and fisherman who think it is their god-given right to go wherever they want and damn the consequences to nature and sensitive species.

Please.....I am asking you to enact sensible policies and laws to save our sand nesting bird species and egg laying in sand turtle species.

Thank you, my eternal gratitude to you. Remember, the POWER OF ONE, together with many other legislators, equals doing the right thing.

THank you for listening.

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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 4916 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like these traps removed.

Correspondence ID: 4917 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Having lived in the US Virgin Islands and watching what has happened there at the various sites, some protected and some not... It seems like there could be some designated area for off road adventures, but first protect the hatching grounds. Once those areas are determined, and how shy the animals are in the area, then possibly an area of adventure could be developed. If there are any fees for safety and cleanup, they might also help support the wildlife. If an alternative and more fun adventure can be developed it would bleed off some of the people who might be thinking twice about the expence of the gas, the pollution...

Correspondence ID: 4918 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I think we need to protect these birds as much as possible. There really is no reason for yahoos to be driving all over the beaches. Thank you.						

Correspondence ID:	4920	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	No vehicles should be permitted on the beach, period! There needs to be a protection species act enacted and a ban put in place ASAP!						

Correspondence ID:	4921	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please don't allow unlimited off road driving where it will harm turtles, ocean birds and other life of the beach. I know this is						

short, but it is all I have to add.

Correspondence ID: 4923 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Driving on the beach is unnecessary except for Park vehicles. We need to protect the beach,dunes ,vegetation and wild life. I am a beach lover , have worked for the Park Service at FI National Seashore and am trying to teach my grandchildren to treasure all our natural resources.

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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 4925 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is well known that ATV use negatively impacts wildlife, landscapes and pedestrian enjoyment. Wildlife protections can positively impact threatened species and in three years were able to almost double the number of sea turtle nests. Also there is too much space allotted in the plan for ATV use. There should be at least 1/2 of the seashore set aside for those guests that do not enjoy ATV use, which would be a total of 33.5 miles of seashore. I ask that protected areas be set aside and plans be made for continued protection of wildlife nesting areas.

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations."

Correspondence ID: 4928 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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The National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

Please strengthen protections for wildlife by sharply restricting where ORV's are allowed to go.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4929 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I urge you to limit off road recreational vehicle use on Cape Hatteras beach. Such use harms endangered animal populations such as sea turtles and piping plovers. For the sake of our ecosystems, and so that future generations can see these magnificent

animals, we need specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4930 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly oppose unrestricted off-road vehicle use on huge portions of this national seashore. ORV use already has taken its toll on threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches. Without important safeguards and restrictions to ORV use, the risk to these fragile species will increase dramatically.

Correspondence ID: 4931 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please reserve our wonderful natural parks for the beauty of nature and not let off-road vehicles and snowmobiles ruin it for the rest of us, the majority.

Correspondence ID: 4932 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I love Cape Hatteras. I have been to OBX many times and usually rent a house for the week.

I love the naturalness of the island. I really can't understand how people think off roading will not hurt the environment especially in a time like this. It should be prohibited for now, and maybe forever. Horseback riding on the beach is a great alternative.

Correspondence ID: 4933 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Beaches are for walking and for birds. Not vehicles.

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Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

I encourage you to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4935 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider the piping plover which I scarcely see any more and other birds that nest along the shore and are very vulnerable. Surely people can get in their recreation needs elsewhere and leave the birds alone.

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Name: private
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving.

Instead, we should support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you for your attention.

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4940 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of Seashore beach. The entire area should be closed to beach driving.

If the Park Service does not close the entire Seashore to beach driving, then I urge you to include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians in the regulation. I support non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, and this is simply not acceptable. Please add buffers and other specific, mandatory wildlife protections to the regulation. I urge you to include science-based protections for all natural resources that strictly adhere to the "Highest Degree of Protection" as outlined in the USGS Protocols for Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4941 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Offroading is detrimental to animals. Do no allow it to pass.

Correspondence ID: 4942 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Get them off the sand in Pismo and Grover Beaches in Central California, too. The dues are too delicate and the critters too threatened and the air pollution too affected by sand being thrown up. NO MORE VEHICLES at the shore.

Correspondence ID: 4943 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

The National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID:	4944	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	protect shore birds from off road vehicles						

Correspondence ID:	4945	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I urge you to do more to protect wildlife nesting areas and set aside more land for pedestrians that is not open to beach driving.						

Correspondence ID:	4946	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.						

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and speci

Correspondence ID:	4947	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Without nature we don't exist.						

Correspondence ID:	4948	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	If wildlife is to survive, it must be protected from offroad vehicles. Please give our wildlife protection and increase the area of land available to wildlife where it will not be threatened by vehicles driven through seashore areas.						

Correspondence ID:	4949	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Save the Seashore!!!						

Correspondence ID:	4950	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider maintaining and extending the measures currently in place to protect nesting wildlife along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. ORV's should not be allowed access to the entire stretch of beach because this would not represent a balance between recreational needs and the needs of wildlife to exist in an environment not continuously threatened by deadly incursions of motorized traffic. Our beaches should not have to be littered with roadkill like our nation's highways. Possible extinction of a species is not worth the fleeting moments of fun had by those who drive ORV's. Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 4951 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As an avid hiker, nature photographer, and someone who has vacationed several times at Cape Hatteras, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The current plan does not protect enough of the seashore. There is no need to allow vehicles in more areas than those allocated only to wildlife and pedestrians.

Please revise the plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4952 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Andrew Smith

Correspondence ID: 4953 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORVs make our seashores unsafe for humans and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4954 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I urge you to include specific wildlife protection clauses in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore regulations.

In addition, I strongly urge you to restrict the miles of seashore available for year-round use by ORVs to no more than half the total seashore (preferably less). This is only fair for nonmotorized/ORV visitors to the Seashore and is a crucial factor in wildlife habitat preservation.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4955 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our family visited the Outer Banks in April 1999, including the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We we amazed at the beauty of the area and the variety of birds that we saw. This fragile area is already vulnerable to the forces of nature, especially hurricanes. We should not encourage further destruction from human sources. Please do not allow ORV's on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 4956 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The 7 national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the final vestiges of undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of America. These important habitats protect homes for endangered wildlife.

It is well-documented that ORV use harms park resources. Examples include reduced access and greater safety hazards for pedestrians, along with heightened wildlife mortality and decreased populations. We know that wildlife protections work. For the last several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures such as no-driving buffers around nesting birds/turtles, their nests, chicks/hatchlings, and establishing protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

Yet, the Park Service has removed these buffers and other successful wildlife protections from proposed regulation! In doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service fails in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for pedestrians and wildlife in the regulation.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and for the hard work of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 4957 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4958 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicle use can be done in a lot of places but the species that are damaged by it at Cape Hatteras don't have many options and favoring the ORV over the little creatures just seems extremely short-sighted and juvenile to me. We are the most refined of the species I think, capable of conscious thought, we are at least smart enough to manage our species and it's entertainments so as not to do harm to little creatures just trying to hang in there in oceans polluted by us already. Can't they at least have this one beach?! They are just trying to quietly live their lives. Do they deserve a death sentence not only for them but

all their descendants? That would be harsh.

Correspondence ID: 4959 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As a citizen who was raised in North Carolina and with family still residing in the state, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I am not in favor of changing the current interim plan that has worked so well. Under the current plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. I am deeply concerned that if you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

Don't get me wrong, I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore. However, the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. This is not sufficient or acceptable. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. I urge you to please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. This area is one of the last great coastal ecosystems on the eastern seashore and a huge part of the tourism contributions for the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4960 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have vacationed on the Outer Banks numerous times and have always enjoyed seeing the wide variety of wildlife in such a magnificent habitat. I believe the preservation of the wildlife should have priority over the entertainment of tourists. Of course, the wildlife are not as lucrative as the tourist industry, but I believe it is our God-given responsibility to take care of them. Thank you for considering my viewpoint.

Correspondence ID: 4961 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please take this precious wildlife in consideration! There is only one and once it is gone is gone . We need to protect it and make sure that it will stay undisturbed, thank You Gudrun Holiday

Correspondence ID: 4962 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4963 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific,

Correspondence ID: 4964 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have seen the devastation and environmental damage done by off road vehicles. They should all be baned on these valuable lands or at least severely controlled by restricte use to designated areas

Correspondence ID: 4965 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan. Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORV's year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4966 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The coast of the eastern United States is something I enjoyed and respected from the 1950's until the 1980's. Since then, it has spiraled downhill so quickly it makes me sick. The very idea of driving vehicles on beaches anywhere is counterintuitive to all but the most selfish. I guess you are in that category.

Correspondence ID: 4967 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As tempting as it is to draw visitors with the prospect of OHV use in this scenic area, it is not worth it. I live near Paul Bunyan State Forest, in Hubbard County, Minnesota, and I have seen the destruction that OHV use can create. The impact to the habitat will be far greater than any economic benefit you gain. Foot traffic is impossible to completely regulate, but not even 10 people walking around in sensitive areas can compare to the damage to these breeding sites that a single OHV vehicle can create.

Please DO NOT allow this to happen. A single careless person that ignores any rules or laws will potentially kill or destroy numerous animals and nesting sites. It will harm water quality, create damaging erosion and ruin the scenic beauty that already draws people to this site.

Thank you.

Cassie Novak Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer MN DNR Nongame Wildlife Program Volunteer

Correspondence ID: 4968 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We do not need ORV's on the Outer Banks. we need strict limitations for the safety of our fragile wildlife. Let the beach cowboys take to watercraft, where much less damage can be done to fish than birds and fragile sands.

Correspondence ID: 4969 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration. Richard Bloom

Correspondence ID: 4970 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Park Service, Thank you for being open and receptive to making changes that protect our precious wildlife and sea creatures. I am writing for specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Many vacationers can still enjoy the beauty and bounty of Cape Hatteras while providing the necessary protections to our wildlife. Many thanks, Lori

Correspondence ID: 4971 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: protect wildlife

Correspondence ID: 4972 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed rule lacks enough protection for wildlife. More emphasis should be placed on wildlife and habitat protection, and less ORV use. Buffer zones are inadequate and mineral and resource extraction should not be allowed.

Correspondence ID: 4973 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4974 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please save the birds

Correspondence ID: 4975 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ban off road vehicles on Cape Hatteras seashores. We must protect turtles and other wildlife that make their home along the shore. It's our duty to protect them!

Correspondence ID: 4976 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does NOT mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving.

PLEASE support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 4977 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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The wildlife would speak, but they're busy being wild. That's why I do.

Correspondence ID: 4978 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect the shoreline wildlife. Ban off-road vehicles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore!

Correspondence ID: 4979 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Regulated shoeline ATV vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 4980 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Very simply: wildlife habitat is fragile as it is without such human disregard. Please protect it so we can enjoy it without harming the inhabitants. Personally I think all beaches should be protected from vehicle abuse.

Correspondence ID: 4981 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do people really need to be able to destroy wildlife habitat with their ORVs? No. Please protect our wildlife. Thank you.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: As a private citizen who values the beauty and natural areas that remain in our country, I urge you to severely limit the access of any off road vehicle at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. While some off roaders are responsible citizens many are not. The natural beauty could be permanently destroyed. The offensive noise made by these vehicles not only annoys those of us enjoy the serenity of nature, it endangers the well being of all the birds and animals that live there. Please consider writing the law so that Off Road Vehicles are banned from the seashore and stiff fines for damages that are caused by illegal use of the off road vehicles.

Thank you, SWF

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Correspondence: Please consider restricting further the use of Off road Vehicles on the Cape Hatteras Seashore. The sea turtles and birds that nest there have been largely killed by these vehicles. If we are to leave the treasures of the planet for future generations we have to do something to preserve them now.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I wish you would continue the progress that has been made in protecting Hatteras wildlife. I strongly support, specific, enforceable science based protections for the wildlife in the area and add prohibitions on off road driving in these areas.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I am concerned that we enact laws that further protect the wildlife at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We must not, as a people, use our might to take what we want because we can, without regard to the injustice we perpetrate, whether it be to man or animal.

The wildlife was there long before we wanted to enjoy the area. If we wish to share the seashore we must behave with all consideration to it's first inhabitants. They cannot speak for themselves. We cannot be blind to the havoc we create and so must enact laws to maintain the web of which we are a part. ORV have no place at the seashore and if they are to be there they should be severely limited.

Thank you for caring.

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Correspondence: I do not visit this site at this time, but I don't like the idea of allowing others to wantonly destroy the environment of the area for recreational purposes. They can go to demolition derbies to do the same things. They can go to city dumps to enjoy the kind of area they prefer. This area is too precious for some to handle. Please make it safe for the wildlife that require this area for existence. Thank you!

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Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

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Correspondence: I urge you to restrict the use of all terrain vehicles on Cape Hatteras Seashore in order to preserve the wildlife living there. It is a very important location for the birds who reside there as well as migrate through.

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Correspondence: Please, please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. To do otherwise is unconscionable.

This is the only way to protect the plover. As a former resident and frequent visitor to the area, I am deeply interested in protecting these birds.