

Correspondence ID: 7000 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect threatened species from Off-road vehicles. 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: 7001 **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: 7002 **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 not satisfied with 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 will be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore. However, the Park Service plan protects ORV drivers more than it does wildlife. It is pretty apparent endangered wildlife are in dire need of protections for their survival. Beach drivers have plenty to entertain themselves with already, and don't need protections for their well-being. 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 absolutely unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit and important protections for piping plovers, sea turtles, and other wildlife that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7003 **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 don't allow off-road vehicles to disturb environmentally sensitive areas in California. We need to preserve what little natural preserves and wildlife we have left for future generations to enjoy.

Because of reckless and irresponsible actions of the past, several species are now extinct and we can only view them in museums. How tragic! Now other species are in danger. Let's not have generations of the future harbor anger towards us for inaction in protecting all wildlife which is extremely valuable beyond any dollars or cents.

It's a value of heritage and legacy, much more important than person's weekend fun of off-roading.

Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 7005 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must begin to view wildlife as more important than financial profit. Extinction is forever.

Correspondence ID: 7006 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Prohibit off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore area(s). Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7007 **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 wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7008 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: KEEP THE SHORE LINE SAFE FOR BIRDS...

Correspondence ID: 7009 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7010 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted ORV use that could threaten nesting areas, sea turtles and other wildlife particularly in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. ORVs should be restricted to areas designed for their use. Birds and other wildlife return year to year to the same spot and having either an unrestricted area or a moveable one is going to negatively impact their ability to reproduce. People visit these areas for many reasons, not just ORV use. I don't want ORVs eliminated just controlled to an area. If I go to ride ORVs I don't want to worry about nesting birds and if I want to see quiet and wildlife I don't want to hear ORVs.

Correspondence ID: 7011 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop unlimited off road vehicular access to areas that endanger wild life.

Correspondence ID: 7012 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There has been too much habitat destruction already for our roads at least keep vehicles off the land that hasn't been paved.

Correspondence ID: 7013 **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. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 7014 **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: 7015 **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 from Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 7016 **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: 7017 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thank you for seriously considering regulations in regards to ORV beach driving 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 will be disturbed.

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. Why does the state allow ORV drivers to destroy the majority of the habitat that pedestrians and wildlife need and love?

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 adopt specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Without a healthy environment, we all lose.

Correspondence ID: 7018 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: n/a

Correspondence ID: 7019 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must respect our sacred National Park System and provide a safe and secure environment for all living creatures.

Correspondence ID: 7020 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If we do not protect our wild life, our children will live in a pretty dull world

Correspondence ID: 7021 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I believe off road vehicle use in the entire national park system, as well as the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, should be banned. This type of use, even when managed, is destructive to the environment, creates air, noise, and potentially light pollution, and wastes resources. This type of use is not compatible with environmental protection.

Correspondence ID: 7022 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a biology graduate and supporter of wildlife, I am disheartened 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.

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 protect wildlife by revising the proposal to ensure that no beach driving is allowed on this important seashore, and that wildlife nesting areas are permanently protected.

Correspondence ID:	7023	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 you in the strongest terms to SET ASIDE MOST - OR EVEN ALL OF THE CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE for the protection of nesting birds and the enjoyment of hikers and nature enthusiasts. ORVs are noisy, polluting and destructive, and they should never be allowed along the fragile seashore. Birds of all kinds are already in decline (as I have noted even where I live) for all sorts of reasons, and THE PARK SERVICE SHOULD BE IN THE BUSINESS OF PROTECTING OUR PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCES, NOT AIDING IN THEIR DESTRUCTION.						
Correspondence ID:	7024	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Why ever would anyone allow destructive vehicles to tear around the beaches killing the wildlife and tearing up the environment ??? THIS HAS TO STOP RIGHT NOW . There is absolutely NO REASON to allow this ridiculous curse on nature ... NO REASON . Stop this practice .. better yet , let them tear around in the yards of the people who allow it ..						
Correspondence ID:	7025	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	PLEASE KEEP THESE IDIOTS OFF OF THE BEACHES AND OUT OF THE FORESTS. THEIR TRAVEL IS TOTALLY DESTRUCTIVE AND UNNECESSARY.						
	WE MUST SAVE AND PROTECT ALL WILDLIFE THAT WE HAVEN'T ALREADY DESTROYED. STARTING NOW						
Correspondence ID:	7026	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Sir or Madam, I am writing to endorse specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting on the seashore. I grew up in Virginia Beach and frequently visited Hatteras and the rest of the Outer Banks. I chose to visit to take in the beauty of the place along with its natural, wild residents. Unfortunately, current policies do not do enough to protect the species which nest there. I urge you to pass laws which restrict vehicles in sensitive areas and will put these animals out of harm's way. Sincerely, Joshua Pessar						
Correspondence ID:	7027	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect nesting areas along Cape Hatteras.						
Correspondence ID:	7028	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Wildlife nesting places on beaches MUST be protected. There is no reason that off-road vehicles should be permitted on any land that is a natural site for birds and animals. What would this world sound like if we never heard another song bird singing? Or frogs croaking? or Crickets chirping?						
Correspondence ID:	7029	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I support this petition.						

Correspondence ID:	7030	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Pleaser Protect our Parks for generations to come.						
Correspondence ID:	7031	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Let's protect the environment with all its creatures.						
Correspondence ID:	7032	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Get the off road vehicles off the Outer Banks Beaches						
Correspondence ID:	7033	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	PLEASE HELP END THIS SENELESS KILLING						
Correspondence ID:	7034	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						
Correspondence:	The diversity of life on this planet needs to be protected. If it isn't, we are going to wind up with a dead planet.						
Correspondence ID:	7036	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect the nests of wildlife on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore from Off-Road Vehicles.						
Correspondence ID:	7037	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Animals have rights too, and they should not suffer for the amusement of humans.						
Correspondence ID:	7038	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: 7039 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please limit OVR usage. I support specific, enforceable, and science-based protections for wildlife. Some of us like to vacation in nature without the noise and destruction that OVR usage brings with it. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7040 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: People do not NEED to use 4 wheelers and beach buggies to get access to the beautiful sights and experiences of the Cape Hatteras beaches. Walking never hurt anyone, even if it is for miles... but motorized vehicles can decimate populations of nesting and breeding wildlife, and damage populations of threatened species. To only set aside 1/3 of this sanctuary for people and animals, and to let the other 2/3 become available to motorized vehicles is not good management of our precious resources. Will there be anything of the wildlife and unscathed vistas in this country left for future generations?? Please do not open up Cape Hatteras to motorized vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 7041 **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 beach. The shore birds are beautiful and deserve protection.

Correspondence ID: 7042 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife that rely on the lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive by providing additional vehicle-free areas and enforcement. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7043 **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: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am writing about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. My husband is a science teacher and we are both passionate about protecting wildlife; we've both vacationed in the area for years and love it there.

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.

Melissa Baratta

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The offroad vehicles can find some where else, the birds cannot.

Correspondence ID: 7046 **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 regulations you are proposing concerning Off-road vehicle use at Cape Hatteras don't do enough to protect wildlife such as the piping plover and sea turtles.

I am a wildlife photographer by hobby, and as yet have not gotten to photograph piping plovers or sea turtles. I hope to get that chance.

Please consider the regs carefully and make the protection of wildlife a primary concern. They are in our care.

Correspondence ID: 7047 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly urge you to support specific, enforceable science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. If off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. This is my greatest concern. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7048 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: WE NEED TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT AND ALL FORMS OF WILDLIFE...OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT...ENVIRONMENT IS THE BOTTOM LINE...

Correspondence ID: 7049 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like to voice my hope that you will manage Cape Hatteras National Seashore with an eye toward preserving the wildlife that uses the shore as well. With shorebirds and other fragile species trying to survive, I hope that you will not allow the recreational vehicle crowd to run rampant all over the shore just because they are a strong lobby. Please remember that wildlife cannot speak for themselves, and it is up to us to preserve the natural heritage our country is so proud of. Respectfully

submitted, Cherie Wasoff

Correspondence ID: 7050 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no reason that vehicles should be allowed on the beach.

Correspondence ID: 7051 **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: Keep the off road vehicles off the shores and wherever species need to be protected from senseless harm!

Correspondence ID: 7053 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no need to allow vehicles to drive in sensitive environmental areas like the seashore at Cape Hatteras. There are only a couple of areas, one is in Michigan where the piping plover nests. We are slowly destroying our fragile planet for "fun and games". Enough is enough.

Correspondence ID: 7054 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have visited Cape Hatteras numerous times over the last 50 years. Its natural wildlife are a vital part of its attractiveness and beauty. So is a natural environment that does not include motor vehicles roaring up and down the beach, distracting visitors from their relaxation and killing wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7055 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are some beaches here in Oregon that allow vehicles and individuals will intentionally run down birds. If they can be found they are heavily fined. I think the beaches should be closed to vehicles and anyone disturbing the habitat, including the nests of any beach wildlife should be heavily fined and perhaps jailed!

Correspondence ID: 7056 **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 regulate ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

In order not to harm wildlife, it's important to keep the ORV use limited in this 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 am opposed to setting 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!

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. I urge you to 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.

Correspondence ID: 7057 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly oppose unrestricted use of off-road vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras for survival. But if off-road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. These vehicles also threaten sea turtles, other shorebirds, and other wildlife. Please ensure that your proposed regulations will protect wildlife nesting habitat.

Correspondence ID: 7058 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do not open up beaches and other sensitive areas to off-road vehicle use. They are unbelievably noisy, destructive, and ruin the outdoor experience for everybody else trying to enjoy it.

Correspondence ID: 7059 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop the off road vehicles from killing shoreline wildlife. Turtles, piping plovers and their babies are being killed because of off road vehicles. I cannot understand why anyone would want to not protect our wildlife from these vehicles.

I strongly support regulatio of ORVs at the seashore, but the park service plan protects beach drivers more than our wildlife.

I would ask that more protection to be given to all wildlife that lives around our beaches. They cannot survive without our help.

Correspondence ID: 7060 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: DON'T ALLOW UNRESTRICTED VEHICLE ACCESS ON THE BEACH.

Correspondence ID: 7061 **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: 7062 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It seems as if we are like little kids still wanting to play with toys. Im thinking of, in some cases, off road vehicles, motorboats, etc. This may OK, until it is evident that other living things must suffer for our personal indulgences. In this particular case the government should oversee our moving of our playground to another location, or encourage a change of toys by law, if necessary. Thanks for reading this. Sincerely, george marzocchi

Correspondence ID: 7063 **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.

Correspondence ID: 7065 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I encourage lawmakers to consider more protected nesting grounds for seashore birds and turtles. The increasing stress of off-road vehicles must be regulated by increased protection of laws. Thank you, Fred Copithorn

Correspondence ID: 7066 **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: 7067 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hi. I am opposed to unrestricted off-road vehicle use along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This area is valuable habitat for wildlife, and includes nesting grounds for shorebirds and sea turtles. These are the true national treasures that we should be protecting here.

Correspondence ID: 7068 **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: 7069 **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.

Correspondence ID: 7070 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: n/a

Correspondence ID: 7071 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: why is it the government has to be petitioned to do the proper thing? why does government have to be in favor of knuckleheads with off road noisy, polluting, anti environment citizens. if the lobbyists money and pressure is too great, then go ahead and cave in to corruption. corruption seems to be winning anyway.

Correspondence ID: 7072 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am in support of NOT allowing off road vehicles to disrupt the habitats of animals. There can be designated areas for recreation of those types of vehicles so as not to destroy the homes of wild animals.

Correspondence ID: 7073 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please limit ORV vehicles on Cape Hatteras

Correspondence ID: 7074 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I think we need to protect wildlife and their habitat universally, including along national seashores. The wasteful use of resources in so-called "recreational vehicles" is a blot on our nation, and harmful to the creatures we are obliged to protect.

Correspondence ID: 7075 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect wildlife from OffRoad vehicles. Do not allow unrestricted off-road vehicle use.

Correspondence ID: 7076 **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, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, yYet 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 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.

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 would like to tell Park Service that I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas.

Correspondence ID: 7077 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: keep the birds safe!

Correspondence ID: 7078 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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

Correspondence ID: 7079 **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.

Correspondence ID: 7080 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please stop this senseless killing. The vehicles do not need to be on the beach. Not only are animals being destroyed, here in Florida people are being killed.

If the government doesn't step in there won't be any animals or environment left for the next generation.

Correspondence ID: 7081 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: the protection of eco systems and breeding space is crucial to the survival of species. Please take this opportunity to thoroughly protect these creatures and their habitat for the benefit of all that visit and absorb the area.

We dominate most landscapes as though our existence is independent of all other organisms. This is the antithesis of reality: we depend on our complex eco systems for survival.

Please demonstrate balance and an interest in creating a lasting legacy of diversity, education, peace, and beauty.

Correspondence ID: 7082 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please protect our precious wild life. Off-road vehicle "fun" should not take precedence over the lives and welfare of animals and birds that live and nest on our beaches! ORVs do so much damage to the environment.

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Correspondence ID: 7083 **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.

Karey Hagerman

Correspondence ID: 7084 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep national parks as a sanctuary for the fragile inhabitants..vehicles belong on paved roadways where the harm to wildlife is reduced. Ban motor vehicles form our shorelines and wilderness areas. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 7085 **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. ORVs should be very restricted so that affected bird populations can increase.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 7086 **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: 7087 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Protect Nature, don't allow people to destroy it in the name of recreation or development. Development & recreation can be allowed where it doesn't disrupt or eliminate the necessary habitat of creatures that share our planet. We've already done that too much, if we continue & do it enough, we won't be able to survive here either.

Correspondence ID: 7088 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: n/a

Correspondence ID: 7089 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles and ATVs are a scourge to rural America. They should be heavily regulated in places where they do ecological damage like on a seashore.

Thank you, ML

Correspondence ID: 7090 **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

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It may be that there should be places for off-road vehicles on fragile national seashore parks, but they should be located in such a way that they do not endanger pedestrians, shore animals, or the fragile beaches themselves. There is no reason why a few car-crazy barbarians should be allowed to destroy the entire eco-system of the shore.

Correspondence ID: 7092 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to make sure to preserve our wildlife, and in this case, our sea turtles. Please do all you can do to help.

Correspondence ID: 7093 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect the birds and other wildlife on Cape Hatteras. Regulate motorized vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 7094 **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 from motorized vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 7095 **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: PLEASE! No off road vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I have visited this lovely area and I don't know why anyone would want to allow this. I would like to see that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7097 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am opposed to off road unrestricted vehicle use which endangers sea turtles, shorebirds and all other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7098 **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.

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: 7099 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have to protect nature. We our there voices

Correspondence ID: 7100 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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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 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.

Correspondence ID: 7101 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like to urge you to reconsider the ORV guidelines in regards to the safeguarding of wildlife. Like many people who loves the outdoors I also love the wildlife that resides in or migrates through your area. Please consider the impact on a larger and later scale done to any ecosystem.

Thank you

Fernando Venegas

Correspondence ID: 7102 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife should be protected from the dangers of people driving over their nesting ground.

Correspondence ID: 7103 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop Drilling! Stop bending so far right! This park is precious and deserves to be preserved!

Correspondence ID: 7104 **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 all of us, but to conserve and enjoy, not to destroy. ORVs destroy vegetation and habitats and should not be entitled to enter. People who feel they should be allowed to do anything they want to have a childish attitude toward life. True adults do not destroy what is valuable to themselves and others.

Correspondence ID: 7105 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly oppose the use of offroad vehicles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Shorebirds and other wild animas require the special protection that our National Seashores are set asside to protect.

Correspondence ID: 7106 **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: 7107 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am against any off road biking in our national park systems. Such biking should only be done on established biking paths that have already ruined the landscape. I especially oppose biking along the seashores which threaten our already severely threatened species of birds. Thank you. Marcia Dahlinghaus

Correspondence ID: 7108 **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 our wild lands and our wildlife. They don't belong in wilderness areas, state and national parks, national seashores or any other place that is critical to the preservation of our natural world.

Correspondence ID: 7109 **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: 7110 **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 absolutely oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

I'm glad that, the National Park Service is finally 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. That is not acceptable. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 7111 **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 beaches. They are harmful to birds, turtles and other wildlife. Get them off the beaches!!

Correspondence ID: 7112 **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. However, unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use is taking a toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

I understand 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 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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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: 7113 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This is a no brainer. The people who do this disrespectful thing are either killers at heart or Dumb.

Correspondence ID: 7114 **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 very concerned about NPS's proposed regulation for managing off-road vehicles (ORV) use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

With the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created eighty-two nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds populations 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:	7115	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras off road vehicles are harming wildlife, And not only during the birth seasons but the year around.						
Correspondence ID:	7116	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	ORV's should be restricted on Cape Hatteras and other national seashores, such as Cumberland Island. Shore birds, crabs, turtles, etc. are defenseless against vehicles and deserve to be protected.						
Correspondence ID:	7117	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:	7118	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	To all that this should greatly concern, please strongly consider our requests & realize that they are needed in order to sustain & maintain our inherent interactions with nature, forever. Right down to the tiniest newborn that are the first to suffer.						
Correspondence ID:	7119	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off-road vehicles inflict incredible damage to the seashore and wild life as I have personally witnessed many a time. My wife and I are avid campers and spend part of every summer and fall in a protected area and are always shocked to hear the awfully loud noises and tearing up of the landscape by party-goers, snow-mobilers (in the winters) and of course, the ever present oil and natural resource diggers in the U.S. West.						
	As responsible citizens, we have always felt that there must be some thing that the government bureaucrats could do and yet every passing year has yielded the same conclusion, damn the people, damn the peace, damn the wilderness and wildlife. Let the corrupt, over-priveleged and ever-stupid Congress decide. The bureaucratic thinking goes, why should we be concerned? That is what this country unfortunately has come to, not like the German or the Japanese bureaucrats who take their jobs and laws seriously.						
	Kill off-road vehicles please: they are heavy polluters of air and water. There must be some thing sacred in our lives.						
Correspondence ID:	7120	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 seashore beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

It is imperative that the wildlife be protected in whatever capacity that is required to do so.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 7121 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I recently read about the National Park Service's proposed regulations for ORV usage on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and I'm writing in this forum to note my concern.

I know that there have been significant efforts over the past few years to help protect wildlife in this area, and those efforts have been very successful. Expanding ORV use along the National Seashore could have devastating effects on the threatened and endangered wildlife in the area.

The Outer Banks is our family's favorite vacation destination - we visit every year or two from Illinois. We truly value the Cape Hatteras National Seashore for it's sheer beauty and the wildlife and serenity it offers.

While I strongly support regulation of ORVs in this area, I believe that the Park Service needs to consider the wildlife and natural beauty of the area ahead of the special ORV 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 explicit protections for wildlife in the unique Cape Hatteras Seashore area.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing more about this plan and how we can protect the beauty and wildlife in this area while still offering ORV usage in a controlled manner.

Best Regards, Martha Buchan

Correspondence ID: 7122 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict off road vehicles on beaches to protect wildlife. Thank you, Tim Intagliata

Correspondence ID: 7123 **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: 7124 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Friends, I have been a frequent visitor to the Hatteras National Seashore and am eager to add my voice to the updating of ORV regulations for that part of the National Park System. 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.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. I urge the Park Service to make permanent the use of no-driving buffers and other protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Thank you for this opportunity to weigh in. Sincerely, Robert Grammer

Correspondence ID: 7125 **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.

Correspondence ID: 7126 **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: 7127 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a former resident of Virginia Beach, VA, I often took many trips to the Hatteras Seashore. Please keep this area protected for the wildlife! By allowing these ORVs on the beach, not only are you endangering the birds and turtles, but you are also polluting the area. Pamela Pine

Correspondence ID: 7128 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep tight restrictions on ORV's in Cape Hatteras. Shorebirds need these protections in order to successfully raise their young. The federal government has a responsibility to protect sensitive wildlife areas and Cape Hatteras is an area that needs protection. Thank you. Sincerely, Dawn Bragg

Correspondence ID: 7129 **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: 7130 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ID NPS-2011-0005-0001

I have lived on eastern beaches so I know how much tourist traffic damages the environment there. Please write the measure above to protect the beach environment for all inhabitants, not just those with vehicles. The animals there are very sensitive to human pressures but form one of the greatest attractions for the tourists. Vacationing in a city-like environment is fruitless. You might as well remain home in the unhealthy city stench.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7131 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: THIS IS A NO BRAINER NO ONE SHOULD BE DRIVING ON THE BEACH!!!! WITH ANY VEHICLE

OUR WILDLIFE SHOULD BE PROTECTED AT ALL COSTS!!

Correspondence ID: 7132 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, no vehicles on beaches were birds nest. Especially after hurricanes and other storms have already destroyed beaches and other countryside to the beaches. Cyrlle H. Perry

Correspondence ID: 7133 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Offshore vehicles are contrary to a wildlife refuge and peaceful recreation. They should not be allowed on Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 7134 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORV are bad for the wildlife, and continue that dependance on polluting oil. Bad idea, would disturb nesting wildlife, pretty much any wildlife. We have enough noise and pollution, allow areas to remain free of ORV and encourage eco-tourism.

Correspondence ID: 7135 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Kindness and compassion towards all living things is a sign of a civilized society

Correspondence ID: 7136 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please save the animals.

Correspondence ID: 7137 **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 biology major, I am concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing Off Road Vehicle use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in population in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. This is very positive news, but if you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife will most likely be negatively impacted.

I do support strong regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but it looks like the National Park Service plan protects beach motorists 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. As a hiker and overall outdoorsperson, I have witnessed the damage caused by ORV use on hiking trails and wildlife preserves. The drivers of these vehicles have little concern about wildlife. You need to provide larger areas free of vehicles in order to protect both wildlife and pedestrians.

As they are currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is totally unacceptable. Please rewrite this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Additionally, there should be immediate and severe penalties for those in violation of the (hopefully) strong regulations.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Correspondence ID: 7138 **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. 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: 7139 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am appalled that you would allow off road vehicles on beaches, endangering wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7140 **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: 7141 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect the birds

Correspondence ID: 7142 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Superintendent Murray:

Regarding the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing off-road vehicle (ORV) use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, please orient it more toward protection of both human AND wildlife protection as opposed to defense of humans alone.

Admittedly, under the 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 recovering. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

While it's vital to regulate ORVs at the Seashore, the Park Service plan (as I stated earlier) 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.

I ask that you not treat wildlife protection as an afterthought. Please 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.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Correspondence ID: 7143 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why not be one of the good guys and do something right for the environment and the animals, instead of promoting more hatred, by hurting all the inhabitants of this planet.

Correspondence ID: 7144 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Lets protect the wildlife we have left!

Correspondence ID: 7145 **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

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Correspondence: Please recognize the hazards to wild bird and turtle nesting, as well as human safety and enjoyment of the natural seashore environment, created by the vehicles known as "off-road" (aka all-terrain vehicles) Please prohibit or highly restrict the use of these vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I know the lobby to permit/allow/champion these vehicles is great. That does not make them safe or desirable. I have great memories of the serenity and natural beauty of this treasure. Please preserve Cape Hatteras National Seashore and its delicate balance of wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7147 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect this area for threatened species.

Correspondence ID: 7148 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict ATV use from Cape Hatteras. They are very harmful to nesting birds and turtles. There are plenty of other places they can go tear up.

Correspondence ID: 7149 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Again, and again I'm asked to speak for saving and preserving some of the most beautiful places on earth. Cape Hatteras National Seashore is no different.

These land were originally entrusted to us by nature to serve and protect, and enjoy. Since then they've been entrusted to the National Park Service for future generations. It is our duty as Americans and citizens of the world to protect these wonderful places no matter how big or how small.

With that said please remember mother gave them to us and someday she may see the need to take them back. But, until that time it is our duty to protect with every once of our being. It doesn't matter if it's a small contribution of money or small contribution of volunteer time, it is ours to do.

Don't let not even one of these wonderus places be lost to short sightedness or a tomorrow that may not come for these beautiful places.

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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 make a prohibition to enter with cars! let only walking be legal! and prohibition of plastic bags thank you stella witt

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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, 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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: All of these sea creatures need humane protection from the dangers they face with their every day existence, especially after being washed up on shore..

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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. Your 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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: As long time residents of Hawaii we know how fragile shore wildlife is and how important it is for their propagation and survival to make sure that their habitat remains safe from motorized vehicles and other hazards that humans can pose. In Hawaii there is great reverence for these shoreline dwellers and we take great care to educate everyone who uses our glorious beaches when it is nesting season, for instance, and how to responsibly use our beaches so that all can co-exist and thrive. We would urge you to do the same in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We have to take responsibility for our environment to ensure that we live in harmony with these vulnerable creatures.

Thank you for considering our comments. We hope that you will enact regulations that will prohibit the ORV from this pristine, fragile ecosystem. To do anything less would be wrong.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: n/a

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help this cause

Correspondence ID: 7158 **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.

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Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect Cape Hatteras & the animals & people that live there

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Unfortunately, the proposed regulation do little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

Wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, so the number of nests could easily decline

I am requesting the Park Service to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Perhaps some compromise can be reached by rerouting ORV's around important nesting sites even if they have to temporarily leave the beach and drive on a road for a few minutes before returning to the beach.

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 too use the seashore and I use it for observing wildlife and enjoying nature, not using mechanized vehicles.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Recreation is not worth animal suffering.

Correspondence ID: 7166 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

thank you,

Cathy Spratling daisy_9@q.com

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do you find it ok to let people drive through nesting centres? would you really like it people rode through your children's bedroom? Stop and think.....at least a bit

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is very important to protect wildlife! Without these laws people will no longer be able to watch wildlife in its natural environment.

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Thank you for your consideration. -Mo Sandel

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I absolutely am in agreement that off road vehicles are destroying our wildlife and more needs to be done to protect them. Residing in southern NJ I see it and having had a vacation home on Cape Cod I saw it. It is not necessary to drive vehicles on the beaches.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: One of the purposes of the national parks is to protect wildlife. Shorebirds and sea turtles are greatly impacted by ATVs. They need to be banned from shoreline.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support strong, specific, enforceable, science-based protections, including ample vehicle-free areas, in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence: Save the animals

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Correspondence: Keep ORV On the Roads and OFF of beaches. Bare feet on beaches, not vehicles.

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It is my opinion that ORV usage should be illegal in National Parks as most visitors, myself included, go to the park to experience peace, quiet, nature, and most importantly, 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 a park not a drive-thru and I am appalled. This is unfortunately, yet another case of the government subjugating all the people to the misguided wants of a very small percentage of people.

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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.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence: Please protect all animals including cape hatteras. Make it so people are more responsible and considerate of living things.

thank you for acting on this very important matter regarding precious life.

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Correspondence: I live in northern MA, near Plum Island Refuge. It has never ben a problem for myself and others who live here to stay off the beach when Piping Plovers are nesting. We simply want them to be able to survive.

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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Please keep these sensitive areas protected. It's life or death for their species and others. It's only recreation for us.

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Correspondence: I have never been to Cape Hatteras, but I am deeply concerned about sea animals everywhere. When you think that people are killing this precious wildlife just because they want to drive anywhere they want without any concern except for their own selfish desires, it makes you ashamed of the human species!

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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 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. Limiting access for ORV worked in Yellowstone, it will work here. Please implement the

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Thank you for your consideration.

Dianne M. Kurko Newington, CT

Correspondence ID: 7215 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife should be protected at all costs. They were here before us!

Correspondence ID: 7216 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep the hatteras coast as pristine as it has been.

Correspondence ID: 7217 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Animals need to be protected from off road vehicles. Designate areas for this activity that are monitored and which will not endanger the lives of animals that are already endangered and in need of safe and secure breeding and living grounds.

Correspondence ID: 7218 **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 ability of young wildlife/birds to survive on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

ORV's are inappropriate in this pristine and fragil wildlife area and statistics confirm the toll that is being taken on the bird population.

Please ban the use ORV's and keep this area vibrant for the use of everyone who loves and respects the natural beauty of Cape Hatteras.

Thank you, Sue Barnes

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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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I am an animal lover and 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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Correspondence ID: 7220 **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: 7221 **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 concerns about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National

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Sincerely, Jodi Bell

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I support banning or certainly limiting access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore by "all terrain vehicles". They are destructive to land and wildlife. Their use is purely recreational and therefore not necessary.						
Correspondence ID:	7223	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Ownership of a 4 wheel drive does not give a right to use it and endanger wildlife. I have as much of a right to see the wildlife preserved as others who claim the right to use the beaches as they see fit. The hardest part is to take action and set this land aside, with time people will come to accept it.						
Correspondence ID:	7224	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	these mechanized morons have plenty of already devastated lands on which to terrorize wildlife and wreak further destruction... the wildlife is far more limited in their options... time to take away the rednecks' keys to "our" peaceful and serene locations...						
Correspondence ID:	7225	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please stop this now!!!						
Correspondence ID:	7226	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray, While this is a letter crafted by Defenders of Wildlife, please be assured that I consider it very personal and care deeply about protecting our environment. 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:	7227	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I very strongly support regulation of ORVs at the seashore.Wildlife needs to be protected from ORVs.Wildlife should come first on Hatteras National Seashore. It is a wild and beautiful place and should be taken care of.						

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow this off-road destruction to our wilderness and to our wild life. Thank you very much. Sincerely, Susan Felix

Correspondence ID: 7230 **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. We love the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and hope it remains protected for wildlife and mankind for many years to come.

Correspondence ID: 7231 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the beaches and wildlife at Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 7232 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: abolish the federal reserve banking system...

9/11/01=false flag operation-truth revealed...

truth about our cosmic families known...

free energy technology released/shared....

world peace...

thank you

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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.						

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.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do the right sthing to protect these species.						

Correspondence ID:	7236	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Protect all natural lands for wildlife and the endangered creatures that visit, ie loggerhead turtles tPlease add specific protections for wildlife into the ORV regulation to ensure wildlife recovery continues and that the safety of all visitors is protected.						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I work for the Town of East Hampton and part of my work is endangered species management, specifically the piping plover and least tern. ORV traffic is very destructive to the habitat for these birds. Not to mention the danger of running over chicks that have not fledged. 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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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Take a walk along the shore, you will see and hear so many things you would miss riding a noisy machine. Be part of the experience, rather than running over it.

Correspondence ID: 7244 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) off of the beaches. Killing the wildlife nesting there is not necessary and extremely cruel.

Correspondence ID: 7245 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Having grown up in NC, I am concerned about the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but allow us to visit wild beach environments that rekindle our feeling of connection to the natural world -- all the more important now that most of us live in tightly controlled man-made environments.

Whereas ORV use impairs park resources, creating hazards for pedestrians and especially wildlife, we know that wildlife protections work: specific measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds, have helped populations of protected species rebound. For instance, 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
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I urge you to protect wildlife nesting areas and keep them restricted from ORV's. Thank-You.

Correspondence ID: 7247 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As our beaches more and more reflect the growing population, there are areas that need of regulation concerning wheeled vehicles to protect the wildlife that lives there.

My personal opinion is that there are too many recreational activities that don't respect the land and its preservation.

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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.

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Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatterat National Seashore is a treasure that should remain as pristine as possible. With development encroaching upon almost all places left in this country, those that are unspoiled should be kept that way for generations to come. Development/recreational activities can be created on properties that are currently unused but abandoned by previous users; our pristine lands are at a premium and can never be recovered if they are lost to those who would pave them over or provide space for all-terrain vehicles. "Fun" is derived by many means. I enjoy sitting in a national park and enveloping myself in its natural noises, without fumes, without vehicles, but with its original fauna and flora.						

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence: Please continue top strengthen and advance the Clean Environment Acts by including necessary or beneficial health and environment suggestions or comments from the communities to enhance and strengthen agencies such as the EPA and Interior departments capabilities to monitor, manage, regulate, enforce and advance environment protection, regulation and enforcement.

And please continue to advance and enforce environment care, funds and standards to protect, conserve or revive the environment, biodiversity and humanity common habitat to advance the common good and the well being of life supporting eco-systems and global communities.

Thank you for your empathy, efforts and supports.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: without saving everything that lives man bleeds--just look around you--best always

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no way that people with their "off road" vehicles should be allowed to disrupt the lives of innocent creatures.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: National Parks have many important functions, but providing a space for the destructive driving of useless and expensive adult toys is NOT one of them. Please act to have people who own these silly toys to use them on their own land. These parks are the people's parks, to be preserved for many future generations. Many, many miles of seashore in the eastern coastal states has been developed for private use. The parks own and protect a tiny fraction of the coast. These coastal beaches and barrier islands are very delicate and are inhabited by species found no where else.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: The 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. In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. 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: i'm sure there is more than just damage to the bird's habitat. it is always a shattering unpleasantness, hearing the ringgg ringgg sound of the off rode vehicles and smelling their exhaust, when one is in the midst of nature's beauty. there are other places they can ride, i'm sure.

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Thank you for your consideration, Reilly Kohn

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In the aftermath of Irene it becomes more important to protect Cape Hatteras from human usage caused damage, particularly from off road vehicles. This area was really hard hit by the hurricane and needs a lengthy period of time to recover.

I strongly encourage you to stop the use of ORV in this area for the foreseeable future.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7261 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We live in an era of unprecedented change on every level: from the climate and environment, to economic and cultural values. As changing weather patterns begin to affect our food prices and pocketbooks, our relationship to the natural world is coming into focus with more scrutiny than ever before. We need to wake up and change our ways.

What you have here is an opportunity to stand up for the values that should be eternal - for the beauty and ecological significance of these habitats and their amazingly beautiful creatures. The impact of recreational vehicles, and the self-indulgent, irresponsible behaviour that they enable, should never have been allowed on public lands in the first place. There has been miserable failure in many public lands throughout this nation to prevent catastrophic impacts on habitats, and the integrity of the natural systems.

50 years ago, these vehicles did not exist, and these impacts were unimaginable. If you project 50 more years into the future, and let the adrenaline-ridden youth of tomorrow continue to exercise what they have been told is their unbridled American privilege, the effects will be devastating.

It is your job to protect these resources - which will become economically more significant to the future. People won't care if they don't know or understand what their impacts are. Educate them. Employ the arts - technology - whatever it takes. You MUST STAND STRONG in the face of hedonism and irresponsibility, and protect our public lands.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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Name: private
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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.

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.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Please do NOT allow off-road vehicles to traverse beachlands. These vehicles are so frequently driven by those DUI, or are driven by youths who have no concern for consequences - even the lives and deaths of defenseless animals. These people would drive the same over babies or adults sleeping under a towel.

THis is not new information. It is a known FACT.

Show responsibility and end the SLAUGHTER.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: respect these creatures please

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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 speci

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Please do not harm the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7270 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As North Carolina residents and wildlife enthusiasts, my family and I want to raise our objections to the national Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, wildlife such as sea turtles and piping plovers are rebounding and increasing their populations to a more sustainable level; but if you expand ORV use across the Seashore, these and other threatened and endangered wildlife species could be negatively impacted. Your plan protects beach drivers (a minority of beach users) more than it does wildlife, and this is unacceptable to the majority of citizens who enjoy our beaches.

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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: 7272 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly feel that the use of off road vehicles should be restricted and that great care and attention should be made towards protecting the areas of living and nesting for all of the variety of sea and shore life that rely upon the shoreline for their continued survival.

Aren't we responsible enough yet? And haven't we destroyed enough already?

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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. My family has a house in the Outer Banks, and I enjoy the wildlife in the area. I would hate to see the regulation ruin the population of the wildlife in the area. In particular the sea turtles and piping plovers.

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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: Special regulations to avoid road kills are important

Correspondence ID: 7278 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: People share these beaches with wildlife. The joy of going to these places is to see the wildlife and appreciate the quiet beauty of the place. Allowing ANY off-road vehicles will not only destroy the enjoyment but destroy animal habitat and likely the animals themselves. During a time when many species are struggling to survive, such as the sea turtles, an added menace like off-road vehicles will be a devastating addition.

Please rethink letting these vehicles to be used in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: When animals cannot speak for themselves or protect themselves sufficiently against what harms them, then we absolutely must look out for their well-being and safety. That's all there is to it; otherwise, we cannot claim to be a civilized society. Those that have no regard for the lives of other beings on this Earth should be dealt with harshly.

Correspondence ID: 7280 **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: 7281 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is crucial that ORV's be more strictly regulated, as thousands of birds are being endangered.

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Correspondence: This comment concerns the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Please add strong protections for wildlife on Cape Hatteras. It is such a valuable and fragile area -- the piping plover and

loggerhead sea turtle need all the help they can get.

The regulation does not set aside enough vehicle-free areas. It isn't enough to protect the wildlife.

Thank you for allowing me to comment and thanks also to all the dedicated members of NPS. They do a very important job.

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

I have visited Cape Hatteras numerous times and am an avid bird watcher and environmentalist.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no reason for people to go riding on the beaches or dunes . It is not only dangerous to the wildlife trying to survive but also dangerous to people who would be walking on the beaches to enjoy nature. The percentage of the people who ride ATV's do not know how to responsibly. There should be no riding of ATV's on our beaches period.

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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.

Correspondence ID: 7287 **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 kills sea turtles, shorebirds and other 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: 7288 **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: 7289 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Re:Park Service's proposal for managing ORV use @Cape Hatteras: The 7 nat'l seashores on the Atlantic represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern coast of the US. These significant places protect habitats for rare and endangered wildlife, and represent the last places where Americans can visit wild beaches that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of America It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources, with diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, plus increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past few years, the Park Service has enforced specific scientific measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, and chicks, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding. For instance, under that temporary plan, endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, versus only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to implementation of the plan However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposal. 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 pedestrians Plus the regulation doesn't set aside enough ORV-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of 67 total miles of beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users

Correspondence ID: 7290 **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 must stop destroying and start protecting our world. Is today's jetski ride worth the loss of a species? Or four wheeling in a natural habitat worth losing endangered birds? Please, get it right before it is too late.

Correspondence ID: 7291 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicle use must be restricted in environmentally sensitive areas, such as the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Endangered wildlife, such as sea turtles, nest in these areas. With precious few personnel for identification and protection of nesting sites, allowing vehicles will inevitably result in nest destruction, and the further decline of these species.

Off road vehicle use is fun, but destructive to the areas opened to it. It must be contained and restricted if seashore wildlife is to be preserved.

Correspondence ID: 7292 **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.

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
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Correspondence ID: 7294 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The beach is a living thing and what belongs on the beach are living things - people, birds, shellfish, plants and so on. Machines are not compatible with such places. They crush and disturb living things. I live very near Carrabelle Beach because I love the sea and the beach. The very last thing I want when I am strolling the beach is to see/hear noisy, stinky ugly machines roaring through the middle of my beautiful solitude.

Most life on the beach is fragile. It cannot withstand the pounding of modern machines. Please help preserve the beauty of the sea shore. Machines belong on the road, not the beach.

Correspondence ID: 7295 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's unbelievable people could be this thoughtless.

Correspondence ID: 7296 **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.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Cathryn Dufort

Correspondence ID:	7297	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:	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 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.

Correspondence ID: 7299 **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: 7300 **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, 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. 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. It is our duty to protect wildlife and our environment.

Correspondence ID: 7301 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I urge that use of off-road vehicles be prohibited in areas where they endanger shore birds, turtles and other wildlife.

Thank you for your attention.

Brenda Byrne

Correspondence ID: 7302 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must stop all vehicle & off road traffic from destroying our coastal habitats Human foot traffic is all that should be allowed. Lets use some common sense, & say no to any man powered vehicle on beaches & coastlines.

Correspondence ID: 7303 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing about the ORV issue in Cape Hatteras. There are several species of birds as well as sea turtles that use the beaches there as nesting sites. ORV's endanger not only the wildlife but pedestrians as well. People don't go to places like Cape Hatteras to hear loud vehicles but to experience nature in a pure and untouched state. Please keep ORV's to a minimum. Thank you for this opportunity to send a comment.

Correspondence ID: 7304 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: 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: 7305 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The desire of certain people to roar around wildly on ORVs should not be allowed to dominate natural areas and take precedence over wildlife and the desire of other people to get away from the noise and clamor of city life!

Correspondence ID: 7306 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulations for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

In short, I support the closing of all of the Seashore to beach driving in order to protect both the wildlife and this resource for future generations. As written, the current regulation prohibits ORVs year round on only 26 of the 67 miles of Seashore beach. In my opinion 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, and enforceable, science-based protections for both wildlife and pedestrians in the regulation. I believe non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds are an absolute minimum.

As you are aware, the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional and this is simply unacceptable. 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 your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7307 **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. Let the ORVs have some space, but don't leave the wildlife and pedestrians on the short end.

Correspondence ID: 7308 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off the roads vehicals have no business on the beaches. Beaches are for people to enjoy without motorized things of any kind. Our wildlife needs places to nest and breed in peace and quiet. We've already taken too much of the habitat away from Gods other creatures.

Correspondence ID: 7309 **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.

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.

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 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: 7310 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001). Please protect these birds from road kill. Thank you, Rebecca

Correspondence ID: 7311 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Ban off-roading on the shore to save the wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 7312 **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: 7313 **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 Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Preserving wildlife habitat, environmental integrity and lack of pollution, and the safety of the seashore for all animals including humans should be your ABSOLUTE MANDATE. Facilitating joyrides for drunken yahoos careening around in huge, loud, pollution-emitting vehicles SHOULD NOT BE YOUR GOAL!!!!

Revisit the possibility of extremely restricted time and area limitations for use of ORV during fall fishing season in TWENTY YEARS ONLY IF WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RESCUE AND RESURRECT FISH POPULATIONS!!!

If you allow the seashore to be destroyed, it will be gone, maybe forever, but definitely within our lifetimes and those of our children.

Correspondence ID: 7314 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: i am both an off-roader and a staunch advocate for wildlife. i strongly urge cape hatteras to adopt regulations that balance the privileges of ORV drivers with the preservation of vital nesting grounds for shorebirds and seabirds. it can be done. it must be done.

here in my local vicinity, Plum Island, Newburyport, Massachusetts allows ORVs on the beach but closes down a great deal of the shoreline during piping plover nesting season. it is a reasonable compromise.

the privilege of ORV use should NEVER come at the expense of another creature's right to live and propagate its species.

Correspondence ID: 7315 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I lived in Texas for many years and saw first-hand the destruction caused by unregulated use of vehicles on state beaches.

Cape Hatteras has just suffered the effects of Hurricane Irene -- can we please protect this vital nesting area from all vehicular traffic in order to give native birds and sea turtles a fighting chance?

Humans dominate 99.9% of all earth's land mass and it's oceans. Surely we can protect .01% for earth's other creatures.

Correspondence ID: 7316 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect wildlife! Off road vehicles should not be on these shores. Once wildlife is gone, we can't bring it back. It's something that future generation deserve to have on planet earth.

Correspondence ID: 7317 **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 the use of vehicles that damage their habitats.

Correspondence ID: 7318 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thats a shame.Too many people,too many atvs.I know they're alot of fun,I own one.However it only takes one dumbhead tearing stuff up to destroy alot of nature.Stop these fools buy all means.

Correspondence ID: 7319 **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: 7320 **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 delivate habitats. These vehicles are a waste of gas. If people want to experience nature, they can hike. If they want to go fast in nature, ride a horse. If they just want to go fast, do it on the highway. Find a pursuit that is not so wasteful and destructive.

Correspondence ID: 7321 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I realize that Human and animal co-habitation is not always easy to discern the best way to co exist. As an American citizen who votes I would appreciate your thoughtfulness towards other Creatures when governing ORV use in the designated areas. Thank you for your consideration on this issue

Correspondence ID: 7322 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife more valuable than resource-guzzling vehicles - by far.

Correspondence ID: 7323 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: National parklands were established to provide refuge for citizens from the pressures and stresses of everyday life. By allowing ORVs to invade these protected areas, noise, pollution and accidents will undoubtedly ensue. Motorized vehicles already have hundreds of thousands of miles of driving space made available through paved roadways and approved trails. It is unnecessary for the park service to cater to ORV users as they are afforded ample opportunities for recreation elsewhere. Pedestrians and bicyclists, on the other hand, are running out of places where they can recreate without intrusion by motorized vehicles. Protect wildlife and non-motorized recreation in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore by enforcing strict regulations on ORV use.

Correspondence ID: 7324 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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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 speci

Correspondence ID: 7325 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: What will the world be like with only humans and no other creatures? That is what is coming in the near future.

Correspondence ID: 7326 **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. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 7327 **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: 7328 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ensure that protections are in place to protect nesting birds from off-road vehicles. If large portions of the beach are available for off-road vehicles, these animals may be disturbed, and their nests destroyed. Let's not let that happen.

Correspondence ID: 7329 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a 59 year old man who spent two weeks camping at Cape Hatteras at least 10 of my childhood summers growing up. I remember the experience with awe and wonder. I was a special place then and still is today. I do not want to loose it tomorrow!

I do not believe off-road vehicles should be a part of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It is one of only a few natural, minimally developed seashore barrier islands left in the U. S. The noise and destruction of off-road vehicles are not compatible with the stark beauty and raw natural elements of Cape Hatteras. The precious resources of nature (Cape Hatteras) and energy (hydro-carbon fuel) should not be wasted. Please protect this beautiful natural resource from wasteful mindless recreation and save it for the future generations to learn from and enjoy a pristine, unsoiled seashore environment.

thank you

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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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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." Please work to fix this. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7331 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are plenty of places for ORVs. Leave the National Seashore free of their noise, pollution, and destruction.

Correspondence ID: 7332 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: People do not need to destroy the wilderness in order to have a good time. Let them drive vehicles in a place where they do little or no harm.

Correspondence ID: 7333 **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,

As an animal lover 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.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7334 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This must stop. Wildlife need protection.

Correspondence ID: 7335 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific and broad limitations on off road vehicles at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am an environmental scientist and beach lover who has had the privilege of camping at this place. Allowing vehicles to drive on the beach reduces the functionality of the beach for sea turtle nesting and shore bird nesting. It is also dangerous for humans on the beach. The wildlife species that depend on this seashore for reproduction already face enough risks without the threat of off road vehicles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Noisy, smelly, fossil fuel-dripping vehicles have absolutely no business on any beach, much less one as beautiful as Cape Hatteras. I first visited Hatteras in 1968, and although the area has been allowed to be over-developed it is still a pretty place. Please tell me how ORVs will "add" anything positive to this area other than a few hours pleasure for a bunch of stupid rednecks. Do your job which is to protect the seashore and wildlife for the VAST majority of people who come there to try and get away from all the noise and pollution found everywhere else. This is a no brainer. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7338 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have live in the Lake Tahoe area for about 2 years, and I have seen damage done when off-road recreationists drive. Part of the thrill of off-roading seems to be the very thing that makes it so destructive- the thrill of going where no one has gone before. So, no, I am not a fan of off-raoding, and I feel strongly that this activity must be heavily controlled because of it indemically destructive nature. In particular, it must5 be kept away from areas where wildlife feed, rest, and nest.

Correspondence ID: 7339 **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 in protected nature areas because they kill and damage wild life. Protected nature areas by definition are there to protect wild life, not to serve as staging areas for high-speed, noisy mechanized vehicles. The two need to be kept completely apart. It's only common sense, which, apparently eagerly vacates her throne when commercial and special interests enter the picture.

Correspondence ID: 7340 **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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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 Regards

Marli Garcia Cucharero

Correspondence ID:	7341	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:	7342	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I wish to submit my comment to express opposition to unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.						

Correspondence ID:	7343	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please save our shores and the animals that live there. I vacation on the seashore, and people seem to lose their senses there.						

Correspondence ID:	7344	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please keep areas of Cape Hatteras National Seashore protected from use by ORVs. Wildlife nesting areas and sea turtle nesting areas need to be protected over the interests of ORV users, who already have access to large areas of the seashore. Granting unobstructed access to large areas of the seashore will be detrimental to the wildlife that depends on areas of the seashore for nesting and egg laying. Please protect sensitive wildlife areas. Thank you!						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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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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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. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

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. As you can see by the numbers it is prudent to make sure that the nesting and feeding sites are completely protected year round for the sake of these wonderful animals.

PLease keep the animals in your thoughts and hearts and make sure you are not a part of the problem, but part of the solution and in turn part of protecting these animals.

Correspondence ID: 7347 **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 quite concerned about the NPS proposed regulatin for ORV use on Cape Hatteras N.S.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtle nests numbered 153 in 2010 as opposed to 82 nests in 2007. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are also rebounding. If you expand ORV use across this area, threatened and endangered wildlife could be adversely impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the NPS 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 unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other protections for wildlife such as piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Cape Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7348 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: DUH!!!

Correspondence ID: 7349 **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. Additionally, we support

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

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 7350 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unrestricted off road vehicles are causing great harm to wildlife! Please do not continue to allow these off road vehicles in these areas! We need to protect our wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7351 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As humans we tend to see the whole earth as our personal playground. But in reality this is NOT the case, nor should it be. There NEEDS to be areas of untouched undisturbed tracks of land that wildlife can use without the interference of man. We have been abusing our natural resources for centuries now and they are beginning to run out. For a species that is "supposed" to be the most intelligent life form on this planet we sure do not use our intelligence to preserve our limited and precious resources. We squander them for our amusement and profit, with little or no regard for the future. Except in the interest of life saving there should be NO areas on ANY beach for off road vehicles. The use of off road vehicles on a beach is a blatant disregard for nature and the delicate balance that is maintained on these CRUCIAL areas. Humans have taken over almost every beach in every developed nation for their own recreational purposes, therefore severely limiting the areas in which birds, turtles and other animals can use for breeding, hunting, nesting, and nurturing their young. Allowing the use of ATVs on beaches you are destroying even more resources and limiting the area of these animals (many of which are threatened or Endangered) to use. Is it worth it to destroy an entire Green Sea Turtle nest so you can enjoy doing a burnout on the sand? Is it worth wiping out an entire species of bird because you want to ride your ATV up and down the beach? If it is then you don't deserve to enjoy these natural resources. If you can't leave a place as you found it or better that you found it then you don't deserve the PRIVILEGE of enjoying it!!!!

Correspondence ID: 7352 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I do not think ORV should have access to wildlife areas that support birth areas of wildlife. National Parks were created to preserve and protect wildlife and wild areas. Please make sure that you write the necessary restrictions into your plan to limit ORV use. Thank you.

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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: Keep wildlife safe from motorized vehicles. Please.

Correspondence ID: 7355 **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 coastline.Period.The shoreline should be vacant of all houses,etc...inland for 50 miles.Which protects all...

Correspondence ID: 7356 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why are ORV's allowed in parks at all. Parks are a place to get away from that sort of thing.

Correspondence ID: 7357 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am aware that The National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Yet the proposed regulation does very little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The high impact of unrestricted use of off-road vehicle (ORV) 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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please end unrestricted off road vehicles in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The damage to the fragile environment and the suffering caused to sea turtle families and shorebirds is immense. We hope soon to hear that these ecologically unsound vehicles have been banned. Thank you, Judy Bash, Ph.D.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I believe wholeheartedly in this proposal. There has to be rules to help establish a fine line between economics and ecological reality. By setting aside protections for wildlife, state parks, ecological societies are rendered relevant. Without boundaries how

does one judge what is acceptable and what is not? This proposal will help keep drivers more safe by placing limits and at the same time, give wildlife a helping hand.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Natural habitats of birds and other animals must not be sacrificed to off-road vehicles. 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.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a concerned citizen, 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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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.

Thank-you for allowing me to comment on this issue.

Correspondence ID: 7367 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please limit off road use

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Please protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore from the profound effects of thoughtless drivers and off road vehicle riders. Although the Park Service has set aside 26 of the 67 miles of shore for pedestrians and wildlife, ALL of the coastline should be closed to motorized vehicles.

Individuals operating cars and off road vehicles typically fail to see let alone take effective steps to evade nests of endangered shorebirds or turtles. Instead, focusing on their own pleasure in the speed or rugged driving, they are indifferent to others' lives and welfare. Further, at a time when the nation's private and public health services are dramatically overburdened by obesity and its companion diseases, the Park Service should be acting to promote human powered travel--walking and bicycling.

Please make ALL of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore safe for endangered animals, children and the elderly. Those of us who treasure the seashore and its ecosystem will thank you for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Dixon, Ph.D.

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

Correspondence: As Vice-President of Sycamore Audubon Society, our local chapter of the National Audubon Society, I urge you to consider and adopt any proposals brought to you that specify regulations to protect birds and other wildlife from off-road vehicles and any other high-impact human activities. There are plenty of places that persons interested in vehicular sports can go to that don't disrupt wildlife to a major degree, but the Cape Hatteras National Seashore is not one of them. This unique area demands your oversight and protection. Locals and visitors (like me) will not come anymore if the area loses its ecological value, and that means you lose our dollars in supporting local businesses and added tax revenues. Please make the ethical and prudent choice: protect the seashore and its wildlife from excessive disturbance related to ORVs.

Thank you.

Regards, Wes Homoya VP, Sycamore Audubon Society

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Please do not allow off road vehicles of any kind in the Hatteras.

Aside from the very real danger to wildlife, I want to enjoy these area sans noise, pollution, track marks & the inevitable refuse.

I am by no means against off-roading per se, but it definitely needs to occur in areas where it won't adversely affect the ecosystem, and if there's doubt as to whether it will or not, then I always believe that we should err on the side of caution.

Thank you, Chance

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Correspondence: Please stop allowing ATVs from damaging our national heritage lands. If they are allowed at all, they should be limited to areas where the wildlife and plants will not be harmed.

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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. Danielle Ohanesian Jupiter Florida

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Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: We cannot continue to allow the destruction of important areas and species in our country

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Recreational vehicles should have minimal access to the national parks system. Wildlife should always have top priority.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please set, and enforce, strict regulations and restrictions for the use of off road vehicles. Ban their use in all areas that are used for breeding, egg laying, etc. by wildlife.

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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. I have lived and worked in an area similar to this, and have seen the devastation caused by these vehicles to shore birds like the piping plover, as well as other creatures that make their homes in and around the seashore. As a marine biologist, I am deeply concerned about the protection of this habitat for endangered and threatened 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 nesting.

I don't even like the sound of off-road vehicles, I'm sure the birds feel the same way. I don't want to close down the beaches to people, but they really don't need to bring these off road vehicles onto them.

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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.

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Keep the promise. We have the power to preserve life at no expense to humanity. Let's do it.

Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 7381 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am opposed to all off road vehicles on the beach, keep them off the beach thank you

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Correspondence: Please put in place procedures and guidelines to protect endangered species such as the loggerhead sea turtles that nest at Cape Hatteras. We go to the Cape every year and their survival is very important to us and to the world! It is our moral duty to protect these graceful creatures whose home for millenia we have taken and spoiled.

Correspondence ID: 7384 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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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.

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Correspondence: It should be self-evident that the value of life to the animals that occupy these areas and use them as breeding grounds is vastly greater than the value of fleeting fun by human use of recreational vehicles in the same areas. However, because some people blindly place their own pleasure-seeking above all else, there needs to be regulation to prevent those potential vehicle users from harming other creatures.

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Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore should not permit ORV as they are extremely disruptive to any delicate ecosystem. The noise, air pollution, and destruction to pristine natural habitats caused by these vehicles is reprehensible. It's much easier to prevent such damage than to try to repair it, and in the case of the terrible impact on wildlife the damage may well be irreparable.

If you wish to allow some ORVs in public parks, please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Correspondence: The regulations that the National Park Service is poised to adopt for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore do little to protect wildlife nesting areas of turtles, plovers, and other species. Limiting ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife and also reduces the impact of CO2 on the environment and our country's dependence on fossil fuels.

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. And 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. Please don't take a giant leap backward but instead mandate specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you,

Kimberly Woodland

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I lived in NC for 26.5 years and some of my fondest memories are of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore & its silence & solitude/distance from civilization. In my opinion, ORVs have no place in that environment, and can only harm both it & the experiences of those who wish to enjoy it. There are plenty of other places where those vehicles can be used; let's keep them there & out of the Seashore. There aren't many other places where silence and intense communion with nature can be experienced on a seashore; let's preserve this one.

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Correspondence:

My family has enjoyed the protected seashores of our country, from Florida to Maine, from California to Washington. Keeping them free of damaging sport activities and protecting the sealife that thrive there has to be our number one priority. Therefore, we petition the Park Service to do right by the Outer Banks of North Carolina. "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 Sincerely,H.Kropp

Correspondence ID: 7393 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I am extremely concerned about the proposed regulation by the Nat'l Park Service in giving ORV expanded use across the Cape Hatteras Nat'l Seashore. This proposition GREATLY reduces the protection of our wildlife. In 2007 sea turtles created only 87 nests but in 2010 157 nests were created by sea turtles and they along with other wildlife species are finally rebounding. Please keep the 67 miles of seashore protected. This proposal reduces the 67 miles down to 26 and would be devastating to the progress we've made the last 4 years.

I very much appreciate your consideration and ask for your support in my request for saving our precious wildlife.

Sincerely, Carla Barron

Correspondence ID: 7394 **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.

Robert E. Mason

Correspondence ID: 7395 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save a life. Walk on the beach .Vehicles(exeption official) should be banned on the beach,they are a menace to all ,including human life. GET FIT WALK,ENJOY NATURE,GET OFF YOUR BACKSIDES!!

Correspondence ID: 7396 **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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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: 7397 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I urge the Park Service support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 7398 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: TAKE ACTION

Correspondence ID: 7399 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLease protect offshore wildlife from utility vehicles!

Correspondence ID: 7400 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live in and recreate in an area adjoining to 7 miles north of a BLM-authorized offroad vehicle-designated area. This long strand of beach on which vehicles are not allowed under supposed penalty of \$200 fine, is consistently ravaged by these vehicles.

The dunes with their unique ecosystem, peace and quiet, and several species endangered through extremely limited territory, are all ravaged by these vehicle, which have only arisen in the past 30 years.

Such vehicles have NO PLACE on public lands. The place for vehicles such as this , is work on large private land, perhaps patrol (absent or insufficient) to prevent abuse in the name of "motorized recreation", which costs public money, wildlife, threatened species, ecosystem integrity, and destroys the experience of ALL OTHER USERS.

These vehicles must be banned from the "recreational" devastation they commit on any public land, public waters, anywhere.

Cape Hatteras National Park is for the sustenance of native species and for recreation which does not threaten that mandate. It is incumbent upon you to act to remove this relatively recent assault on our national heritage.

thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7401 **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 protection of wildlife on Cape Hatteras. Please restrict vehicle (ORV's) to a small area to protect wildlife as they are what makes a beach so much better. I do and have vacationed there and love it! Especially, the wildlife. My family and I are very interested in wildlife. We really enjoy watching and learning about various species native to an area.

Kind regards, The Abshire Family

Correspondence ID: 7402 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose off-road vehicle use that endangers sea turtles, shore birds and other wildlife. And regulations should be put in place to protect these creatures and their habitats.

Correspondence ID: 7403 **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 proposals about off-road vehicles on the beaches of Cape Hateras. We need more protection of the wildlife in the area. Please make consideration of wildlife protection a key component any regualtions in the future.

Correspondence ID: 7404 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: As a birder who spends vacations at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I please ask you to restrict off road vehicles. They kill, mame and dsrupt sea turtles, piper plovers and other wildlife. They have no place in a place where those of us who appreciate the National Seashore, to disrupt the serenity and beauty. Sincerely, Ruth Bennett

Correspondence ID: 7405 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are plenty of ways to enjoy the seashore that don't require motor vehicles. Motor vehicles should be banned from the sea shore. - Brad

Correspondence ID: 7406 **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.

Cape Hatteras is a national treasure. It's natural beauty and serenity should be preserved for future generations intact. Off-road vehicles destroy this place and do NOT belong there.

Please do your duty and save this land of beauty for your, and my, children. Don't cave in to the demands of a few people running ORVs that care little or nothing for the grandeur they are destroying in the name of "fun".

Correspondence ID: 7407 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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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,

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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.

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 is 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." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate specific routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Additionally, regulations must set aside adequate vehicle-free areas.

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: 7409 **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.

Help save Birds and Wilderness - take Action

Correspondence ID: 7410 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: DEAR FOLKS-- SO, HOW MUCH EARTH AND ITS SACRED INHABITANTS DO WE NEED TO KILL JUST SO SOME 12-YEAR OLD MEN AND BOYS CAN DESTROY THE SACRED EARTH JUST FOR THEIR FUN AND AMUSEMENT?!? WHAT REALLY GIVES JOY IS RESPECTING AND LOVING THE EARTH AND ALL HER INHABITANTS. THE SWEET, SACRED EARTH IS SO GENEROUS THAT WHEN WE GIVE, SAY, TEN HEALING STEPS TOWARDS HER, SHE TAKES 100 HEALING, BLOSSOMING STEPS TOWARDS US. NO MESSING AROUND IN A 2-YEAR OLD CHILD'S DISTRUCTIONS OF LIFE...TAKE CARE, FOR THE END OF TIME IS AT LAST OFFERING OUR LAST CHANCES.

Correspondence ID: 7411 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I've been enjoying parks since I was three years old.Long enough to remember my first visits and they are among my favorite memories. 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 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.

Correspondence ID: 7412 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Are we going to keep killing wildlife because some people think that it is fun?

When are we going to wake up, and start "getting" it?

Correspondence ID: 7413 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unregulated use of off-road vehicles which are threatening wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7414 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The shores of America and the wildlife that lives there should be protected and allowed to flourish, for the environment, and for future generations to admire and love.

Correspondence ID: 7415 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 7417 **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: 7418 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I feel it is necessary to protect all of our National Parks from the damage caused by off road vehicles or ORV.This is especially true for the east coast beaches Buffers should be provided.

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. This has made it possible for my wife and I to visit many of the National Parks and to enjoy what each has to offer.

Correspondence ID: 7419 **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

Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive save these natural lands for the local wildlife. Stop off road vehicles which threaten the Seashore, nesting and chicks. If it is recreation lets encourage the use of calories and good health rather than gasoline to run off road vehicle. Co-ordinate with government health and encourage exercise and organize walks with guides on the local wildlife!!

Correspondence ID: 7420 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect precious wildlife and keep off road vehicles away from their habitat.

Correspondence ID: 7421 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Proposed beach driving rules will threaten delicate wildlife. Don't forget about the importance of all wildlife to the health of a well balanced ecosystem. It has taken many millions of years for nature to develop balanced ecosystems. Human activity can ruin these ecosystems in a very short time. It's just not worth taking the risk. Take a stand for wildlife, and do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 7422 **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.

Yours truly,

Melba E. Arrington

Correspondence ID:	7423	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:	7424	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."						

Correspondence ID:	7425	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I hate it when off road vehicles kill,maim ,frighten and terrorize animals and the environment.Please don't let them...!						

Correspondence ID:	7426	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please ensure that the proposed rule maximizes the protection for the environment required by the numerous species that inhabit it. It is critical that we work to be sure that personal entertainment does not override our environmental imperatives.						

Correspondence ID:	7427	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	This is to request that regulations to protect wildlife against on and off-road vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore be made as stringent as possible. Endangered species of sea turtles and bird species should not be made extinct due to human recreational activities. Very shortly, if strong actions are not taken, it will be too late. Too late for species who have evolved and lived for millions of years. The loss will be irreversible. Thank you for your concert and intelligent action. --Virginia Hahn						

Correspondence ID:	7428	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 wild life and more vehicle free areas for nesting!!! 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.						

In the long term picture it is imperative to insure wildlife protections. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 7429 **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 at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Such use of public property degrades the environment not only for other people but for vulnerable wildlife, such as threatened piping plovers and other shore birds as well as threatened and endangered sea turtles, whose nests will be put at risk by such a ill-advised policy.

Correspondence ID: 7430 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My husband and I have spent many hours fishing on Cape Hatteras, generally with an ORV...one of the reasons we enjoy the area is because of the wide variety of wildlife - with the increased traffic from ORV's this is at risk and I think more protection is in order, especially for the endangered species representative of this area - we will give up riding the beach and will walk - this is better for all concerned...there must be some place reserved for species other than man.

Correspondence ID: 7431 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must respect all creatures needs on this planet.

Correspondence ID: 7432 **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.

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.

Correspondence ID: 7433 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: OUR NATIONAL PARKS MUST BE PROTECTED ALONG WITH OUR WILDLIFE TO BE PROTECTED AND SAFE FROM RECKLESS PEOPLE IN THE PARKS.

Correspondence ID: 7434 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: A scourge of ATVs, OTVs, 4X4s, RVs & other polluters of the quiet & the air, must be required to damage the eco system in designated areas. Such as a noise abated arena. Must such human folly extend to the pristine as well?

Correspondence ID: 7435 **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 express my concern about vehicles in areas of the parks and state that I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you.

Doris Potter

Correspondence ID: 7436 **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 vehicle use in Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 7437 **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 in the sensitive areas of Cape Hatteras.

Please note that these vehicles have historically damaged sensitive ecosystems. It would be a shame to have them do likewise to this beautiful area, now how to a stunning variety of wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7438 **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: 7439 **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 am seriously opposed to unrestricted offroad use of vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I find it incredible that Baja Mexico protects sea turtle nesting grounds from this sort of use but the U.S. is not going to.

This 67 mile stretch of shoreline is a national treasure and should be protected. Off-road vehicle use is taking a terrible toll on endangered shore birds and nesting sea turtles.

Now that the National Park Service is finally poised to adopt regulations protecting this area, I am dismayed to find that the regulations are inadequate.

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. There are many other areas for off road vehicle enthusiasts to enjoy their sport other than this fragile ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 7440 **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						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Prevent Vehicle Death in Cape Hatteras						

Correspondence ID:	7442	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:	7443	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 areas of National Park System - Cape Hatteras National Seashore...the impact on the shoreline wildlife will be devastating!!! PLEASE VOTE NO!!!						

Correspondence ID:	7444	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Our natural resources and wildlife need to be protected. Destroying precious habitat should not be allowed as a recreational activity. There needs to be a lot more education about what is at stake here.						

Correspondence ID:	7445	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						

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Correspondence ID: 7446 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear NPS-

Please DO NOT ADOPT the current ORV reg for Cape Hatteras NS.

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

Allowing additional, mostly unregulated and unenforcable access to nesting areas on CH beaches shows a misplaced priority. A bit of FUN VS. WILDLIFE nesting on beaches --- I favor the wildlife and restricted access for ORVs

Thank you, Joanne Schwartz

Correspondence ID: 7447 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's disgusting and appalling that these empty headed off roaders are even allowed on these beaches at all. Yes they will yell like crazy that they can't wreak havoc with their toys, but please stand up to them. You will have a lot of the public behind you, even if you don't hear from them. Be brave and face them head on.

Correspondence ID: 7448 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please protect the birds. Do no let these offroad vehicles destroy them! This is their area, they should be protected! please help them. Do something about this!

Correspondence ID: 7449 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ONe slightly stoned teen ager on a beach at night with an SUV with larger tires and you will destroy more grass, habitat and shoreline than a smalll hurricane. Unrestricted access to these sensitive areas is truly insanity. No way should this be a policy if you care for the beachline in these seashore areas

Correspondence ID: 7450 **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.

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.

Correspondence ID: 7451 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must wean ourselves away from the private-profit-at-any-price propoganda and recognize the value of public services like national parks, nature preserves, education and health care. They have special value because they are available for public use but they must be maintained to preserve that value forever.

Since Ben Franklin we don't expect the owner whose house is on fire to pay for the fire brigade, likewise people disabled by sickness should not have to pay to get well. Those are services we all might need, well equipped as only a public service can be. We need to appreciate the value of capital invested in not-for-profit applications, public facilities, and public services that are available to everyone.

Correspondence ID: 7452 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please protect these animals.

Correspondence ID: 7453 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why the hell do any off road vehicles need to be any where near there. Have you ever seen how it destroys the land? And forget what it dose to the animals. What a terrible idea. Forget it.

Correspondence ID: 7454 **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. Susan Kay

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Thank you for your consideration.

Scott Thomas

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Correspondence ID: 7457 **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: 7458 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: "I would like to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. These places protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife. There is no need for ORV use in such areas. ORV use benefits only a few and threatens to devastate this area for wildlife and the benefit of the majority.

Under the 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. This must be changed. Losing this beautiful natural wildlife area should not be an option for a few to have some fun on ORV's. Pedestrians are in danger as well.

Correspondence ID: 7459 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please save these beautiful, precious animals.

Correspondence ID: 7460 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wild areas need to be protected for children and grandchildren. Eliminate the ORV's and have people hike and pedal the Hatteras Park.

Correspondence ID: 7461 **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:	"Create harmony between man and animal; Man and the environment -- These missions can no longer be denied."						
	"It's incomprehensible, as an educated people, we continue to be disharmonious with nature and our environment. We are obligated to practice ethic, in these arenas."						
	"Our environment is not our own, only."						
Correspondence ID:	7464	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please limit the vehicular traffic on this seashore!! Wildlife is imperiled everywhere and one would hope the park service would do whatever necessary to give wildlife the priority protection it deserves on this seashore.I must add that as a visitor to the Ocracoke and Hatteras seashores I find the overuse of vehicles annoying and dangerous to those of us who enjoy walking, birdwatching, and sunning ,etc. The experience is diminished for me when the beaches are full of ORVs and,again, the turtles and birds need our help to survive. Please help to keep these wonderful places special and teeming with wildlife. As more and more people visit I think the balance of nature will be endangered. This is one concrete move that can help preserve the integrity of this beautiful and peaceful shore !!! Thanks for listening. Please act responsibly. Tom Pitt						
Correspondence ID:	7465	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I grew up in that area and when I was younger we used to drive along the beach. I've seen idiots deliberately try to run birds down. This has to stop.						
Correspondence ID:	7466	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	In a time when humans have more recreational opportunities than ever and wildlife and the wilderness we all depend upon are threatened everywhere by human activities, it is unconscionable to allow this to continue. Please do the right thing and put a stop to this selfish harm and damage.						
Correspondence ID:	7467	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:	7468	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	It's time to stop destroying habit of specialized species.						
Correspondence ID:	7469	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	It is so important to regulate beach traffic--people and vehicles both--in order to \protect animals. in Massachusetts there has been a substantial increase in piping plover success in breeding while the beaches are closed to all.						
Correspondence ID:	7470	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Aren't we all about eneteraining ourselves. Never mind that we kill things. THINK ABOUT ANIMALS AND THE EARTH---- we're all connected!!!						
Correspondence ID:	7471	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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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Shannon Murphy

Correspondence ID: 7473 **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 protected these dwindling speciesl. Your grandchildren will thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7474 **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: 7475 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001)

Dear Superintendent Murray,

I don't want any of these ORV's on the beach for my sake and my kids and grandkids and other quiet loving humans, let alone the defenseless wildlife, but if the majority - those of us who walk on the beach - come last to a vocal minority - please read my concerns below.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop vehicles of all kinds whether "legal" or "illegal" from sensitive areas in the Cape Hatteras Natl. Seashore. Make it a priority to protect this area and enforce this policy/regulation. Thank you L. Taylor

Correspondence ID: 7477 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I'd rather enjoy a beach by foot and see nature than watch motor vehicles chewing up the wildlife and beach. Animals need a break from vehicles. We have ruined the earth enough.

Correspondence ID: 7478 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Come on people!!!! You bastards don't even care bout these animas! I'm sure your dumb asses will care since you'll be getting many emails concerning this issu. I hate people like you and those that work and agree with you!

Correspondence ID: 7479 **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

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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.

Correspondence ID: 7480 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: save them

Correspondence ID: 7481 **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 ride over nesting birds. They need protection - not the "yahoos" on the vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 7482 **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: 7483 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose the use of unrestricted off-road vehicles that threaten sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7484 **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 feel that ORV use should be further limited than what is in the current interim plan. Sea turtles and shore birds such as piping plovers are rebounding since the implementation of the iterim plan. Their nesting areas must be protected. The proposed plan sets aside merely 26 of 67 total miles of seashore for year-round pedestrian and wildlife use. Pedestrians should be able to enjoy the park without vehicle noise and fear of reckless drivers. I object to ORV having

access to greater than half of the seashore. Pedestians do not enfringe upon their enjoyment of nature. ORV users certainly enfringe upon pedestrian enjoyment of the park as well as the safety of wildlife who rightfully inhabit the seashore. Respectfully, Vanessa Gonzalez-Green Tax paying and voting citizen of the USA

Correspondence ID: 7485 **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.

STOP UNRESTRICTED OFF ROAD VEHICLES from killing national wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 7486 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: None.

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Kim Tran

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider limiting access to off-road vehicles on the Cape Hatteras shore. As an NC native, I think we should protect this asset to our economy and the beauty of our nation. Recently, on vacation in Pensacola, FL, we were restricted to driving to 20 mph so that sea birds could nest. This was a very good idea to prevent the birds from being wiped out. Allowing off-road vehicle access is a bad idea for conservation.

Correspondence ID: 7490 **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.

Correspondence ID: 7491 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

Please ban all vehicles from all beaches in Cape Hatters National Lakeshore. All transportation should be by foot only.

This would help protect all indiginous wildlife.

Respectfully,

Rpbert and Jennifer Lanane Sanford, NC

Correspondence ID: 7492 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Maximum protection of all wild/sensitive areas. No dogs or cows.

Correspondence ID: 7493 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The world and its environment are not getting better, it is getting worse. Our population is not decreasing, it is increasing. Our love affair with the automobile in all of its incarnations is not diminishing, it is staying strong.

Wildlife cannot survive being run over. Babies cannot survive the stress of lunging out of the way of dune buggies and trucks and carousing people.

This is not the time to be decreasing protections. This is the time to be increasing protections for this seashore and these species of concern. Indeed, we need to be increasing protections to all those creatures that do not have a voice in this Seashore and around our nation with its rapidly diminishing environment.

The lives of others cannot continue to be sacrificed so some people can play in unrestrained and unrestricted manners. Childhood needs to be over at some time and having the money to buy big toys does not mean that anyone has the right to kill anything else in order to forget their troubles for several hours. We need to restrain ourselves and we are having a tough time doing it on our own. We need these regulations to help us be grownups.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7494 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please support our national park heritage.

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please regulate off road vehicles on sea shores . Off shore vehicles should be eliminated due to animals habitat.

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully, Ken Cubala

Correspondence ID: 7498 **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 in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore area. Please do not put our vital wildlife in danger!

Thank you,

Leah Janssen-Governanti

Correspondence ID: 7499 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I feel it is important to further limit off road vehicle use than has been suggested in the proposed regulations. For the sake of the young animals who have no protections in a majority of the area of Cape Hatteras Seashore I hope you will include more if not all of the Seashore

Correspondence ID: 7500 **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 is threatening endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest along the seashore's beaches. Please help save them, thank you! Sheryl Graeb

Correspondence ID: 7501 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Somebody please tell Darrell Echols to do what's right by the piping plovers.

Correspondence ID: 7502 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 7503 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is important to the survival of sea birds nesting on Hatteras National Seashore that dune buggies, etc., be banned from using the beach as a drag strip. Please rule their use out!

Correspondence ID: 7504 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The Park Service has omitted necessary 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

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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 ID:	7505	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please act to protect shoreline wildlife from motorized vehicles.						
Correspondence ID:	7506	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 so that wildlife is not endangered anywhere.						
Correspondence ID:	7507	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						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	"I am happy to be able 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.						

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Correspondence ID: 7511 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Preserve our wild lands! The are irreplaceable.

Correspondence ID: 7512 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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Thank you for the work the National Park Service has done. These proposed changes are in keeping with its mission of protecting our environment and wildlife while allowing Americans to enjoy our natural heritage.

David Menchell

Correspondence ID:	7513	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Correspondence ID:	7514	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please ban use of off-road recreational vehicles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore as it is a haven for protected species and a unique ecosystem.						

Correspondence ID:	7515	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: 7516 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I hope the Obama administration does not "cave in" by selling out our natural treasures.

Correspondence ID: 7517 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider restricting use of off-road vehicles in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This type of activity is no way to insure the survival of wildlife in the area or other delicate aspects of this very fragile ecosystem recently injured so seriously by hurricane Irene. The people who want this type of recreation should be told to go elsewhere for it. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7518 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a volunteer land monitor for our county Land Trust, over the past five years, I have become familiar with the damage and the environmental impact of off road vehicle use. The users for the most part are teen age and twenty-year-old males with no experience or knowledge of the natural areas they aggressively despoil.

One pass marks a sandy, muddy or rocky area for years. Repeated passes destroy the capability of the land to produce native plant communities and bring in invasive seeds.

Please, ban off road vehicles from Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 7519 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Decision Maker,

I have vacationed before on Cape Hatteras and have recently learned that much of the shoreline could be opened up to off-road vehicles.

I wanted to take a moment and voice my opposition to such a scenario. I feel that it would harm the wildlife in the area and damage their natural habitat.

There is no reason for people to drive their ATV's or dirt bikes on beaches. There are plenty of miles of back-country and dirt roads for them to explore.

Thank you for your time.

With regards,

Erik M. Scott

Correspondence ID: 7520 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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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						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
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Thank you for your consideration

Correspondence ID: 7523 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Anything that can be done to safeguard endangered and or any individuals is a welcome change.

Humans being a bit inconvenienced is not an important issue. All of us can enjoy the National Parks without instant gratification that may involve the death or injury of birds such as the plover. Let us make sure that whatever vehicles allowed in the areas are safe for both human and non-human Americans.

If we need trails that are denied to humans for the safety of the other species, that is not such a tragedy or inconvenience.

As Americans, we sometimes forget that we are the only ones responsible for the safety and protection of all our wildlife, abundant and/or endangered.

Correspondence ID: 7524 **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.

ORVs hurt park resources, including as well danger to people and to wildlife.

In considering ORV use in Cape Hatteras National Seashore, the Park Service has omitted no-driving buffers and other successful wildlife protections in the proposed regulation. By covering only those areas set aside FOR ORV use, the Park Service fails in its job. We, the public, are more than ORV users.

In addition to no-drive buffers and wildlife protections, the Park Service should include AT LEAST half (if not more) of the beach as non-ORV.

thank you --

Correspondence ID: 7525 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hurricane Irene, while unfortunate and tragic, is a rare opportunity to improve Cape Hatteras for future generations. The Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation. Otherwise, we will be destroying a precious natural gift. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Nicolas Petersen

Correspondence ID: 7526 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a concerned citizen of North Carolina. I want ORV use to be limited so that it does not injure animals and their habitate.

Thank you for taking my comment.

Correspondence ID: 7527 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep the vehicles off the beaches.

Correspondence ID: 7528 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No four wheelers!!

Correspondence ID: 7529 **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 these beaches is wholly unacceptable. It is reckless, rude, and so destructive, killing the nesting sites, and destroying habitat. Please protect this stretch of coastline. There must be no development, no motor vehicles, no guns.

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Please protect the wildlife. Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 7534 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles have gotten out of control and should not be given right of way over wildlife. Please restrict these vehicles in places like Cape Hatteras National Seashore to areas where they do not threaten the survival of shorebirds and other wildlife. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7535 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a park's supported, I thank you for the 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, i.e., 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. 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 consideration.

Correspondence ID:	7536	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do much more than you're doing now to protect the shorebirds such as the Piping Plovers,etc that nest on our shorelines. This is very important to us--and even more so to them!! And it includes all the wildlife/marinelife that makes its home along the shoreline, where the sea meets the land...						
Correspondence ID:	7537	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect the wildlife all along our beaches and wetlands and forests.						
Correspondence ID:	7538	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	i'm for banning off-road vehicles from sensitive habitat altogether.						
Correspondence ID:	7539	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	God rewards those who does the "right things" in life. Remembver that.						
Correspondence ID:	7540	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The proposed rule at Cape Hatteras National Seashore must protect nesting grounds of turtles and birds and must expand the area that ORVs are prohibited in to ensure that rare and endangered wildlife are protected. The problem with this proposed rule is that it does not come out and directly say that the nesting areas of wildlife are to be protected from ORVs. I strongly recommend that the proposed rule directly come out and say in plain language form that nesting grounds and sites are protected from ORVs. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	7541	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 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 flourish.						
Correspondence ID:	7542	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Correspondence ID: 7543 **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.

It is time we put wildlife ahead of human vacation pleasures. Enough said.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7544 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to protect all wildlife Wehave already lost too much

Correspondence ID: 7545 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am against regulations that allow off-road vehicles the ability to destroy wildlife and threaten bio-diversity. The proposed regulations 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. We need to expand the protected zone for wildlife, not diminish 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.

Please make sure the regulations emphasize protection and have a master plan that will expand the abilities of wildlife to survive.

Correspondence ID: 7546 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep it wild. To the extent possible, follow wilderness guidelines to protect native flora and fauna, and to give human visitors a natural, wild experience. No ORVs.

Correspondence ID: 7547 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: stop allowing vehicles to travel in areas where wildlife lives, thrives and reproduces!! how would humans like for their houses and offspring to be drove over! animals need our help because they can not speak. do you think this is what god wants? all of his creatures killed by us humans? what will you tell god when you get to the gates? that you did your best to protect our animals? or that you only cared about yourself?!

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7549 **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 wildlife like buffers where no driving is allowed (e.g. in areas where there are nests, hatchlings and migrating birds). It's not enough just to specify routes for off-road-vehicles. I have visited this area and it is a wonderful wild beach habitat and maybe the only one on the East Coast. Priority should be placed on protecting its wild nature, not on providing a playground for those who want to ride ORVs. There are plenty of other places where ORVs can roam. I think the speed, noise and numbers of ORVs affect wildlife. ORVs also are a hazard to pedestrians and limit walkers' access. I urge you to include more protection for wildlife in the plan. ORVs leave long-term damage to the habitat and reduce animal populations and pedestrian safety.

Correspondence ID: 7550 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife are much more important than letting a few people have some fun at their expense, God Bless

Correspondence ID: 7551 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The 7 national seashores on the Atlantic represent the last vestiges of wild undeveloped beach on the eastern coast of the U.S. These nationally significant places protect habitats for rare, threatened, endangered wildlife, and are the last places to visit beach environments that evoke experiences of our predecessors who encountered vast wild coasts in N. America. It's well-documented ORV use impairs park resources: diminished access, increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. In contrast, wildlife protections work. For several years, the Park Service 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, some reproducing in record numbers; 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. P. S. has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, P. S. 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, P. S. must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation. The regulation doesn't set aside adequate vehicle-free areas, and prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This doesn't represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is allowed a minimum of 33.5 miles should be available year round for wildlife

Correspondence ID: 7552 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My family spent many years at Cape Hatteras enjoying the wildlife and the peaceful atmosphere. We all looked forward to the unspoiled area that Hatteras gave us.

I want to see the use of these vehicles banned.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Here's my two cents:

People are capable of making informed choices about where they use off road vehicles. Shore birds can't keep up with changes in regulations; they'll keep nesting where they always have. So it's our responsibility to keep their nesting sites safe.

Any way you slice it, the survival of wildlife trumps leisure time fun. There are places to have a good time where we aren't doing damage. I for one appreciate regulations that prevent me from unknowingly doing harm.

Thank you for giving this thoughtful consideration.

Ellen Rumsey Bellenot

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Correspondence: Hello,

This issue is important, although more information is needed to truly see if the NPS is planning in the best interest of all individuals. The beach access and trail changes need to be layed out and reviewed to see all possible impacts. Also

-The beaches are being kept clean and there are great organizations to keep it that way -There may times to close off areas but there is not need for large amounts of full beach access to shut down. -To keep the economy strong from Nags head down to Hatteras we all must work together to figure this out -Lets us use htis experience to educate the public on how to best respect the surrounds not only here but any place they go. -If we let the economy go down hill people will move out and the environment will run down and ruin the envionment and beaches. -We are here to stay, the people that live down there take pride in the area and we must continue to keep the environment thriving and strong.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Unrestricted off-road vehicles are tearing up the landscape, and, more importantly, killing or driving away indigenou wildlife. Some control is in order.

As annual visitors to the Outer Banks, we feel strongly about this issue.

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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.

The wildlife doesn't have a voice, it is up to us to protect them and speak up for them. We don't need to take up every space on Earth. Let us share.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7561 **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. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

It only sets aside areas for ORVs but 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: the rest is set aside for beach driving.

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

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. But 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.

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

Please protect the nesting sites.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I visit N.C every year for our large family reunion....and feel strongly about the protection of both Sea and Land Wildlife for the enjoyment and learning experience they give. it should never be a preference or precedence for motorized vehicles or any human form of degradation to the ongoing wellbeing or the nesting or migrating creatures which should be able to share our land to avoid extinction. Only ignorance would allow continued abuse where they need sanctuary. I suggest electing officials who have ecological and forward-looking, rather than special interest backgrounds to public office.

Correspondence ID: 7564 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Its time as a nation to put what is important, first. Our endangered wildlife is something that is irreplaceable. Another off-roading location is secondary.

Correspondence ID: 7565 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Would it really be that difficult to ban off-road vehicles during the mating and gestation period. Until the young are ready to take off with the rest. Just running them over and killing or maiming them is really quite cruel and shows a total lack of morals. This is really a cruel thing with such an easy cure.

Correspondence ID: 7566 **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 in regard to 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. 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. Wildlife should be a priority not an option. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

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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: Please act now to protect the wildlife of Cape Hatteras National Seashore from off-road vehicle driving. These protections are critical for the survival of nesting animals such as piping plovers and sea turtles. Please act now to protect this area, a national treasure, and the animals that inhabit it, before it is too late. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support closing MOST of the public beaches to all off-road vehicles, permanently. It's fine to have a few areas for recreation that are open to them (maybe 5%?) but only in non-environmentally questionable areas. Give the special interests their own SMALL special area, and that's it!

Correspondence ID: 7572 **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 "off-road vehicles". There are plenty of other places to use them.

Correspondence ID: 7573 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I think you guys should do something about this

Correspondence ID: 7574 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect the wild life!!!

Correspondence ID: 7575 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The orr-road drivers are not interested in nature or wild life, and Most Americans are, and are willing to stay off beaches and forests.

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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. All sea turtle species are either threatened or endangered, animals that have been around for millions of years, way before human beings were around. They need the protection against beach driving for their nests to successfully hatch the eggs to ensure the survival of these amazing animals. Please support a responsible policy that will ensure the vital protections that these animals need. It would be a shame for a species to go extinct because human beings are too selfish to place a limit on our behavior. Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 7578 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hurricane Elaine showed us how venerable coastal regions are to wind and rain damage. We need to keep wild coastal area in their natural state to keep humans from having their homes damaged and the tremendous expense for all in rebuilding. Insurance costs and increased taxes are bore by all throughout the land not just these ocean view properties. It's also time to explore why so many people build on flood plains and how we can discourage them from doing so. Thank You ,Ed Laurson

Correspondence ID: 7579 **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 beaches and seashore. They create both noise pollution and are harmful to the natural wildlife. The function of the National Seashore is to PROTECT the natural beauty of the area and preserve the wildlife in it. Allowing the off-road vehicles in this area is totally counter-productive to this mission.

Correspondence ID: 7580 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please make sure that ORV use is prohibited in Cape Hatteras and add critical wildlife protections needed to protect all species.

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.

Correspondence ID: 7581 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As an active citizen for the environment and a member of many groups, I am writing to urge all involved, to move to protect the Hatteras National Seashore and other similar shorelines, from the unregulated use of off-road vehicles. Aside from the toxic additions of their noise, fuel use and odor, they are a major hazard to wildlife and preservation of our legacy lands. Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Delia Gerhard

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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: Thank you for the proposal to designate routes where off-road vehicles (ORVs) may be used within Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Seashore), North Carolina. I appreciate regulations and or sanctions of enforcement. I deem they are necessary to control a situation that may get out of hand. I would hope these regulations would be fairly and carefully considered. My wish is that we go back and reinstate the regulations the Bush administration removed, including the environmental regulations. Government regulations are necessary to protect and serve the public interest and to protect the public from corporations and unscrupulous practices private sector.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: people somehow became confused and think we, humans are superior to everything. we are not, we are a disgrace

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Sincerely, Heather Hundt

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is far more important to protect nesting areas for shorebirds, sea turtles, and wildlife than to provide areas for OffRoad

Vehicles. People who like to indulge in such a noisy, gas-wasting activity have plenty of places to do it. Wildlife does not.

If you will not restrict beach driving entirely, please limit it to a much smaller area than is now proposed.

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Correspondence ID: 7590 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife is what makes our country rich, exciting, and joyful. PROTECT ALL OF OUR SPECIES!

Correspondence ID: 7591 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider keeping some of the temporary limitations for ORVs at Hattaras beach, and making them permanent. While I know how fun it is to beach drive, having done some myself, I am also concerned about the wildlife there. Sea turtles have doubled their population in that area in 3 years, and while that would not need to keep happening, some protections for them and other beach dwellers would be appropriate. It is up to us all to try to keep humans from causing the extinction of a species.

thank you

Correspondence ID: 7592 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose sstrongly unrestricted off road vehicles that threaten sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Enough!

Correspondence ID: 7593 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Must we ruin every natural habitat? For "entertainment?"

Correspondence ID: 7594 **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 support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Correspondence ID: 7597 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: MAKE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THIS, AND SEE THAT THEY ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence ID:	7600	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	You need to do whatever is necessary to protect these animals and birds you are killing/disrupting. And you already know this---look within yourselves to see if killing innocents is alright---always in the name of human progress. I guess we know better than our Maker.						
Correspondence ID:	7601	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	It is obvious from the restrictions previously placed on ORV's and/or driving on the beach that it allows sensitive wildlife, i.e. turtles to increase their nesting activity. There is no justifiable reason to allow humans to drive along beaches designated as National Park which includes Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Tourists, residents and wildlife visit these areas for the beauty, pristine condition and enjoyment of nature in her fullest glory not to breath gasoline fumes, hear noisy traffic and get sand blown into their faces. There are many areas where people who ride on ORV's can enjoy this activity but the beach at Cap Hatteras should be off limit to all ORV's.						
Correspondence ID:	7602	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:	7603	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I understand that the unregulated use of off road vehicles along the shorelines is threatening wild life, particularly shore birds and turtles. Please start regulating where these vehicles can go.						
Correspondence ID:	7604	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please take specific measures to protect wildlife from ORV use on public beaches, especially near wildlife nesting areas. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	7605	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	There are places on earth where humans should not be allowed to tread. We have lost so much due to uncaring, selfcentered thrillseekers that it boggles the mind to try and comprehend why they are allowed to destroy everything in their paths. The time to put a stop to it is now, not after it's too late.						
Correspondence ID:	7606	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Sincerely, Diana Gillis

Correspondence ID: 7607 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am adamantly opposed to any and all vehicles on beaches, or, for that matter, in all wilderness areas. It disturbs wildlife on every level, from what they hear, to being afraid, to being unable to inhabit the area or protect their young.

If these absurdly noisy machines disturb humans in the area -- who understand what they are -- imagine how terrifying it is to fragile creatures in the wild who didn't get the memo.

This is about boys and their toys -- a disgusting sample of the inhumane, insensitive, and immature side of the American male, usually fueled by beer. Like race tracks, we should build specific places for these overgrown boys to play.

Correspondence ID: 7608 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sirs/Madams,

I urge you to absolutely prohibit ORVs at Cape Hatteras National Seashore for two primary reasons. First, sensitive species such as migratory shorebirds do not know where they must remain to avoid being hit by an ORV. They don't know the difference between recreational driving areas and "...officially designated Wilderness Areas or Primitive Areas." Sensitive wildlife need as much remaining "areas of the National Park system, Natural Areas, or National Wildlife Refuges and Game Ranges" as currently exist, and even more. These wildlife populations are declining due to habitat loss and climate change. They cannot sustain even more pressure and habitat loss in coastal areas. They can't go anywhere else. They've already been pushed to the very edge of their remaining northeastern shore and coastal reserves. Second, ORV users simply do NOT stay where they belong. Even if they do, the buffer their activity creates extends the impact of their damaging activity well beyond the boundaries of their driving range. Sensitive wildlife and delicate ecosystems don't simply co-exist next to loud, polluting oversized vehicles that pound the terrain as they race along and kick up sand and soil with their maniacal racing skids and turns. The whole fun of ORVing is tearing up the landscape. The scars they leave cannot be mitigated. I lived in the Great Salt Lake region for many years and witnessed the characteristic behavior of ORV drivers. Neither the state nor the federal agents could contain their activity. Once the ORVs are unleashed, they are like an invasive species that rapaciously drive over and beyond their permitted zones. And no one can remove them. Please keep this area off limits to ORVs and give peace and survival a chance.

respectfully,

Pam Young

Correspondence ID: 7609 **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 time.

Correspondence ID: 7610 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect all of the wildlife throughout the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Wildlife, Birds and their young should be protected from motor vehicles in this area. Please protect all 67 miles.

Thank you,

Lori

Correspondence ID: 7611 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles and snowmobiles are the toys of the least sophisticated Americans--i.e., people who need to burn gasoline and make noise to enjoy themselves. (Speaking of which, why is NASCAR still allowed to function?) In my opinion, off-road vehicles should be banned EVERYWHERE, but certainly in environmentally sensitive areas. One yahoo's disruptive "fun" constitutes pollution to those of us who prefer quiet to noise and healthy ecosystems to polluted ones!

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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.

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.

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 tell you, the Park Service instead that you 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.

Prevent Vehicle Death in Cape Hatteras!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! PERIOD!!

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 7614 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please stop the loss of wildlife along the shoreline from offroading vehicles. This is their habitat for continuing their species which outweighs the needs of people with 4 wheelers speeding on the beach. Let's respect wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7615 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our National Parks and shore liine need to be preserved for all our generationsto come. Then it's also necessary to save our other wildlife in that area.Thank you for your conCern.

Correspondence ID: 7616 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My family, some friends and I visited Cape Hatteras National Seashore a couple of summers ago but were aghast to find the beautiful scenery marred by a retinue of off-road vehicles. Not only did these vehicles interrupt what we thought would be a serene view of one of our nations treasures, but I can only imagine what the effects are on the habitat and wildlife populations. I urge you to place restrictions on the off-road vehicles so that wildlife may be kept safe and so that visitors can enjoy the natural beauty of Cape Hatteras National Seashore without the intrusion of these off-road vehicles.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I understand that the National Park Service is planning to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore that 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, 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.

A temporary plan now in effect limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas effectively protecting wildlife. For

instance, after 3 years in place, this temporary plan virtually doubled the number of sea turtle nests on shore from 82 to 153. Without explicit protections by the Park Service, 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.

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Correspondence ID: 7620 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do something to keep off road vehicles off the beaches of Cape Hatteras and other sensitive areas. They are dangerous and annoying to people and wildlife. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 7621 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the environment for these creatures.

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Most sincerely,

SWG

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	To Whom it May Concern,						

I am writing to urge that you continue to limit ORV use near wildlife protected areas. It is very obvious that drivers will not take necessary caution and many animals and birds on the shore will not be safe.

As we continue to lose more species to extinction it is imperative that we do all we can to protect the wildlife that still graces our lands. It is irreplaceable.

Please do not allow unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use - it 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.

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Name:	private						
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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.

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It is well documented that wildlife protections work in the park. 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

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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: 7628 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please support ID NPS-2011-0005-0001

Correspondence ID: 7629 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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to care if wildlife is protected or not, 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: 7630 **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. It destroys habitats necessary for the survival of countless species of wildlife. Roads are for vehicles; wilderness is not.

Correspondence ID: 7631 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras and its wildlife are a national treasure that need protection. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thanks for your consideration and protecting this magnificent place for future generations to enjoy.

Best,

Natasha Thomsen

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern: I love the beach and my family and I love all the amazing wildlife and fish in the sea. It was created to enjoy not to abuse, let's all do our part to keep it safe and clean for future generations. There are special regulations in place to protect the wildlife and creatures who keep that delicate balance in the ocean and coastline! We must never take nature and all i:s beauty for granted Let's do it right we may not have a second chance!

Sincerely Yours,

Tracey Parker

Correspondence ID: 7634 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The hedonistic urges of insensitive and uninformed people with too much time on their hands should not supercede the rights of wild creatures to pursue their lives unmolested in what is supposed to be a nature preserve. The two activities are not compatible. Habitats are destroyed and the balance of natural processes is upset by unrestricted access to these areas by off-road vehicles for the frivolous goal of recreation. This is life-and-death for the creatures who inhabit these areas, and they generally do not have the option of moving - we are invading and desecrating their home. If they are disturbed or displaced, they may die.

When will we humans begin to realize that our fates are ultimately linked to those of the other creatures that we so thoughtlessly abuse. We are all connected strands in the web of life. In your deliberations, please consider these creatures who do not have a voice in the political process, and represent their interests above those of uncaring thrill-seekers. We humans have many options; these hapless creatures do not. We should be resourceful and wise enough to find entertainments that do not harm other creatures needlessly. Thank you for considering these remarks.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is one of our rare and beautiful national treasures but it is also fragile. Just as snow mobiles need to be banned from our national parks, motorized vehicles of all kinds have no place on our national seashores. There is no reason nor need for humans to use them on such a fragile ecosystem where birds and other wildlife fight for their existence. Please do not allow them, I beg you. Thank you.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7640 **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 at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The noise and terrain destruction will disturb wildlife especially birds.

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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 have long opposed the use of OVRs on the exposed beaches of our National Parks and National Wildlife Sanctuaries. My reasons for the objection are reinforced many times over when the shorelines must recover from a violent storm.						
Correspondence ID:	7643	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I have fished the Outer Banks for many years. I love surf fishing. I also love nature and have great respect for wild creatures. The OBX supports many such animals and these must be protected. The folks that fish there must learn respect for them also. Compromise is the answer.						
Correspondence ID:	7644	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I live 3 blocks off the Pacific Ocean in Oregon. Humans do NOT need to be driving ORV on our beaches. It's a danger to humans and other wildlife and absolutely unnecessary. Do not allow this to happen. It will ruin the sanctity of our beaches.						
Correspondence ID:	7645	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Every time we lose another species, we are closer to our own extinction. It behooves us to take reasonable care of all God's creatures. Please take immediate action to limit the use of off roads vehicles on our beaches where they may damage essential nesting areas of sea turtles and shore birds.						
Correspondence ID:	7646	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please disregard the pleas of these wildlife IDIOTS that know nothing about the Outer Banks ,,including the Audobon Society,,these people wish to destoy a whole economy and peoples way of life and enjoyment,, for some birds that there are plenty of,,						
Correspondence ID:	7647	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:	7648	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please help to ban the use of off-road vehicles on the shoreline. Many animals are killed or severely injured every year. It's so sad because it something that is preventable, but we need the help of those in political positions to make that happen. I urge you to be a voice for those that are unable to speak for themselves. Thank you.						

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict Off Road vehicles from destroying the wild habitat of these Beaches. Thanks.. Manesh Shah

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Thank you for your consideration.

Regards, Jim Kopanko

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I trust that you will carefully and thoughtfully consider my comments. Thank you, Judith Maron-Friend

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If we truly respect life, then we must protect and care for all creatures; we have their destiny in our hands. If we do not protect and care for other creatures then it becomes even easier for us to not respect and care for peoples of the human race.

Correspondence ID: 7654 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: A beach is no place for motor vehicles, off road or not. The Sanctity of life must be respected. All life belongs to the Earth and to our children, not to wantonly destroyed. What kind of citizens are we,

Correspondence ID: 7655 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop this cruelty to animals now!

Correspondence ID: 7656 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLEASE SAVE CAPE HATTERAS AS MY GRANDPA WAS A LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER THERE MANY YEARS AGO.
 GOD BLESS OUR BEAUTIFUL PARKS.

THERE ARE A LOT MORE WAYS TO SAVE \$ THAN THIS.

I VOLUNTEER AT PARKS HERE IN CALIFORNIA.

GOD BLESS OUR COUNTRY & PARKS. AND MOST OF ALL OUR HISTORICAL AREAS.

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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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: One of our greatest treasures on earth is the existence of other creatures that share our planet. Too often we totally ignore them and their right to exist. By doing so, we negate our own right to exist. It's time we share!

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

It's the only right, honest and honorable thing to do.

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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.

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 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.

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.

Correspondence ID: 7664 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do the right thing

Correspondence ID: 7665 **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 use of Cape Hatteras' shoreline, and prevent injury to and/or killing of our wildlife and birds.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7666 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I cannot believe this is even an issue. Why would any civilized and responsible nation allow people to run down a nesting place for birds??

Correspondence ID: 7667 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save our country for generation to come.

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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 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 writing to voice my support for specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 7671 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: With regards to Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I support further limitations to off road vehicle use along the beach. Only 26 miles of the total 67 miles is now off limits to vehicle use. I would like to see an increase in the shoreline protected for wildlife and nesting areas based on scientific studies. Shorebirds and sea turtles need all the help we can give them to survive climate change and habitat reductions.

Thank you for considering my views.

Correspondence ID: 7672 **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 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. However, the proposed regulation omits buffers around prime wildlife areas and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. 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, I urge the Park Service to 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.

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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.

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

My wife and I have vacationed in Hatteras and love to look at and watch the wildlife there. Please consider protecting it. They don't have any other voice to speak for them. Thank you. Norman & Shirley Cialini

Correspondence ID: 7675 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing because I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. 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.

Correspondence ID: 7676 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The National Coastal Shoreline at Hatteras Island should be closed to all motorized vehicles. The wildlife sheltered there is too precious to be endangered by off-road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 7677 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If people who drive the Off road vehicles show no respect for the animals/birds/turtles lives while using their vehicle, which apparently they do not. I think Off road vehicles should be banned from using the seashore. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7678 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All life is precious. Please protect it.

Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 7679 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: People should pay fines.

Correspondence ID: 7680 **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: 7681 **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 ion the nesting areas of the Cape.

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Jamie Rothstein

Correspondence ID: 7683 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom It May Ccern, I humbly ask you to consider protecting the wildlife over peoples right to engage in recreational activities. Please understand that when you protect the wildlife you protect human life as well. Our survival is inticately and intimately intertwined. Please make the right choice on behlf of the animals and humanity. Sincerely, Lorraine

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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 birds and wildlife and nesting areas as off limits to vehicles and people.

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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.

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

Along with many others, 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: 7690 **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 protect wildlife from ORV's.

Correspondence ID: 7691 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Gentlemen, With all the pressures on wildlife, I implore you to consider protecting nesting birds and turtles as your first priority, and restrict recreational vehicles from ANY part of the beach on which these wonders of nature depend.

Thank you, Bill Karnofsky Winter Haven, FL

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Correspondence: Wildlife's well being should come first in any national parks, seashores, preserves, etc. Please consider their protection as your top priority. Even most human users are negatively affected by off road vehicles, which not only destroy the habit and wildlife, but also pollute the environment wherever these vehicles are used. They have no place in a delicate environment such as national seashores. Off road vehicle enthusiasts will find their places to pursue their hobbies. Protected federal land should not and do not have to theirs to trample. Thank you.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ATV have NO BUSINESS in any park

Correspondence ID: 7697 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save the birds!

Correspondence ID: 7698 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our National Parks are a treasure we must protect and enhance. We deserve them, our children should inherit them in tact and better than when we inherited them, and our Greatgrandchildren and their greatgrandchildren etc This can only happen if each generation supports the necessary bills in Congress to fiscally and tefnically support them, including rules that preserve and enhance the enviroment, the scope of their 'natural' beauty and the concept that they belong to every American.

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Correspondence ID: 7699 **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 not necessary on the Outer Banks. There are plenty of other beaches that can be driven on.

Correspondence ID: 7700 **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. Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. Regulations are necessary! Thank you.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: America's wildlife sanctuaries must be maintained. People have understood this in the past and rightly so. As mankind has robbed the animal kingdom bit by bit of its natural land, this little, last thing we can do-- keep what's left of the land still close to its pristine state-- is imperative. We MUST care!

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 7706 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect our wildlife while we still have some.

Correspondence ID: 7707 **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: 7708 **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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successful wildlife protections in its proposed 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 my comments.

Correspondence ID:	7709	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please, won't you help these innocent animals?						

Correspondence ID:	7710	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:						

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

I applaud this action, 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.

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.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please contact me if you need additional information.

Correspondence ID:	7711	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect our wildlife over recreational vehicles						

Correspondence ID:	7712	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 natural world not give lisencc to humans to ruin it						

Correspondence ID:	7713	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: 7714 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a wildlife biologist I employ you to reconsider allowing such uncontrolled ORV use along your seashore. It definitely needs to be curtailed in wildlife sensitive areas. ORV users I feel will still be happy with a quarter of area they're given under the proposed regulations and would hopefully be understanding if part of their area is partitioned off during a breeding or nesting season.

Correspondence ID: 7715 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Give the wildlife a break at the Cape . Do not let them be run over by atvs or suvs . Do the man or woman thing Anna Bergalis

Correspondence ID: 7716 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Pleases ban unregulated vehicles on Cape Hatteras shore. Wildlife needs protection not more destruction!

Correspondence ID: 7717 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Although document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001 provides some protection to wildlife from vehicles, only 27 miles versus a potential of 62 miles is protective of wildlife and pedestrian needs.

The heavy weighting of vehicle access versus wildlife protection is curious. Surely, off-road vehicles can find terrain less sensitive than this stretch of beach...an environment that can make the difference between a species being endangered or extinct, or the best choice, enough vehicle-free beach to sustain a healthy, breeding population.

Please expand this current bill to fulfill the needs of the environment versus providing more room for polluting, destructive vehicles. Surely, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore deserves more protective laws...evenmoreso after Hurricane Irene.

I look to the National Park System to strengthen its rules...off-road vehicles have had much too many rights of access for too long.

Please keep me informed and I look for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely, Barbara McElheny

Correspondence ID: 7718 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I like to have fun in National Parks everywhere but I do not feel I have the right to disturb animals when I visit. Some people have fun on off road vehicles and while it is not my idea of entertainment I understand everyone likes to do different things. I do not feel anyone has a right to destroy the habitat of threatened species like piping plovers who rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. Please restrict people's off road vehicles use so they only destroy a small portion of land. Save the Seashore for birds to live with undisturbed nests for their chicks. We have so much in America that has been lost forever please use common sense to save what is left.

Correspondence ID: 7719 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This beach should remain free of off road vehicles. There's nothing better than a quiet walk on the beach. Consider, too, the safety factor. Anytime you combine pedestrians and motor vehicles there are accidents and sometimes fatalities. Just refer to the fatalities this year at Daytona Beach in Florida. Of course that's NOT a national park, but Cape Hatteras is and national parks were created to preserve the natural beauty of the land, NOT to be a motor way.

Please prohibit ORV on the beach.

Correspondence ID: 7720 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In regards to off road vehicles using Cape Hatteras National Seashore as a recreation site; the practice of driving vehicles on areas that are used by wildlife, both endangered and not, should be very strictly regulated. The biodiversity of our planet is much more important than the joy some people get driving vehicles on beaches and mistakenly or intentionally running over or frightening wildlife on their nesting, breeding and living grounds. Sites for recreational use of vehicles should be chosen and very closely monitored. If this is not possible off road use should not be allowed. With animals going extinct every day, the human race cannot afford to cause any more negative impact on their environment than necessary. Off road driving on sensitive beaches is not a survival need for humans. There are other places to drive recreational vehicles that don't impact the survival of birds, turtles, and other wildlife. Thank-you.

Correspondence ID: 7721 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ensure that nesting waterfowl and wildlife are adequately protected from off-road vehicles. There must be some balance between the use of our parks and the preservation of our parks, and that balance has all too often been neglected.

The destruction of an ecosystem is not a positive legacy to leave.

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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 7723 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop killing

Correspondence ID: 7724 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please make permanent the protection of wildlife nesting areas along Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Expand the number of

acres protected from 26 to at least 50. Encourage off-road vehicles to find non-beach and urban venues for their recreational use. The temporary joys of the 20-somethings should not mean the extinction of wildlife, bit by bit.

Correspondence ID: 7725 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PROTECT THE BEACHES! STOP ALL ORV USE ON OUR SENSITIVE BEACHES FOREVER!

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Since some citizens do not have the capacity to understand that their "pleasure" rides are destroying delicate land and wildlife, then they need to be educated and redirected.

Correspondence ID: 7730 **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 off road vehicles during the mating and migration times of the year for these precious birds.

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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 Nation Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I am an educator at Santa Monica Community College who during summers travels widely travel widely in the National Parks and I strongly urge you to great increase wildlife protections at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I have visited Cape Hatteras and would like to see greatly expanded protections of wildlife and space for pedestrians on the seashore. I beseech you not to allow wildlife to be impaired by Off-the-Road-Vehicles.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Susan P. Chapman

Correspondence ID: 7733 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't allow these ATVs on the shorelines. Isn't it enough that they're all over Yellowstone? Please keep the seashore and the animals that live there safe from these vehicles. There must be other places to drive.

Correspondence ID: 7734 **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 offroad vehicle use on Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 7735 **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 considering these comments.

Correspondence ID: 7736 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Regulators:

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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."

Sincerely,

Robert J. Barnhart

Correspondence ID: 7737 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Don't let people mess up parks with off road dump trucks, take it on privet property or on roads. Seriously if a company messes things they obligated to clean up but a joyrider messes things up, they are permitted?

Correspondence ID: 7738 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose ORVs on beaches and beach areas. Driving and beaches do not mix. In Florida there have been a number of fatalities where people drive on beaches. ORVs can also drive over bird nests and kill beach animals. Please do not permit vehicles on the beach or dune areas.

Correspondence ID: 7739 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I grew up summering on the Long Island seashore and have see the "roadkill" off road vehicles do to the nesting shorebirds and other wildlife. Vehicles MUST be prevented from the shore lines of our coasts.

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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. You must put into action policies that will protect these species and their breeding areas by restricting access to them, restraining acts that damage them, and avoiding pollutants that poison them.

Correspondence ID: 7741 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: and why the hell does anyone need to ride those things on shorelines when i as a taxpayer, am being charged to preserve them in the first place. not exactly cost efficient.

Correspondence ID: 7742 **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. Our nation's national seashores protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife. As well, they 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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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. Please add these measures to ensure full protection for pedestrians and wildlife.

Correspondence ID:	7743	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 for the wild life (birds, fish, whales turtles, etc.) and for the water quality and for the air that destroys the plants, trees, and humans. Thank YOU.						
Correspondence ID:	7744	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please strengthen the proposed regulations to limit off road vehicles from nesting areas on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Birds and turtles need all of the protection they can get!						
Correspondence ID:	7745	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	KEEP THOSE AWFUL GAS GUZZLING OFF ROAD "BEASTS" OUT OF THE NATIONAL PARKS AND OFF THE BEACHES EVERYWHERE! IT WAS THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION THAT OPENED UP THE PARKS AND BEACHES TO THESE VEHICLES. PRIOR TO THAT THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED IN MANY OF THESE AREA. NOW THEY ARE RUINING ALL THE AREAS THEY ARE ALLOWED INTO! STOP THIS NOW!						
Correspondence ID:	7746	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please keep these polluting and dangerous toys where they belong. thanks...						
Correspondence ID:	7747	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please consider our environment...I would like to have the pristine beaches left for my kids to enjoy.						
Correspondence ID:	7748	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.						
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Thank you for your consideration.

William Doherty

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is time we put the survival of species above the destructive amusement of a few unthinking, uncaring people.

Correspondence ID: 7752 **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 consider restrictions on the areas where off road vehicles are allowed. The impact of their unrestricted use is taking a toll on our wildlife and environment.

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Correspondence ID: 7755 **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), the current draft lacks the critical wildlife protections that have helped species like the piping plover and loggerhead sea turtle.

Correspondence ID: 7756 **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. We are talking about a seashore, not a dang race track!

Correspondence ID: 7757 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This is just unacceptable.

Correspondence ID: 7758 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop the stupidity!

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Name: private
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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 boils down to one question: which is more important, beach drivers or seashore wildlife?

You're supposed to protect the Park, not the people who trample it.

Correspondence ID: 7761 **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: 7762 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep the shoreline clean and no vehicles!

Correspondence ID: 7763 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate that some folks enjoy the offroad, gas guzzling, vehicles. They do not deserve to ride where they may harm wildlife!

Part of your job is to protect wildlife and I hope your agency will choose wildlife protection over the minority view of offroad afficiandos

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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.

Wildlife and the environment must take first consideration when making decisions or choices about what to do with the land. I believe that wildlife and environment must come first. Please do not do anything that would harm or interfere with them. Thank you very much.

Correspondence ID:	7765	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Protect our wildlife!						

Correspondence ID:	7766	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Thank you for your consideration. Please protect our wildlife and environment.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Can't we learn to live with our fellow earthbeings and share the world? There are plenty of places already allotted to off road sporting, so use those places and respect the right of others to non killing grounds!!!						

Correspondence ID:	7768	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	As a person who lives near the beach, this hits close to home. Please help save the defenseless animals that are in serious danger of what should be illegal beach driving.						

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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.

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

Correspondence ID: 7772 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: For years I spent most summers on Galveston island in Texas. Over the years as people were allowed to drive on the beach the shore birds disappeared. Completely. Perhaps it was the numbers of people. But I feel that all beach driving U.S. wide should be curtailed. It isn't necessary. Plus if people must walk a few hundred feet it means they want to stay at the beach for a few hours. If beach driving is allowed there is a constant flow of traffic. Many of which are the youth, showing off, driving too fast, and just going back and forth. Additionally you will encounter accidents with children and adults. We just don't pay enough attention to traffic when we are lazing in the sun. I came close to being hit once. It was frightening.

My vote - should it count - stop all beach traffic in each beach state.

Thank you for reading.

Correspondence ID: 7773 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-roaders don't belong on our national parks and beaches... Please keep them on their private lands where they belong.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: once they are gone their is no bringing them back

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Correspondence: It is vital to protect the integrity of nesting sites without ANY interference by man, motorized vehicles to allow natural fauna and flora to regrow and reestablish themselves at this critical breeding time.

Please keep ALL motorized vehicles and humans off the beaches in these areas until scientists conclude that it is safe for LIMITED non motorized incursions are deemed to not have any adverse affect.

These critical species are facing unprecedented changes to their limited nesting sites due to radical climate changes..and cannot just pack up and go somewhere else like man...

please respect nature...we are all part of it. when it is destroyed, we are destroyed.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I think that the new regulations give both pedestrians who want to enjoy the wonderfully natural 67 mile Shoreline of Cape Hatteras by walking it, and wildlife, who use the shoreline to nest, very little safety, and certainly no peace of mind. Only allocating 26 of the 67 miles to them, and 41 miles to beach driving!! Very skewed.

Why should beach driving take major precedence over the welfare of the wildlife who inhabit the Shoreline and people who won't be nearly as destructive to both the wildlife and the Shoreline itself? A 10-mile stretch of Shoreline, which wildlife is least liking to inhabit, should be the way that the regulation reads. Beach driving is a thrill sport, and people who do it have little regard for the environmental impact of it. Shame on you for wanting to give them the green light to make a mockery of Cape Hatteras National Seashore -- a place that belongs to ALL Americans in perpetuity to enjoy. Our children and their children won't get to experience it as a wild place if beach driving is given priority. Wildlife and people who respect natural places deserve better.

Correspondence ID: 7779 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Park System Readers

The Off road vehicles do so much damage here in our lands, that I can only imagine what damage they do in Cape Hatteras Seashore where the significant waterbirds and other forms of sea life, including plants that live in the between of shore and land.

These are destructive machines that have a main purpose of "fun" for people who are not responsible enough to consider the damage they are doing.

Please, please consider banning them.

Sincerely, Linda Hogan

Correspondence ID: 7780 **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 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.

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 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." 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.

Correspondence ID: 7781 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Were our National Seashores designed to protect public lands for all Americans, or just for oil-guzzling, climate-changing ORVs? Most Americans want clean, quiet, unspoiled seashores that support wildLIFE, not wild vehicles.

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.

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

Correspondence ID:	7782	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Stop useless travel on wildlife areas...						
Correspondence ID:	7783	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please help protect this national treasure!!						
Correspondence ID:	7784	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 on Cape Hatteras. I have seen the damage they have done in the Rockies. Animals, birds, and humans need a pristine and quiet place to survive.						
Correspondence ID:	7785	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 conservation professional I am very concerned about NPS'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 ORV use is increased/expanded at Cape Hatteras Nat'l Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife will no doubt be threatened and most likely killed.

I wholeheartedly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore. Unfortunately as I read it, 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 - especially as regards a Public Trust resource like the Seashore. 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:	7786	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: 7787 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I'm a concerned citizen and I support the environmental watch groups that I depend upon to provide me the info I need so I can better focus my efforts to accomplish what I care about. The information below is copied from another, but it states what I want to say at least as well as I could. Please take the time to read it. I care and I want to be able to continue to visit this beautiful area and protect it for generations to come. Good stewardship now will not only mean that we all get to coexist peacefully, but it means tourist dollars in the future for the state - it benefits all. My concern is regarding 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, it's much appreciated.

Correspondence ID: 7788 **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: 7789 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect National Parks and wildlife from offroad vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 7790 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am against any regulation that allows unrestricted off-road vehicle use on the shoreline where there might be wildlife nests, eggs, or animals. Please protect our wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 7791 **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: 7792 **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.

It makes little sense to allow unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife without regard to protections of these animals and their nesting sites. If we're talking about a National Seashore, which is similar to a National Park....bans of off road vehicles is pretty standard operating procedure.

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. Please do not let this happen....ecological, and climatological disasters are wreaking havoc on endangered birds and sea turtles. Let's not have Man contribute any more to their demise.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 7793 **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 on Cape Hatteras N.S. and other national seashores and parks.

Correspondence ID: 7794 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have long opposed ORV use on beaches for its detrimental affects on wildlife. Wildlife should be given priority and where possible, seasonal use by ORV after nesting season, should be permitted, but restricted to allow appropriate monitoring. Please stand for endangered species that we can't replace.

Correspondence ID: 7795 **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
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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.

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: 7797 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras should be preserved for threatened species that nest there, unrestricted off road vehicles should be restricted to a very limited area to ensure the survival of sea turtles and shore birds. It is our responsibility to protect all species, this is a minor inconvenience.

Correspondence ID: 7798 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save Cape Hatter Flora & Fauna!

Correspondence ID: 7799 **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.

Correspondence ID: 7800 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our wildlife from vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 7801 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Hi, I've been to Cape Hatteras many years ago and it is beautiful. I hope to return one day and find the same beauty and wildlife. Protecting the shores and the wildlife from off road vehicles is essential to this. Please consider future generations of people who will enjoy the sea shore as well as the wildlife itself. Thanks, Adele Cox

Correspondence ID: 7802 **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: 7803 **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: 7804 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Let's be proactive on this important issue please

Correspondence ID: 7805 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please preserve the areas of the National Park System:

Correspondence ID: 7806 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: These beautiful lands need to be preserved so the wildlife is not harmed or disturbed.

Correspondence ID: 7807 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am concerned about your plan to designate too much of the Cape Hatteras Seashore area for use by Off Road Vehicles. These vehicle drivers pose a threat to the wildlife and the pedestrians at the seashore. In addition, they can cause damage to the beautiful landscape.

Keep 99% of the area safe for the wildlife and pedestrians. The ORVers don't have the right to destroy or harm the wildlife and the landscape.

Correspondence ID: 7808 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I encourage you to restrict the use of ORVs in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The wildlife needs protection in this special area.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Correspondence ID: 7809 **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: 7810 **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." Sincerely, Gary Mitchell

Correspondence ID: 7811 **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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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7812 **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.

Jessica M-E Nitsch

Correspondence ID: 7813 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help to save the marine animals,thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7814 **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 opposed the National Park Service's proposed regulation for expanded 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.

Correspondence ID:	7815	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001)--OFF ROAD VEHICLES ARE KILLING WILDLIFE.						

Please change the rules so this doesn't continue to happen.\\thank you

Correspondence ID:	7816	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. It is simply not necessary for recreation vehicles to have access to these important areas.						

Correspondence ID:	7817	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore is killing birds and other wildlife. Please stop it. Thanks						

Correspondence ID:	7818	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 do not allow off road vehicles in areas frequented by wildlife. These vehicles have many other places that they can go, but the wildlife does not. I am also wondering the same thing about other areas of the USA. Why are these vehicle owners given so much leeway to to whatever they want? Hiking, bike riding and horseback riding seem to take a back seat to these OHVs. please put them in their place-----on the roads where they belong.

Correspondence ID: 7820 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I'm opposed to unregulated off road vehicle use on federal property

Correspondence ID: 7821 **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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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7823 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: we love that part of our country and visit every few years. please stop this from happening so that everyone can enjoy this seashore.

Correspondence ID: 7824 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Increased management protections from the National Park Service (NPS) 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. 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.

Correspondence ID: 7825 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must stop the deliberate destruction of our lands! Please say no to loud, air polluting and destructive vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 7826 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLEASE CHANGE THE REGULATIONS TO HELP SAVE ANIMALS

Correspondence ID: 7827 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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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: Once again, THEY were there first. WE are the intruders. And if there are still ethics over alleged "individual freedom/rights" why can't people WALK on the beach instead of "wheelin"?..

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I will have to research your website as i have never received any mention in the past of your organization.

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do the right thing!

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Thank You, Tim Tarleton

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: everything we get our hands on we spoil - we are amazingly destructive - it needs to stop now

Correspondence ID: 7834 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am an animal lover and want to see the wild life safe.

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do ALL YOU CAN to help the animals and wildlife through document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001). Government exists to protect the living beings who exist within its borders...human, wildlife, and vegetation.

Correspondence ID: 7837 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

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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.

Sincerely, Syreeta Batiste

Correspondence ID: 7838 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Our shorelines can't afford recreation like this!

Correspondence ID: 7839 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: "I am glad to have this chance to comment on NPS's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, one of the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. It protects habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife and represents the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments.

ORV use impairs park resources, diminishes access, and increases hazards for pedestrian visitors. Please keep wildlife protections in place and continue to enforce 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. Since you have instituted that, protected species have been rebounding and some have reproduced in record numbers. (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.)

In its new proposal, however, NPS has omitted these and other successful wildlife buffers. 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 buffers to protect our wildlife.

Please designate the following in the proposed regulation: ORV routes; specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife; protections for pedestrians; and a minimum of half of the beach (i.e., 33.5 miles) should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you for considering these comments and for your hard work and dedication.

Patrick Comer

Correspondence ID: 7840 **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.

There has been a temporary plan in place that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas and it has worked up to a point. It is time now to come up with a plan that will permanently protect the nesting birds and turtles along the shoreline.

Please take the necessary steps to put in place a plan that will permanently support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you for reading these comments.

Correspondence ID: 7841 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I cannot think of a more traumatic thing than peaceful, safe beaches being ruined by ORVs speeding along the shoreline.

Aren't we ruining enough nesting/tranquil areas without resorting to destroying another one?

Please, don't allow this to happen!

Correspondence ID: 7842 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORV's are very destructive to the shorebirds and their nests and also the turtles who are trying to find safe places to nest. Restrictions should be placed around these vulnerable places so motor vehicles of any kind are not allowed in the vicinity.

Correspondence ID: 7843 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My understanding is that Hatteras wildlife is at risk due to road off road allowed on the shoreline. It seems so shortsighted and unthinking to seek out pleasure out the expense of the birds and sea turtles.

Please put a rule into place to discontinue the use of these vehicles. OUR WILDLIFE SHOULD MEAN SOMETHING TO US!

Thank you,

Correspondence ID: 7844 **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 your beautiful coastline.

Thank you.

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The main reason we visit the outer banks is to see the wildlife, and I feel it is your duty to protect it. To let one group endanger it because they think it is their right to drive a vehicle any where they want is violating our rights to not be disturbed in an area we think is sacred. Do not let any motorised vehicle on this beautiful area

Correspondence ID: 7849 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I believe this area should be protected. Aren't we supposed to be trying to prevent these innocent creatures from extinction? They have every right to have a chance to live. And these people with off road vehicles have other places they can use for that sort of hobby. Why allow them to destroy beaches, let alone sand dunes, if any? So please ban any off road vehicles from beaches, better yet, anything that can do the same damage.

Correspondence ID: 7850 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are plenty of places to ride fun vehicles, Go there. And stop killing sea birds, turtles and maybe children.

Correspondence ID: 7851 **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.

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: Please consider that we ALL (humans and wildlife) need to share resources on this planet. Please restrict human games played out in the nesting areas of the wildlife at stake. We are their only hope and protection, and also their one big enemy when allowed to run free in their habitats.

Correspondence ID: 7853 **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 vehicle use. Restrictions are desperately needed.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our shores and wildlife from further destruction and loss of our animals.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: please protect the wildlife there at all costs.

Correspondence ID: 7856 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, please keep Cape Hatteras National Seashore for foot traffic only. Let the animals and the people enjoy the beauty and quiet of the National Seashore without the danger, noise and pollution of off-road vehicles. We all need the serenity, for which we come here, to be protected and preserved.

Citizen Lee Olson

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Name: private
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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. ORV use is a devastating invasion of a fragile and dynamic ecosystem which I have witnessed first-hand. Moreover, those using ORV in these areas seem utterly nonchalant about the havoc they create which include enhanced erosion, oil spills, in addition to killing any chance for viable fauna and flora.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do whatever is necessary to keep people from destroying any and all habitat that these birds need to live. Whether it's more police patrols or harsher ticket costs, or permanent concrete barriers. These people have no respect for anything or anybody and must be stopped at all costs. There's no excuse for the senseless deaths that are being caused by these witless idiots. Thank you

for all of your current efforts, but more must be done in the future.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Shores are vital areas for eggs to be laid by birds, turtles, and many other species. Please keep this in mind. There are plenty of trails that can be made available for recreational motorized vehicles that won't interfere with a vital part of the life cycle.

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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: 7861 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, (personal note at the end) 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 can't imagine walking in a place where there are eggs and hearing them crunch and knowing I killed an animal...that is so horrifying to me..please take action to protect the wildlife!

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7862 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I believe it is important to offer a high level of protection to wildlife in Cape Hatteras National Seashore areas, and I hope the Proposed Rule will be dramatically altered to offer much better protection to such species as the sea turtle.

Thanks for considering my viewpoint.

Correspondence ID: 7863 **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. 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.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 7866 **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: 7867 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is a place for----- off the road machines----- private property.

Correspondence ID: 7868 **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 the Seashore. My favorite beaches in Florida were car free (Canaveral Natl Seashore). I could never relax on beaches with cars - at St Augustine the water in a tidal pool looked greasy and cars would drive too close to you when you tried to relax. It's not safe for people or wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7869 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I find it somewhat odd that there is even a question about preserving our natural environment. Why must we continually address this same issue?

No off-road vehicles is better than some. This is not difficult to understand. No one needs them. We got by hundreds of years without them. Please stop their use. Period.

And please remember to take a very conservative approach when it comes to all things in the natural world. We may even be forced to limit the number of visitors to preserve nature.

Please remember that we'll be watching, and we won't forget.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7870 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop killing this earth and all its wild life and beauty. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure. Thank You

Correspondence ID: 7871 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: As frequent visitors to the Outer Banks, we are very familiar with changes to the area over the past 20 years, including larger numbers of people using Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Increasing numbers of traffic and people have taken a toll on wildlife in the area. The ecosystem of the Outer Banks is fragile and deserves protection. For this reason, we think that Off Road Vehicles should be prohibited throughout this national park, not just in certain sections of it. Therefore, I support restrictions on ORVs in the park as a whole.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on your proposed rule,

Sincerely,

Hilaire R. Henthorne

Correspondence ID: 7872 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a former resident of NC, I really enjoyed visiting the Atlantic national seashores. These 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.

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, 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.

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 at least half the beach (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.

Correspondence ID: 7873 **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. It is endangering the birds, animals and other creatures who reside there.

Correspondence ID: 7874 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, If off road vehicles are permitted to use HUGE portions of the seashore at Cape Hatteras, many nests and animal young will be destroyed. Please, please put a stop to this. I know there is a solution. God bless you, Marisa Malone

Correspondence ID: 7875 **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: 7876 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Is it not enough that we have vehicle polluting our air. Yes I have a car. But choose to ride a bicycle whenever possible. We do not need to make vehicles for profit to destroy our shoreline, deserts or forest. Make something to help our environment not destroy it. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 7877 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Aloha!

I am writing to urge you to not allow off road vehicles to permit driving along Cape Hatteras shores.

This vehicles are destructive and there are plenty of other areas to drive these vehicles without impacting wildlife and others along beaches. 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.

Correspondence ID: 7878 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: While on the surface it seems like a great idea to allow off-road vehicles at the shoreline, it is now well established that there is far too much traffic to maintain any kind of meaningful protection for nesting shorebirds and for other wildlife, such as sea turtles, who live, feed and reproduce in that very narrow area. If we step back and look at this rationally, there is really no reason humans need to be driving vehicles with oversized tires all along the beach. It is simply a convenience to which we have become accustomed--and on which we have become dependent. If a fisherman needs to bring lots of equipment onto the beach (and that's another issue that could be addressed) he or she can simply make a couple of trips. The fact is, we think we own the planet and that's why we feel we should be able to go anywhere we please in any manner that we want to. And we are all too often heedless of the damage we inflict on the physical surroundings and the residents of wherever we feel we'd like to be. It's simply not fair and not right. While restricting this kind of traffic may inconvenience and annoy a small segment of the population, it is incumbent upon our species, as the de facto stewards of the planet, to enforce some moderation on the behavior of those of us who don't care about the consequences of their actions. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 7879 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have been going to Cape Hatteras for many years.

More and more of the beaches allow vehicles. This makes for dirty air, oil deposits, more trash on the beaches (you know, if you have to carry it in, you don't take as much), arrogance on the part of drivers who believe the beach is reserved for them. I recall nearly being hit by a vehicle that had to get up some speed before trying to get over the sand. I had my grand daughter in my arms.

Once the beaches were teeming with life. Now many of those species are scarce. I am sorry that the Park System ever took control of the area. You have turned it into what we were trying to protect it from.

My family seldom goes there any more. Edisto in SC is rather like the banks once were.

Get the vehicles off all of the National Seashore. This area should be more like a wilderness experience. I would like to go back someday.

Correspondence ID: 7880 **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.

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.

Correspondence ID: 7881 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, instate special regulations to prevent the assault of motorized vehicles on wildlife and the land. They DO NOT belong in nature areas!!

Correspondence ID: 7882 **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 will be disturbed. If wildlife is not explicitly and thoroughly protected under the Park Service's plan to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, countless threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles will face the destruction of their habitat and almost certain death.

I strongly urge you to help protect these birds, turtles and other wildlife by supporting specific, enforceable, science-based protections for nesting areas along the shore as well as additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 7883 **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: 7884 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please provide and support the explicit and enforceable regulations, that will enable Hatteras Wildlife to Live, Nest, and Survive, in their homes; they deserve that.

Correspondence ID: 7885 **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, but the proposed regulation doesn't protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposal does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers, and reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, allowing the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

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Great progress has been made in providing important protections for Hatteras' wildlife but without a better plan, it will all be lost. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. Please tell the Park Service to provide specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 7886 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We human beings have to realize that we are not the only ones using coastal land. We also have the responsibility to care for the wildlife which inhabits it. There are other places for off road vehicles. It is rather a shame that they were invented, because they contribute to accidents as well as have the capacity to injure wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7887 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife need ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET. Please do what is best for them

Correspondence ID: 7888 **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 restore the full protections from ORV traffic for wildlife. "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: 7890 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It looks like so much fun! I can understand those who want the liberty to keep on riding rough over the dunes. But this planet is suffering: global warming, extinction of species that it will bring, overpopulation, inadequate water for everyone. We don't have the right to continue abusing our planet as we are. Leave the dunes alone, especially until we know what the impacts of global warming are and that we can handle those effects.

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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: So now in addition to robbing us of the peaceful and quiet respite that we all need from time to time...these vehicles are also wiping out species that inhabit these places. When will it end? How can we make it end? If we are unable to protect our own right to places of quietude, one would think that we could at least protect the helpless animal life living and reproducing in their native environment..wouldn't one? Are we really that impotent as a society? Then...we are truly pathetic.

Correspondence ID: 7894 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please block offroad vehicles from natural areas. Those who want to enjoy the wilderness need to walk to preserve it.

Correspondence ID: 7895 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: over 25 years ago i was concerned about abuses of motor vehicles and people in them on the hatteras national seashore. the fisherman took it over. hardly a spot without an encampment of fisherman, day and night. large vehicals all along the beach, fires, noise, bright lights all night long. all day long they were out there catching and collecting. what a waste of fish. seems criminal to see people killing fish for just the pleasure when they have no plans to eat and destroying the environment and other wildlife in the process. seems like it has not improved, only gotton worse. i have not visited hatteras for the last 25 years bc it is so distressing to see the abuse ingrid swenson

Correspondence ID: 7896 **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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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.

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 and enforceable regulations to protect wildlife and pedestrians and set aside adequate vehicle-free areas.

Correspondence ID: 7898 **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: 7899 **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.

Until people learn to respect wildlife, wildlife must be protected. Please mandate that the beach wildlife including nesting birds be protected.

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

Correspondence ID: 7900 **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 beaches where there are nesting birds. Let people park their cars, and walk.

Correspondence ID: 7901 **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: 7902 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This nationally significant place not only protects 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. I, personally, while enthusiastic about off road vehicles, do not believe their use is compatible with the aims of maintaining any environment in a wild condition. Needing a vehicle for access to this area I can understand, but using a vehicle for recreation in this area is incomprehensible to me, it defeats the entire purpose of protecting such an area--it is exactly what this area needs to be protected from.

Besides, it is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. On the other hand, wildlife protections from motor vehicles have been demonstrated to 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 and these measures clearly benefited the wildlife compared to 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

It is clear that this temporary plan is providing the protections that ensure the success of the goal of the Park Service to protect and preserve this vital natural resource. However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation.

Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. If ORV use is to be allowed at all within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife or a division representing the percentage of the public owning ORVs.

Thank you for considering these remarks and thank you for the work you do preserving our natural heritage for future generations of Americans and all humanit

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 7904 **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 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.

YOU have a duty to protect the land and the natural wildlife that inhabits this area.

ORVs have NO place at ANY beach area or anywhere else, for that matter. Outlaw such stupidity & save our natural areas for natural inhabitabts.

Correspondence ID: 7905 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is vital to threatened species that add specific protections for wildlife be added into the ORV regulation to ensure wildlife recovery continues. And, pedestrian trails and access have safety language included for all visitors to Cape Hatteras Natural Seashore. Thank you for your attention.

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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: 7907 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Kindly add my comments to the official record regarding 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 protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife.

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 such as no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, plus 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. WHY?

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 vehi

Correspondence ID: 7908 **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 expand the areas restricted from vehicles. People have a lot of places that they can drive. Endangered and threatened species have few places where they can live/nest and those areas are getting smaller.

Correspondence ID: 7909 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect wildlife from recreational drivers along Cape Hatteras Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 7910 **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 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: 7911 **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 and the flight of migratory birds around our coasts is always thrilling. But the NPS has fallen short of its obligations under the Organic Act. Wildlife, especially nesting birds and turtles, must be protected. Please limit off road vehicles around the vital sites for our valuable wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7912 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please prevent vehicles from running over nesting baby birds.

Correspondence ID: 7913 **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 in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. 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 help these helpless animals to be able to survive for future generations. Thanks, Fran Metje

Correspondence ID: 7914 **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 U.S. 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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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.

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 also designate specific rules to protect wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7915 **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: 7916 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Tell people that live on the beach's in North Carolina be careful. There are marine life there including sea birds and turtles.

Correspondence ID: 7917 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am strongly opposed to allow OTV's in any part of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. OTV's are without doubt the most destructive type of vehicle for any open land. They not only destroy soil surface and vegetation, they also disturb wildlife and pollute the environment with exhaust. They destroy the experience of a National Park for other visitors through noise. OTV's are in opposition to everything National Parks were created for and have no place there. Please don't cave in to a small minority on the backs of the majority of visitors of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Regards: Martin Wieland.

Correspondence ID: 7918 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: off road vehicles are a danger to all wildlife. They are noisy, tear up terrain and most of all are dangerous to wildlife. You must severely restrict the use of these vehicles now.

Correspondence ID: 7919 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All of God's creatures deserve our respect. If man is going to continue to encroach upon their habitats, man must remember who was there first and respect them.

Correspondence ID: 7920 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I respectfully request that you speak out for wildlife. Please oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds (like the Piping Plover) and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7921 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As someone who has had the privilege to visit the Cape Hatteras National Seashore I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulation of ORV use in the Seashore. In general, my view is that ORVs should be banned from all of the seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean. they are incompatible with these wild beach environments and the rare, threatened and endangered wildlife such as shorebirds and sea turtles that depend on these wild seashores for their survival. Anyone who has witnessed the wonder of sea turtles coming ashore to nest can easily see how disruptive ORVs would be to their survival. As things stand now, the number of threatened and endangered sea turtle nest has declined precipitously in the past three years. At a minimum we need specific, well-marked, science-based buffers around nesting areas of these turtles as well as all significant migrating and wintering shorebirds. And we need harsh penalties for offenders.

If ORVs are not banned altogether, the Park Service should give greater consideration to the rights and interests of park visitors who do not wish to be disturbed by loud and polluting ORVs in such a wild and scenic beach environment. There are plenty of other beaches for ORV users to occupy. Most of the Seashore should be set aside year round exclusively for non-ORV users and wildlife.

thank you for your consideration of these comments. the National Parks are America's greatest treasure and must be protected for future generations.

Sincerely,

Paul G. Urla

Correspondence ID: 7922 **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: 7923 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I'm all for people enjoying what the national recreation areas like national seashores have to offer, but to do so at the cost of destroying the regions and their ecosystems is unacceptable. Recreation does not equal irresponsibility. However, the type of persons who seek out recreational vehicles like ORVs are typically those who equate having a good time with wild abandonment. In their ignorant thrill seeking, habitats and precious species are destroyed. As such, recreational vehicles should not be permitted in areas such as national seashores, national parks, or national forests.

Correspondence ID: 7924 **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 the use of ORV in Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 7925 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We MUST stop allowing unrestricted use of off-road vehicles in wildlife nesting areas. Wild animals already suffer nearly overwhelming stresses from our ceaseless destruction and usurpation of their natural habitats. Surely a National Seashore should be at least one place where they can live in peace.

There are plenty of already-ruined areas for off-road vehicle owners to pursue their noisy, destructive hobby. Let's leave the original inhabitants of our seashores, the wildlife we are still lucky enough to see a few of once in a while, a safe refuge from such misuse of a our national treasure.

Correspondence ID: 7926 **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 ANYWHERE on Cape Hatteras National Seashore!!! It should be protected for the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 7927 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Must we destroy everything natural,without wheels,or commerce?

Correspondence ID: 7928 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Strict ban on off-road vehicles needs to be in effect to prevent wildlife fatalities and injuries. The Piping Plover is an endangered species and needs protection from this reckless, foolish recreation. It is important to establish this ban immediately. Other species that nest on the beach include a variety of Tern species and probably Black Skimmers and American Oyster Catchers. Many shorebirds visit the coast during migration to rest and eat for their arduous trips. We also need to educate people on the importance of conservation and respect for other creatures. We are not the only species on this planet. Thank you, Anne Lazarus

Correspondence ID: 7929 **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 at all. The beaches need to be restricted to these vehicles so the wildlife will be safe. People should walk the beaches and enjoy the scenery. Plus it is better health wise to walk.

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration

Kathryn DeGrandis

Correspondence ID: 7931 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose the use of unrestricted off road vehicles that threaten sea turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife. Please stop this. Thank You.

Correspondence ID: 7932 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop wild driving off the roads.

Correspondence ID: 7933 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLEASE!! Protect our Cape Hatteras wildlife from beach drivers. Let wildlife areas stay wildlife areas.... I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

This is beautiful country and unique in our land... Please Protect what's left!

Thank you

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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: Protecting all wildlife along Cape Hatteras is essential in order to keep all species viable.

Correspondence ID: 7936 **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 on our beaches....they need our help to remain safe and grow.

Correspondence ID: 7937 **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: 7938 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please continue to regulate the use of ORV's on Cape Hatteras National Seashore in order to protect the species of animals that live there.

Correspondence ID: 7939 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need critical wildlife protection now more than ever!

Correspondence ID: 7940 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Correspondence ID: 7941 **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. Will Fifield

Correspondence ID: 7942 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please think very carefully before allowing vehicles to run wild over the beaches because that is what will happen!

What little chance wild birds and wildlife has to reproduce and thrive for the future will go right down the drain with allowing vehicles to run over the beaches.

DONT DO IT!

There are plenty of roads to ride on..personally I don't go to beaches where they allow this because they are noisy, create fumes and quite frankly ruin the beach!

Thanks for the opportunity to have a say!

M.B. Coey

Correspondence ID: 7943 **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.

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.

Correspondence ID: 7944 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: North Carolina's Outer Banks is the crown jewel of the mid-Atlantic coast. The pristine, natural beaches provide a wealth of biodiversity and beauty--a welcome aberration to the abundance of overdeveloped beaches so commonplace today. With few similar areas remaining, it is absolutely critical to protect these lands from encroachment and spoil not only for wildlife--but for future generations. I urge you to continue to safeguard this designated Nation Seashore by prohibiting off-road vehicles and other invasive human activity that would be detrimental to the unique and fragile ecosystem. Furthermore, it is the natural splendor of these barrier islands that keep tourists--who appreciate its untouched beauty--coming back year after year. I am certainly in this camp, as I spent many summers at Ocracoke Island, NC.

Correspondence ID: 7945 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: PLEASE PROTECT THE CREATURES THAT NEED THE BEACHES TO SURVIVE. THEY NEED OUR HELP AND SHOULD NOT BE IN DANGER FROM THES VEHICLES ON THE DUNES AND BEACHES. THER HAS TO BE REGULATIONS TO KEEP THEM FROM BEING RUN OVER AND TO LIVE IN PEACE.

Correspondence ID: 7946 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: The Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore is important. The Atlantic's seven national seashores represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States.

These 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.

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. 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 also. 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

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Thank you for your consideration.

John Escamilla

Correspondence ID: 7948 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Offroad vehicles should not be allowed unrestricted access to the seashore. These areas are for recreation but wildlife should also be protected. Also, those who wish to have a calm experience in nature also need a place to go.

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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 7950 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why do motorized vehicles have to have access to everywhere? Save something for the wildlife and the people who treasure and guard it. Remember what peace there may be in silence.

Correspondence ID: 7951 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop these idiots!

Correspondence ID: 7952 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As someone who enjoys visiting the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I am deeply concerned with the protection of wildlife in this park. 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: 7953 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We are within the web of life and any loss is leading to our own.

Correspondence ID: 7954 **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 lived in North Carolina for many years and greatly enjoyed visiting Cape Hatteras and the Outer Banks. Part of the reason why those places are so wonderful is the wildlife.

Sea turtles and piping plovers have been rebounding on the Outer Banks and I am concerned that expanding ORV use would threaten endangered wildlife.

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 should not be 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.

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Correspondence ID: 7955 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Eliminate motorized off road activity from all public land. Starting with the most sensitive, (like Cape Hatteras). There is NO NEED for guns or motors in our (public) wild lands.

Correspondence ID: 7956 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORV should not be allowed at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The damage to the environment and the wildlife would be terrible. Also noise pollution for the millions of visitors who come to enjoy the natural beauty of the area and a peaceful vista to look at. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this beautiful National Seashore which I have visited and would not like to listen to ORVs the next time I do visit.

Correspondence ID: 7957 **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:	If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.						
Correspondence ID:	7959	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Build a fence like other place did for the turtles						
Correspondence ID:	7960	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:	7961	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.						
	No more Off-road vehicles.						
Correspondence ID:	7962	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Motorized vehicles do not belong on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We should do everything we can to preserve this park and all of the plant and animal species in it for future generations. Stop the pollution and destruction caused by off-road vehicles.						
Correspondence ID:	7963	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						

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Correspondence ID: 7964 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose off-road vehicle use that harms sea turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife. These vehicles are used for pleasure taking away the lives of these creatures when they come in contact with them.

Correspondence ID: 7965 **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

Correspondence ID: 7966 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: A long time ago I camped on the beach with my family and there were cars on the beach! Now I find out they disturb the birds. Let's enjoy the beach for families and park off the beach.

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration. Catherine Hirsch

Correspondence ID: 7968 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't really know What to say. This is a no brainer. Get someback bone and protect these wonderful birdts, turtles and wildlife before there is no wildlife at all for our children and their children to enjoy. No off biking or the like should be on a National Seahore to begin with, they can go else where where no lives are taken. Rule to Protect them and stick with it.

Correspondence ID: 7969 **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's on the beach at Cape Hatteras. We have been to a beach where vehicles are allowed. It was frightening. We lasted for 10 minutes and left. We were afraid of being run over. Imagine how wildlife must feel. We cannot throw our wildlife away just because we have the capability of driving anywhere we want.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop this cruel action.

Correspondence ID: 7972 **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. 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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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 live in St Pete, FL and we do not let anyone drive on the beach. We have fence around turtle eggs to protect them. It's not only unsafe for the wildlife to drive on the beach, but also for the visitors laying on the beach, relaxing in the sun. People have been accidentally driven over by cars. Please rethink and protect the wildlife and visitors from cars driving on the beach. Photojournalist, such as myself, will be watching to see if your protecting the wildlife on the beach. 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. Cindy McEwen

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	An ORV is a machine-if it gets rammed, it can be fixed. Animals usually can't.						
Correspondence ID:	7975	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:	7976	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	These wild animals have enough to fear for their survival without adding the absurdity of allowing off-road vehicles to destroy them and their young. Those who drive these vehicles through these areas have no regard for the wildlife and consider our planet nothing more than a playground for their destructive amusement. Please prove that your own attitude is not akin to theirs and that you will create the caring laws to protect the helpless.						
Correspondence ID:	7977	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect wildlife and wild lands on Cape Hatteras, and everywhere. Without legal safeguards, vital, irreplaceable nature is easily lost due to human shortsightedness, greed, and laziness. While I may live I may live in Arizona, my family visits Cape Hatteras regularly. Thank you, Marika Roberson						
Correspondence ID:	7978	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.						

There must be proposed regulation 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. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Correspondence ID: 7979 **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: 7980 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There must be regulations that protect precious wildlife of Cape Hatteras. ORVs are destructive!

Correspondence ID: 7981 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles need to be restricted on our beaches. I am sure funds can be found WITHOUT causing DEATH to innocent animals! WHAT AN OUTRAGE!

Correspondence ID: 7982 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am saddened that wildlife is being destroyed by off road vehicles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore area. Please protect those creatures who cannot protect themselves from this kind of devastation.

Correspondence ID: 7983 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a biologist and occasional visitor to Cape Hatteras. I believe that off road vehicles should be restricted to a very small area of the National Seashore (ie. just a few miles) because they are loud and annoying and cause a disturbance way beyond their actual location and time. Effects such as disturbing the ground can be seen and felt long after they have left. And, much more importantly, the person enjoying the sport cannot see nests or small wildlife or threatened species like piping plovers who rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. They clearly can't avoid disturbing the wildlife going at any speed that is faster than the eye can see details on the ground. People can have just as much fun driving around on a smaller (though a few miles is still huge!) designated ORV area as they could on 67 miles of beach! OTHER PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE HAVE RIGHTS TOO!! Thank you kindly for including my input in your decisions on this rule.

Correspondence ID: 7984 **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: 7985 **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 put a stop to these off road vehicles that threaten our wild life.

Correspondence ID: 7986 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly urge you to Nix ORVs. It's highly inappropriate to allow this destruction. Do your job-Protect Our Public lands, waters, wildlife, economy & health! Your attention to this most urgent matter would be much appreciated by all present & future generations of all species. Thank you Lydia Garvey Public Health Nurse

Correspondence ID: 7987 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please make sure that these birds and their delicate ecosystem do not suffer from human influence.

Correspondence ID: 7988 **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:	7989	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	we must protect all wildlife from harm. so we must BAN ALL OFF ROAD VEHICLES FROM THE SHORELINE. that way any and all shoreline wildlife can live.						

Correspondence ID:	7990	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.						

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.

Correspondence ID:	7991	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:	7992	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Save all animals Loren Jones						
Correspondence ID:	7993	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I greatly support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. These creatures are invaluable to our planet and must be kept safe from danger and secured, allowing them to safely survive and procreate.						
Correspondence ID:	7994	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Help us preserve and protect the natural habitat of Cape Hatteras National Seashore from allowing people to drive along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Off road and other vehicles have no place in this pristine environment. We must protect the environment and the wildlife which lives and breeds here.						
Correspondence ID:	7995	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please limit the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) to protect the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on Cape Hatteras seashore's beaches. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Once these species are gone there is nothing that can be done to bring them back. Please be proactive to ensure their populations are healthy.						
	Thank you for your consideration.						
Correspondence ID:	7996	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We have fewer and fewer protected sites that remain as they have always been. Cape Hatteras National Seashore is one of these. I hope that my grandchildren and their grandchildren will be able to see this Seashore as former generations have.						
Correspondence ID:	7997	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Remove all motorized activity from public lands. Except emergency/rescue, of course. Specifically no ORV use on Cape Hatteras.						
Correspondence ID:	7998	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Thank you for allowing comments on the Park Service's (PS)proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The 7 national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean are the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the US. They 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, causing diminished access, increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, and increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. Wildlife protections work. In the past, the PS has enforced specific science-based measures i.e.no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. This resulted in threatened and endangered sea turtles laying 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

But now the PS has omitted these buffers and other good wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the PS 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 PS must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for

pedestrians in the regulation. 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:	7999	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 that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Please protect our wildlife.						

Correspondence ID: 8000 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: This past weekend, many national parks and communities along our East Coast sustained damage from Hurricane Irene. North Carolina's Cape Hatteras National Seashore was no exception. We hope the families who live in and around the Outer Banks are safe and that recovery efforts can happen quickly. But while the park and its neighbors work to recover from the storm's immediate impact, we can make a difference in the long-term protection of Cape Hatteras!

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.

Please remain discerning in your protection of our National Parks, Seashores, etc.

Correspondence ID: 8001 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are just some places that cars and motors don't need to go!

Correspondence ID: 8002 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have seen the destruction of off road vehicles on wilderness trails and the fear effect of on wildlife, so they should be strictly limited!

Correspondence ID: 8003 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please save the animals

Correspondence ID: 8004 **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. If ORV use is expanded across the Seashore, the evidence shows that threatened and endangered wildlife could be adversely affected.

As written, the proposed regulations make wildlife protection optional, which is simply unacceptable. Please modify this plan to include explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles.

Correspondence ID: 8005 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect all areas the piping plovers nest. These animals should have priority over vehicles. In Australia we have strict laws regarding the protection of similar areas.

Correspondence ID: 8006 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please promote saving wildlife and keep all non-emergency vehicles off the beach and away from the shoreline.

Correspondence ID: 8007 **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 ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. If

you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I have the privilege and responsibility of managing my life and recreation near Florida beaches, and if ORV use were permitted here as you propose at Cape Hatteras, nesting turtles and birds would certainly be harmed.

The proposed plan sets aside only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use. If we expect to have a future with animals, this set aside must be significantly increased.

Please, we only have today to save animals.

Correspondence ID:	8008	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Protect these animals that cannot protect themselves.						

Correspondence ID:	8009	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	ORVs do not belong 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.

ORVs especially on the seashore, are reckless, often drunk, destructive, and obnoxious.

The Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

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.

Correspondence ID:	8010	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 entirely on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The beach should be for pedestrians only. I especially oppose unrestricted ORV use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds, other wildlife and their nesting areas. Please adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and include wildlife protection.						

Correspondence ID:	8011	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 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. 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: 8012 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

Please help make a positive change for our wildlife.

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.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 8013 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I recently read about the beautiful Hatteras area and it's problems with off road vehicles and wildlife death and injury. There is no reason to compromise those irreplaceable treasures for a thrill ride that consumes yet more petroleum. We urge you to restrict the use of this precious area and save it's occupants from harm. They are never to be again if destroyed.

Correspondence ID: 8014 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please take better care to protect wildlife from off-road, all terrain vehicles at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Please put in place permanent protections for wildlife nesting areas and other spaces they need to survive.

Thanks for considering my views.

Correspondence ID: 8015 **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: 8016 **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: 8017 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: make the protection of wildlife a priority

Correspondence ID: 8018 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please save the animals

Correspondence ID: 8019 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop hurting our animals, they make our world go round!

Correspondence ID: 8020 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: National Parks are job generators and revenue sources when visited by tourists. Those are just two of many benefits national parks provide. Fresh water, soil renewal and a reservoir of wildlife that help control pests are invisible benefits to American voters from keeping our national parks untainted by pollution and unmarred by mining, logging, drilling or other destructive practices.

Correspondence ID: 8021 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Offroad vehicles and nesting birds don't mix at all well. There are plenty of places where off roaders can play without riding up and down beaches where shore birds are nesting.

Correspondence ID: 8022 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles (ORV's) are destructive to fragile eco-systems. Beach areas where turtles nest and lay eggs are particularly vulnerable. Coastal species become endangered so people can "have fun?" Seems to me this is a question of priorities. Keep all vehicles off public beaches.

Correspondence ID: 8023 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The propose regulations for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore that sets aside aread for ORVs does nothing to protect wildlife from beach drivers. ORVs are very destructive to the sensitive environment. Just 26 miles of the 67 mile seashore does not protect threatened sea turtles, shore birds and other wildlife. Specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting needs to be incorporated.

Correspondence ID: 8024 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose off road vehicle use that imperils wildlife such as sea turtles, bird, or other beach nesting wildlife.

There is absolutely no reason for thrill rides on the beach. The beach is for nature and those who enjoy nature. Amusement parks are for thrill rides and there are plenty of those in our society.

Please keep our beaches pristine -- and safe for us and the wildlife we desperately need to protect if we are going to protect our own nest, the Earth.

Correspondence ID: 8025 **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.

Sincerely, Johannes Stratmann

Correspondence ID: 8026 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles are detrimental to wildlife on Cape Hatteras. We need to protect sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife on the Outer Banks by restricting these vehicles on beaches. The preservation of our wild areas and wildlife benefits all of us, and our future generations.

Correspondence ID: 8027 **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: 8028 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Don't let the ratpublicans f/u the planet more than they have already.

Correspondence ID: 8029 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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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: 8030 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is critical that the National Park Service 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.

This area has been devastated so very recently but it hopefully will recover. However, if wildlife protections are not included into the regulation, populations of very fragile species including nesting-shore birds and turtles will be guaranteed to decline.

Please do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 8031 **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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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: 8032 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am sure you have heard, "Extinction is forever." The extinction of animals cannot be justified for reasons of 'people want to enjoy ROV's on the beach'. It simply is not a good enough reason to extirpate species. Please, preserve this area for animals and humans to enjoy without vehicles destroying the beauty that is Cape Hatteras. Please. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 8033 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing in support of an increase in the number of miles of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore protected from off-road vehicle traffic. As I understand it only 26 of the 67 miles are reserved to pedestrian and wildlife. This does not provide a wide enough buffer in my view. The impact on a number of endangered species could be dire. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 8034 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to national parks, I am extremely dismayed to learn that Cape Hatteras is planning to allow ORV use on most of the park's lands and dunes. I have written you before about this issue in years past, and I must ask, Why have you not already closed the park to ORV use? Why would you ever have opened the park to the damage caused by ORVs? Truly unconscionable. There is not a single, not one, natural value that is upheld or fostered by the use of ORVs, especially in a national park. Many of the people who use ORVs in fact disdain the natural environment, and seek only to ruin it by being able to run over it at will. You know this is true. There is one reason only why an otherwise intelligent person would allow ORV use in a natural setting. It is because he seeks to gain, either politically or monetarily. As stewards of our national treasures, I beg you to end the use of ORVs. Your plan should reflect natural, enduring values, not the catering to politicians and the ORV industry. How can it be that, apparently, you have no respect for the beautiful area over which you have stewardship?

Correspondence ID: 8035 **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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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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Correspondence ID: 8037 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: One thing we don't need in wildlife areas is offroad vehicles.

I see wildlife destroyed everyday because of careless people who think they should be allowed to go anywhere they wish.

Please do all you can to save our wildlife in natural areas and protect them from offroad vehicle users. These people could be doing something worthwhile with their money and time instead of destroying the habitats of wild animals.

Thank you.

Rita P. Smith

Correspondence ID: 8038 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 8039 **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.

Correspondence ID: 8040 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence:

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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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Name: private
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and endangered wildlife would be adversely impacted.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please do not allow wildlife to get killed by off road vehicles! this is not acceptable! make it illegal and protect the wildlife from humans immediately.						

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

Correspondence ID:	8044	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Leave it as it is.						

Correspondence ID:	8045	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles are killing wildlife in areas where they need to be protected. Regulation of off road vehicles must be restricted so that our open spaces and wildlife can survive.						

Correspondence ID:	8046	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I don't think vehicles should be on the beach at all. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						

Correspondence ID:	8047	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.

C. K. Huntley

Correspondence ID: 8048 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear People,

I am writing to ask that you protect Cape Hatteras from the destruction caused by the use of offroad vehicles.

These beaches are beautiful and are essential for both wildlife and for humans who walk there to find peace and beauty. It is simply wicked for people to use these ORVs in such an environment. Some places need to be protected from motor driven vehicles of any kind and Cape Hatteras beaches are one of those places.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 8049 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please continue to protect wildlife, like the piping plover and loggerhead sea turtle, with the new regulations.

Correspondence ID: 8050 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please try to keep this natural resource of Cape Hatteras protected from all forms of pollution/erosion, ie ORV's etc. We have so few of these remarkable area left. It is much less costly to protect them than to try to replace them once they are destroyed. Maintaining their pristine condition should be a primary goal. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 8051 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please substantially strengthen these proposed regulations to provide better protection for nesting plovers and other special status species. These species may occur outside of currently proposed protected areas, and therefore they could be threatened or killed by recreational beach driving. The National Park Service should place the protection of special status species in a national seashore ahead of the demands of recreational beach drivers. Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 8052 **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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As someone who has the greatest appreciation for much of what the National Park Service does, I feel a need to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

ORV use impairs park resources, including 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 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 plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers.

The Park Service omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By 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." Instead, 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 doesn't 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 doesn't 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 my 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
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Correspondence ID: 8055 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I believe the welfare of Wildlife should take precedent over the recreational whims of people. The economic impact of the regulations should also be decided in favor of the wildlife. We, as a people, can not destroy our environment just to make a few bucks.

Sincerely, Ken Jewell

Correspondence ID: 8056 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Let's not let the effort, time and money spent to recover the wildlife in this region to be wasted. Please include them in the budget and keep working at protection of these birds. We won't get second chances here. Once they disappear they will be a loss to our culture and country. This detail is important. We can't just drop it from our concerns and attention.

Thank you and please fight.

Correspondence ID: 8057 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00

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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."

Correspondence ID: 8058 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

Please protect natural habitat for sea turtles and indigenous shorebirds at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore is disturbing, to say the least.

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.

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.

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. Veronica Levin

Correspondence ID: 8059 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Let's keep it safe for all animals as well as us. We can have fun without being reckless with our environment.

Correspondence ID: 8060 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I just received a note about off the road vehicles destroying beach vegetation at Cape Hatteras, NC. National and state shorelines are delicate ecosystems that require protection. Off the road vehicles devastate these areas. This results in irreparable damage.

I endorse any efforts to prohibit the careless destruction of our national and regional heritage.

Thanks for your attention.

Correspondence ID: 8061 **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: 8062 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: http://www.bergfiles.net/

Correspondence ID: 8063 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: For many years all the recreation and exploring was done on foot. It worked very well or wewouldn't be where we are now. Lately people have been killed and injured on the beaches. The time has come to close the beaches to ALL motorized transporation. The will keep the wildlife, the flora and the people from meeting and untimely and unnecessary death.

Correspondence ID: 8064 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help innocent animals:)

Correspondence ID: 8065 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Bird life is such a fragile thing and to allow the use of huge off road vehicles to race along fragile seashore areas and put the shore dwelling birds and their eggs and fledglings at risk has to be prevented. The area of roosting needs to be made vehicle free.

Correspondence ID: 8066 **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. Phillip Schwartz

Correspondence ID: 8067 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hello.

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

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.

Thank you.

--Sincerely, Bo Bergstrom

Correspondence ID: 8068 **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: 8069 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I'm 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 taht 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 regulations of ORVS at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more tan it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlifr and pedestrians use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians- As it is currentlly written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protections 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, Isabel Araujo

Correspondence ID: 8070 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No beach should be allowed to be driven on. You take the chance of fluids leaking out on the beach or animals being run over.or turtle nest put in harms way.

Correspondence ID: 8071 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect wildlife on th beaches.

Correspondence ID: 8072 **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 on the seashore. They will destroy wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 8073 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's critical that we preserve & protect this magnificent planet that we hold in trust for our children & grandchildren & that includes stringent protections & controls of off-road vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 8074 **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 about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support regulation of Off Road Vehicles at the Seashore, but I would like to see more miles protected for wildlife.

Please revise the plan to include current buffers and other protections for birds and sea turtles. Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 8075 **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: 8076 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect nesting wildlife by greatly limiting Off road vehicles.

Thank you for keeping our national treasures safe.

Correspondence ID: 8077 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The time is past for people to use vehicles on beaches that are shared by wildlife, particularly if the activity poses a threat to the survival and welfare of the different species that call the beach home. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. After all, the animals have as much right to live on that beach as people

have a right to enjoy the beach. People must understand that beaches are not just intended for our recreation and entertainment. Please consider making greater areas of the beach havens for wildlife to continue living as they have for hundreds and thousands of years before ORVs were ever invented. Thanks~ Sarah Meider Concerned U.S. Citizen

Correspondence ID: 8078 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Each year, I visit the North Carolina coast for a vacation where I can enjoy seeing the ocean, wildlife and birds. It was therefore welcome when a temporary plan limited ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This contributed to an increase in protected sea turtle nests from 82 in 2007 to 153 in 2010. I would like to see specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and at least half the seashore designated as a vehicle-free area for nesting in the new regulations for beach driving at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 8079 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to be the voice for the voiceless.

Correspondence ID: 8080 **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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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 8081 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please revise your current proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, to make it include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Protecting wildlife is much more important than people's need to drive on the beach.

Correspondence ID: 8082 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The United States of America has always been a leader in innovation, beginning with the ideals that sparked a revolution that still resonates around the world for all who love freedom. We are living in a time when we MUST take the lead in a very important way for the survival of our planet.

It is time to stand tall and firm to protect our fragile ecosystems, wildlife, our peoples and our earth. Too much has already been destroyed from unthinking actions and people.

We can no longer tolerate mindless destruction when human activity has already decimated or impacted 60% of the earth's environment. Your actions are feeding into the problem by not embracing the huge global movement of people crying out for

leadership and a true voice of protection for our earth.

Please STOP your short-sighted and misguided focus on money and politics. Please BECOME STATES-MEN-and-WOMEN and LEAD where it can truly make a difference for all of humanity and the wildlife struggling to survive.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 8083 **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 threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

The wildlife that is left is more important than off-roading by people - most of which have no regard for wildlife.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 8084 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help protect the willdlife that lives and nests on the beach by not allowing off road vehicles on the beach

Correspondence ID: 8085 **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: 8086 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Reports are out about the wildlife and plant damage done by off-roaders. I urge you to reject any attempts to allow off road motorized activities in this pristine area.

Correspondence ID: 8087 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The unrestricted off-road vehicle regulations you propose for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore will seriously endanger many kinds of wildlife for no good reason. The Park Service is supposed to protect national wild lands and the wildlife that inhabits them, not facilitate their use by dangerous and destructive machines that will enperil wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 8088 **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.

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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. I don't visit beaches to see ORVs.

Correspondence ID: 8089 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Give our wildlife a chance....We do not need to drive on our beaches we just seem to be more selfish...It seems to be(all about me)

Correspondence ID: 8090 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: running down birds on the beach is as bad as those that deliberately serve their cars or trucks to hit animals on the road. majority of the time they can be avoided.

Correspondence ID: 8091 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORVs should be nowhere around endangered species. Their use should be restricted. I can't even walk my nine pound dog in some places because of the wildlife and some people in other places can drive ORVs through special places that harbor endangered species? How stupid is that?

Correspondence ID: 8092 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am an Oregon resident, but a native of the Carolinas and 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.

Correspondence ID: 8093 **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 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. 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.

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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: 8094 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

Protection of wildlife should take precedence over someone's ability to ride an Off Road Vehicle wherever they please. 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. 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: 8095 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No off road vehicles should be allowed on any beach except for emergency only! Stop the access for them to drive on the beaches!

Correspondence ID: 8096 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need specific areas that support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. If this doesn't happen, all the animals will die and be harmed. Have some common sense and think of our wildlife and all the people that care about this important issue.

Correspondence ID:	8097	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am writing as I'm extremely concerned about the ultimate fates of the endangered and threatened sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife on Cape Hatteras. As I understand it, without specific, enforceable, science-based protections for these creatures as well as the provision of additional vehicle-free areas for nesting, their very survival is in question. A wise policy should oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use. Everywhere you look these days it seems that this small blue Planet Earth is under threat from a variety of sources. Surely our national parks can be a place where species can receive the protection they need for their very survival!						
Correspondence ID:	8098	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Save Cape Hatteras for future generations						
Correspondence ID:	8099	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please keep unrestricted off road vehicles off of U.S. shorelines!						
	Thank you!						
Correspondence ID:	8100	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Allowing off-road vehicles is bad for the parks and bad for the environment. Please do not allow this.						
Correspondence ID:	8101	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	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. 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.						
Correspondence ID:	8102	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. Beach driving is dangerous to wildlife and unnecessary.						
	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.						
	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:	8103	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.

P.S. We can do without another vehicle on this planet where wildlife struggle everyday. What we can't do without is another sea turtle or another piping plover. I used to vacation in the Nags Head area, but with overdevelopment have stopped going there. Don't let the rest of your beautiful place "tank".

Correspondence ID: 8104 **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: 8105 **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 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. 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.

Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 8106 **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: 8107 **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 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. "

Please take the steps necessary to save our wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 8108 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: These unrestricted off road vehicles need to become restricted if they are threatening wildlife. They need to be strongly enforced as well. Its important that sea turtles and other wildlife have a safe place to nest.

Correspondence ID: 8109 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As the recent hurricane has shown, this area takes enough of a beating just from Nature herself, it doesn't need the added stress of off road vehicles. Goodness, whatever happened to a nice walk along the beach in peace? I'm even fine with horses but we don't more places where we have to worry about noisy and, depending on who's driving, dangerous off road vehicles.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 8110 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Special regulations, areas of National Park system: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001) All animals/birds should have their nesting sites protected and safe during their breeding season. Special consideration is not too much to ask for for the survival and well being of the species.

Correspondence ID: 8111 **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: 8112 **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 recreational vehicles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Preserve our remaining wilderness areas for the local species. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 8113 **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 beautiful place and it must be maintained by the country in which it reside for the people who also reside here. Protect our lands.

Correspondence ID: 8114 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save the animals

Correspondence ID: 8115 **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: 8116 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Roads are for vehicles. Off-road is someone's habitat. Off-road vehicles driven off the road is not a sport. Do not allow it.

Correspondence ID: 8117 **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 the very limited restrictions on beach vehicle use proposed by the legislation under consideration. Such vehicles inhibit wildlife wherever they go. It makes no sense to set aside a very restricted area for wildlife protection and pedestrians, leaving two-thirds of the beach for vehicles. This is just tokenism. The scope of this bill must be redrawn to make reasonable allowance for wildlife to flourish along the coast.

Correspondence ID: 8118 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict shoreline access for off road vehicles. They will endanger the already threatened wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 8119 **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 spec

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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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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: 8121 **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. 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

Correspondence ID: 8122 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The unrestricted use of off road vehicals needs to be stopped. These vehicals need to be restricted to the fullest it can be to preserve the environment as it should be. Our environment is vital to our well being as the human race and our survival.

Correspondence ID: 8123 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: These areas and animals need to be protected from the harm people do!

Correspondence ID: 8124 **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.

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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.

Correspondence ID: 8125 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife on the seashore. Vehicles have roads to use

Correspondence ID: 8126 **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 wildlife that is endangered on Cape Hatteras. These animals deserve the respect and peace that we should be giving them.

Correspondence ID: 8127 **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 nesting areas.

Correspondence ID: 8128 **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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure, Other countries would seeing our land destroyed, ripped up. but as you as well aware of, We as a prouc Country will not submit to this, we as a Species need to protect ourGod givin land keep it free , full and quiet for all other Species. so our land is Free

Friend

Correspondence ID: 8130 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop recreation vehicles from killing wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 8131 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: These regulations should have been done a long time ago. Hope you are successful.

Correspondence ID: 8132 **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: 8133 **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: I would like to comment on the proposed ban on off road vehicles.

I believe that there is no valid reason to allow off road vehicles in sensitive wildlife areas with the possible exception of handicap access. Therefore I am in favor of the most restrictive policy on off road vehicles as is possible.

Correspondence ID: 8135 **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 oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 8136 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your time to read this.

Correspondence ID: 8137 **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: 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.

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

My name is Jay Sherwood, and I'm writing in regards to 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. If you expand Off-Road Vehicle use across the

Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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Correspondence ID: 8140 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I ask that you 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.

I understand that this area represents some of 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.

I hope to see this area someday with my grandchildren so they, too, can appreciate America's wild heritage.

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.

Let's respect science by adhering to well documented practices. By protecting our precious resources, both animals and plants we are providing worthy examples and showing future generations where the important priorities are.

Correspondence ID: 8141 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live near Yosemite and have seen close up the damage and disruption to our national parks by off road vehicles. It is important that our parks protect the flora and fauna of their environment and ensure that visitors have the full and all too rare experience of the quiet beauty of nature.

Correspondence ID: 8142 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like all possible protections for all wildlife. The beauty is if all is left alone. Nature is why people go to the area. We do not need man's stamp on it.

Correspondence ID: 8143 **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 that the NPS proposed regulation for ORV use on Cape Hatteras Seashore is not stringent enough. The protection of our wildlife is not optional and this plan sets aside on 26 of the 67 miles of Seashore for year-round wildlife & pedestrian use. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and to protect wildlife. Sincerely,
Angelique Chambers

Correspondence ID: 8144 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider the precious little room wildlife now has, when you grant permits for off road vehicles. The noise alone is a concern, and the intrusion and accidental disruptions are inevitable. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 8145 **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. 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 spe

Correspondence ID: 8146 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Vehicular traffic needs to be prohibited from driving on the beaches where animals are nesting or laying eggs. There are plenty of roads for vehicles to drive on without driving on the beach. Let people and animals be the only ones on the beach, not cars, ATVs, SUVs or any other motorized vehicle.

Correspondence ID: 8147 **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 Carolinian who vacations at our lovely beaches each summer, I am pleased to know the Park Service is considering regulations concerning ORV. However, I am dismayed to learn that the regulations are so lax and lacking. One does not have to be a liberal nut to know that ORV are an absolute threat to the life and sanctity of the shoreline. The wildlife and natural beauty and serenity that the beach offers is precarious in its existence. Please do not allow the entertainment of a few to outweigh the responsibility the Park Service and the constituents of North Carolina have to our own resources. The beach IS NOT the place for offroading. If diesel, noise, vehicular racing and destruction of the terrain is what someone is after, then Mooresville, Charlotte, and Nascar are the answer. Respect the wilderness and provide specific, year-round enforceable rules keeping ORV off our beaches or at least, to a minimum. I ask that the Park Service protect the nests and nesting sites of the turtles and plovers and other animals along our shores. I demand intelligent, progressive, wise thinking of those in charge. You owe it to us, yourselves and our kids. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 8148 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live near Cape Hatteras and think that vehicles (unless for emergency purposes) shouldn't be allowed on beaches. I live on a beach myself, and get to see firsthand how it affects wildlife. Not everyone that drives on the beach is responsible and are not always careful. While birds may be able to fly away other animals like sea turtles cannot. Let's keep NC beaches fun and filled with wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 8149 **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: 8150 **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 this Document. Sincerely,

Allen L. Corte'

Correspondence ID: 8151 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: People don't need to drive off road vehicles and harm the environment. if they like the outdoors so much, let them hike

Correspondence ID: 8152 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect Cape Hatteras by using the Oil Subsidies Money (TAXPAYER MONEY!) to repair, maintain and rebuild the National Coastal Park and peoples homes and businesses...that is, small businesses...not big businesses such as the Oil Conglomerates.

Correspondence ID: 8153 **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 use of off road vehicles which threatens wildlife

Correspondence ID: 8154 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please take steps to ensure the safety and preservation of threatened species like piping plovers relying on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. If off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Correspondence ID: 8155 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

Please ensure that the Park Service plan includes current buffers and other explicit protections for threatened and endangered wildlife that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Under the plan being used at the moment, wildlife has seen significant improvement with sea turtles nearly doubling their number of nests in three years (from 82 to 153) and piping plovers and other shorebirds numbers rebounding.

Expanding ORV use across the Hatteras Seashore could detrimentally impact wildlife. Out of 67 miles of Hatteras Seashore, only 26 are set aside 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 future of important threatened and endangered wildlife rests in your hands. I hope you that you choose to protect rather than compromise these amazing creatures.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Correspondence ID: 8156 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect as much beach area as possible from off road vehicle activity. Nesting turtles and birds need all the help they can get. Time is running out for many species.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 8157 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect our coast lines from motorized vechiles.

Correspondence ID: 8158 **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 specific

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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 my comments.

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Correspondence ID: 8162 **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: 8163 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please oppose any proposals that would allow unrestricted off roading in areas of wilderness inhabited by sea turtles, shore birds, and other wildlife. The idea is obscene, violent, and careless.

Instead, create rules that protect such areas instead. This would educate people that the planet is actually not at the mercy of human selfishness, greed and mindless entertainment but shared with creatures and nature.

Get to it; protect, don't neglect.

Correspondence ID: 8164 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't feel the off-roading should be permitted in the proposed protected areas (the Cape). Off-roading would extremely dangerous in these beach areas, and would definitely put the natural habitat in danger. To me, this is a lose-lose.

Correspondence ID: 8165 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the many animal and bird species that need a roadless environment to continue to live and thrive.

Correspondence ID: 8166 **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.

Carrie Mack

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. I strongly support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and more than the suggested vehicle-free areas for bird and turtle nesting. I do NOT support increased ORV areas. Please revise the plan to increase wildlife protection.

Correspondence ID: 8168 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop threatening our sea turtles!!!

Correspondence ID: 8169 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the US. These nationally significant places both protect habitats for endangered wildlife and represent the last best places Americans can visit beach environments evoking the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources, diminishing access and increasing safety hazards for pedestrians and endangered wildlife. But for the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based protections 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.

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The regulation also does not set adequate vehicle-free areas, prohibiting ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach, an unfair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, 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 preserving America's natural heritage for future generations.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 8171 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I object to any ORV use on public beaches - PERIOD!!

Correspondence ID: 8172 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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. Please DO THE RIGHT THING and protect our Wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 8173 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Many of the people driving over these areas do not understand the fragility of the environment and that many small animals will be disrupted from propagating and even killed through thoughtless behavior. Please do not allow off-road driving in these areas. Thanks

Correspondence ID: 8174 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If we do not start taking care of the planet and all the living things on it, we will destroy it. We are on the wrong path and it cannot continue. People in power need to grab their balls and start to do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 8175 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My family and I have vacationed at the Outer Banks of North Carolina for many years and we know how beautiful and

unspoiled it is in many parts. We also know how fragile the life of the shore birds and animals are. They must be protected from the off-road vehicles which are destroying many of forms of birds and wildlife. Don't allow these vehicles, which are often driven by very careless drivers, to do any further harm. Keep them off the areas where the animals live and breed and away from the nests of the birds. These creatures have a difficult enough time staying alive as it is so don't make it any more difficult for them.. Thank you, Willard J. Scott

Correspondence ID:	8176	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	It's time to advocate for animal wildlife and let the human wildlife take a back seat! I support the proposed rule Cape Hatteras national Seashore Doc ID NPS-2011-0005-0001.						
Correspondence ID:	8177	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Correspondence:	I will be short and not so sweet. Local and County Municipals MUST DO A BETTER JOB in their neighborhoods to protect the wildlife in their area. This article that off road vehicles are hurting/killing wildlife are absolutely unnessessary! I hope that WHEN YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN GROWS UP, THEY WILL STILL HAVE LIVING WILDLIFE! Just like America, wildlife are being crucified by human hands. YOU HAVE A NATIONAL PROTECTED SEASHORE.. DO YOU BLINKING JOB PEOPLE!!!						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	Again, we need to keep our seashores, and coastal areas, free from drilling, and preserve what little of our unique areas free of oil, off road vehicles, and destruction. The animals need to have a placed to be free to live without killing, and boat accidents. PLEASE do something to save this area!						
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Name:	private						
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Correspondence:	For the past 20 + years I have been vacationing to Hatteras Island. From the first time my parents had taken me to my honeymoon to my children, we have enjoyed this natural resource. Many unique live learning opportunities have come from this special place. Here is where my kids have caught their first fish from the surf and learned to Clam. In the early days I remember driving on the beach for miles upon miles seeing the unique coast line and finding unique shells and wildlife not seeing any other vacationers. For the last 7 years our vacation adventure has expanded to 7 other families jointly vacationing in Frisco. I live within three hours of Delmarva beaches. Why would I drive 8 hours each way to get to Hatters Island, spend \$500 in fuel and endure the traffic? Because of the natural beauty, warm water, best surf fishing and the ability to drive on the beach and bring the family pet. Where else on the east coast can you do that? I disagree with the regulations proposed for the Hatteras and Ocracoke Island National Seashore Park. While I love and support the outdoors and nature I can't agree with the regulations. There is not enough scientific evidence that ORV have the impact that is being claimed. Example: The Piping Plover bird from the studies that I have seen, showed breeding pairs from 8-13. When ORV and pedestrian traffic was restricted the nesting bird population decreased. To me, this shows that natural predators are being prevented from interfering with the Plovers when man is around. Looking at the Fish and Wildlife Service website, and reading the action plan for the Piping Plover, it discusses the reduced population in the Great Lakes area and the action plan to try to increase the population but there was no plan for the Atlantic flyway. So how can regulations be put in place without a recovery plan? Another question I have is, has any study been done on Portsmouth and Cape Lookout Islands? How the minimal existence of man impacts the wild live as opposed to the areas of Hatteras and Oracoke Islands. Why can't those Islands be the sanctuary for the species in question? Observations this past July's visit to Hatteras Island. While fishing at the south end of Hatteras Island near the inlet. Beach access was closed between the two access ramps due to a turtle nest. While the park service had put up fencing around the nest, the nest only was on half of the beach. Unlike other areas where the nesting occurred and they roped and fenced the specific area. Here they roped off all access up to the dunes. There was plenty of room to allow pedestrian and ORV access around the nest. Economics My family spends an average of \$2000.00 while vacationing at Hatteras Island. This is going to the local economy and the state of North Carolina in the form of taxes , tolls, fishing licenses and merchant services. This year we had 7 families so that is \$14,000 for one week of vacation. This is providing North Carolina \$945.00 in taxes from my small group not to mention the support to the local merchants in the area. If the Federal government and National Park Service go through with the proposed restrictions. I will tell you that you will kill the economy of Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands. I will not drive down to Hatteras for our vacation to walk to designated and restricted areas where I can't fish the best areas on the island, and have the congestion of people like we have here in the Delmarva beaches. I will find another place for our vacation, that is guaranteed. With that said, I strongly urge a reconsideration of the proposed measures and to work with the local merchants and organizations that support beach and ORV access on Hatteras and Ocracoke and to come to an agreeable solution for all and future visitors of Hatteras Island National Seashore Park can live with.						
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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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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.

As a frequent visitor to Cape Hatteras, I can tell you that the reason my family visits there is for the natural beauty and peaceful environment. The sights and sounds of ORV's have no redeeming value to this place of peace and solace.

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. I feel 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 Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would think all the places to ride your vehicle should not be a beautiful oceanside ecosystem, find somewhere else to ride, how bout get off your fat butt and walk a little, stop the killing of the innocent.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a biker and I respect the desires of ORV's, but we/they are not insensitive to the needs of wildlife, but may very well be ignorant of the effects of our/their actions.

There has to be a way to allow ORV's and not destroy critical habitat. Please figure it out.

There is no rational reason to pollute our own environment or destroy other species. You know some people think politicians

and business people are "other species" also.

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Thank you for considering these comments.

Correspondence ID: 8189 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect this park from development.

Correspondence ID: 8190 **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 sea shore for the enjoyment of all. Off- road vehicles on the beach is not only disruptive to beach goers with intrusive noise, but also a danger to individual pedestrians and especially groups. The untold destruction of wildlife habitat and direct encounters with motor vehicles lessens the enjoyment and recreational experience of the general public. There is no need nor justification to allow non-governmental driving on the beach. Protect us and the environment. Don't make a race track of this national treasure. Wildlife and people should not be forced to endure this type of

intrusion. 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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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If we do not do something to help these creatures, we make a mockery of the whole concept of justice., - Jane Goodall

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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.

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

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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Take care of cape hatteras

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Please protect wildlife and pedestrians. Thank you.

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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: 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.

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

Please oppose unrestricted off road vehicle 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.

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.

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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. Wildlife needs a lot more space than one third of their beach habitat.

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.

Correspondence ID: 8201 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: These vehicles are already destroying natural areas and endangering wildlife at an alarming rate. We should be looking at ways to protect the environment, our precious national parks and the people who enjoy them from the onslaught of these vehicles not open further areas up to more degradation and harm.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Robin R Cave

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	protect the birds and wildlife						

Correspondence ID:	8206	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The dual mandate of the National Park Service is to protect and preserve our natural treasures and to manage them effectively for the recreation of the general public, current and future. Any regulations that permit unrestricted so-called beach driving will blatantly violate both portions of the mandate. "Beach drivers" of off-road vehicles are not there for the scenery. They are there						

for speed and the thrill of turning wheelies. Both can be accomplished on tarmac with no harm to the natural beauty and peace of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. These people represent a minority. The general public wants to enjoy the beauty and serenity of this beautiful place and enjoy the wildlife that make this such a special place. Please act responsibly and promulgate regulations that are in the interest of the general public and not geared to this special interest. All American citizens deserve to enjoy this beautiful place for generations and, if you allow unrestricted beach driving, this place will be destroyed and then shame on you. Act for the good of all Americans, not a special interest group.

Correspondence ID: 8207 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The seashore resources should be managed for multiple use. Important wildlife areas should not be included as open for ORVs, both values need to be addressed in the plan, and not giving one group all of the resource.

There is significant travel to the outer banks by whale watchers and birders. both groups will also spend time on beaches and patronizing local businesses. Please make sure you do not diminish this resource.

Correspondence ID: 8208 **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 on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 8209 **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. It threatens shorebirds, sea turtles, and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 8210 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protecting wildlife is essential if we are to enjoy it in the future. It is imperative we protect sanctuaries such as the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Let the RV drivers play someplace else where wildlife isn't disturbed. This is a big country, surely there are other places for these destructive vehicles that won't encroach on Mother Nature.

Correspondence ID: 8211 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No single interest group has the right to threaten wild life on beaches open to all. (perhaps just a small, restricted area, along an existing road or other existing wildlife deterrent)

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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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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:	All threatened and endangered species need protection from all ORV use, even on the beaches. Please protect all beach habitat that these species require for survival. They were here first and their survival depends on it.						

Correspondence ID:	8215	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please be sure to included buffers between ORV trails/usage areas and nesting wildlife areas. The wildlife have been nesting along shorlines long before people created ORVs and should not be endangered because of our carelessness.						

Thank you.

Correspondence ID:	8217	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:	You have proposed that off-road vehicles be allowed to drive on the majority of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I ask you to please disallow this use, as the seashore is a major nesting area for birds and turtles, and vehicles will destroy their nests. Destroying species of wildlife for the pleasure of a few should not be allowed, especially since your mission is to protect our natural resources.						

Correspondence ID:	8220	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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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Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep vehicles off the National Seashore to protect wildlife.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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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: 8224 **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. We do not want to ruin it and turtle nesting grounds by allowing motorized vehicles on the shore.

Correspondence ID: 8225 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulations are inadequate in several ways given the Park Service's mandate and legal obligations.

National parks are intended to balance a variety of recreational uses with environmental priorities. Yet the proposed regulations are focused solely on motorized recreation without regard for non-motorized recreation, let alone biodiversity and wilderness. The regulations only set aside areas for ORVs and do 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, 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, the evidence strongly demonstrates that these numbers would decline.

The Park Service should promulgate specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 8226 **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 a beach should mainly benefit the creatures that make and have made their homes there for millenia and the people who visit and enjoy it (without any destructive behavior).

Proposed regulations set aside the greater portion of Cape Hatteras beach for Off Road Vehicules and do not specifically protect the endangered wild life there.

The beach will not be the same or as beautiful without the wild life. Do most people who visit a beach want to hear the drone of motors or the cry of birds?

Please take your responsibility, to the indigenous wild life and the people who visit the beach to be in a natural setting, very seriously.

Correspondence ID: 8227 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
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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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Thank you for considering these comments.

Correspondence ID: 8228 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I believe that the Government should do everything possible to protect all life on Cape Hatteras including turtles, birds and other living creatures and that humans who harm these creatures should be penalized.

Correspondence ID: 8229 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is critical for nesting shorebirds and other wildlife to be protected from the depredations of careless humans (off-road vehicles).

Correspondence ID: 8230 **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: How do automotive vehicles enhance beach environments?

Correspondence ID: 8233 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If we keep killing off the wildlife, we will be next.

Correspondence ID: 8234 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As someone who was raised on the coast I appreciate all Gods creaturesI just wish everyone did .

Correspondence ID: 8235 **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. It would be one thing if these things were just ugly and noisy along with those who ride them. The worst part is it kills wildlife.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do what you know in your heart is the right thing to do!

Correspondence ID: 8241 **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. You need to sign this bill to keep this area like it was before Mankind started destroying it.

Correspondence ID: 8242 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: protect shorelines for birds

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect wildlife.						

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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 will protect wildlife nesting areas.						

PLEASE limit the use of ORV at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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

Thank you.

Correspondence ID:	8246	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We need to protect, not destroy, our environment.						

Correspondence ID:	8247	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 you to please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						

The impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has already taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Please keep off road vehicle use restricted in order to help protect wildlife and their habitats and to keep these beautiful places wild.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Plover chicks are being killed by unrestricted atvs on our beaches. Please do not let them do this. Thank you.						

Correspondence ID:	8249	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.30,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	To make this work for all, perhaps driving should be prohibited during nesting and fledging times of a year.						

Thank you.

Correspondence ID:	8250	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 am not against ORV access in general, nor to Cape Hatteras National Seashore specifically. However, I feel that the ORV lobby, and its users, are much like the NRA in that they feel that they should have no restrictions, no rules, and should be able to do anything anywhere any time. That in turn is unfair to wildlife, 'quiet' users of public places, and is destructive to plants which 'anchor' dunes. And considering that ORV users are a minority when compared to the overall beach users, I don't think that the area set aside for them should comprise a very large percentage of the overall National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 8251 **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.

In its proposed rule the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections. 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. In fact the share set aside for protection should be more than half since the noise and exhaust of ORVs drifts beyond the areas set aside for them. I would think that 2/3 of the beach should be protected.

Sincerely, Robert Schoenhofer

Correspondence ID: 8252 **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.

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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. 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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I strongly support strict and effective 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. There is no reason to support ORVs at wildlife areas that can be used by pedestrians, including families. ORVs are polluting, loud, and obnoxious and these types of areas should not be used by them.

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Correspondence ID: 8258 **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. They threaten turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife that depend on the shore to exist. There's enough land, actually too much, already allowing 'bush bashing' with recreational vehicles, we don't need any more.

Correspondence ID: 8259 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles kill wildlife and endanger natural areas. Please keep vehicles off National Seashore areas to allow birds to breed, turtles to nest, and other creatures to live as nature intended. A fond memory from my youth is of a high school field trip to the Parker River refuge on Plum Island here in Massachusetts in the fall to see migrating waterfowl. People can enjoy wild areas without destroying them if we recognize that the animals were here before we were. If people want to drive off road, find some brownfields site and let them use that!

Correspondence ID: 8260 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like to oppose the use of unrestricted vehicles around the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I believe we need to protect and preserve wildlife in the area. The use of motor vehicles in this area is a threat to sea turtles and shorebirds as well as other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 8261 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I thank the Park Service for the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It is imperative preserve and protect the seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean, the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. I have visited there numerous time and appreciate that these wild places protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, and give humans a place to visit a wild beach and experience pristine nature as created by God. They are places of tranquility where people can escape the stresses of the world and meditate.

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. With the Park Service in recent years enforcing science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds, protected species have been rebounding. 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. 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 for future generations."

Correspondence ID: 8262 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Stay out of our National resources. It is important to preserve the natural order and stop producing fossil fuels.

Correspondence ID: 8263 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I had no knowledge that vehicles were allowed on east coast beaches until recently. People on foot or prone , like the woman that was recent;u run over, have the right to safe beaches. Cars on beaches are an outdated idea. Lets get the cars and motorized vehicles off the beaches.

Correspondence ID: 8264 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Off Road Vehicles and the people that are using them are endangering wildlife. Oftentimes, wildlife is chased down tortured and killed. These ORV do not deserve the chance to be used in wilderness areas.

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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: People never seem to think there are consequences to their actions. It's time to show them.

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Thank you for your consideration. Michelle Kofler

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My personal experience with off-road vehicles used on public lands for recreational purposes has been extremely negative. Drivers are usually young males, who flout the rules for staying within trail parameters and generally trash any environment in which they are permitted at all. To make even more, extremely sensitive public property, upon which wildlife depends for its very survival, available to such activity flies in the face of good science, and benefits very, very few people.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to expand current buffers and provide other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Why off road vehicle use of public seashore is permitted at all is a total mystery to me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 8269 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am asking that you please protect the habits for Hatteras' wildlife. You will be saving vital wildlife...thank you!

Correspondence ID: 8270 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: These machines are harmful to the environment and wildlife and people. Why allow them? Beaches and shorelines are to0 enjoy.

Correspondence ID: 8271 **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 at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unregulated OHV use is very destructive. Destroying our environment and thus the services it provides us for free is irresponsible.

Correspondence ID: 8274 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Seashores are not the place to allow ATVs to achieve their destruction. Are we, the people, going to completely destroy the natural wonders of our small planet? There must be some financial gain to our leader to allow the continued use of our most precious lands for the entertainment of those who derive their pleasure from activities without regard for the destruction they bring.

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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 specific,

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Name: private

Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All I want to say is that we need to stop 'raping' the wildlife and the wild areas of this Earth. If we keep going on as we have been, there will be nothing left for future generations but dust and emptiness. I guess most people don't bother to think that far ahead when making decisions that affect our Earth. As the old commercial used to say, 'It's not nice to fool Mother Nature'. God gave us this beautiful place in which to live and this is how we show our thanks and appreciation ~ raping and pillaging the Earth till there is nothing left?

Correspondence ID: 8279 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on 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. 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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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.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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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.

As caretakers of this world, we have failed miserably, destroying our air, poisoning the air and water and murdering countless

numbers of our wildlife. Save our environment and our precious wildlife for future generations.

Help those who have no voice.

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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: 1. When the closure restrictions of Alternative F are in force, many areas designated as year around ORV accessible will in reality NOT be accessible for a major part of the visitor season and calendar year due to excessive buffers. The areas affected are some of the most desirable locations for recreation such as Cape Point, South Beach area and the sound side and seaside areas of Hatteras Inlet. I find this unfair and contrary to the original PUBLIC USE intent when the Cape Hatteras National RECREATIONAL SEASHORE was formed. 2. The 1000 meter boundary around Plover nests are overly restrictive and not supported by reliable science. These large, inflexible buffers are too extreme. The current 1000 meter buffer for nests equals 771 acres per nest, this far exceeds any realistic and reasonable need for protection of the nests. The Piping Plover breeding/nesting buffer should not exceed 50 meters. The unfledged piping plover chick buffer should not exceed 200 meters and should move with the brood as it relocates to reliable food sources not simply expand. These ORV buffers as well as corridors should be maintained to allow ORV's to pass through or around nesting areas to ensure beach access is always maintained. This 1000 meter boundary creates unneeded restriction and makes areas such as Cape Point, South Beach area and the sound side and seaside areas of Hatteras Inlet inaccessible during much of the visitor season and calendar year. I find this also contrary to the original PUBLIC USE intent when the Cape Hatteras National RECREATIONAL SEASHORE was formed. 3. The night driving restriction is not based on science or past data. There has never been a reported incident of a turtle death caused by a vehicle until 2010 when night driving restrictions were already in place. 4. The economic assessment that is referenced is incomplete and flawed. Data from villages north of Oregon inlet was included in the assessment when in reality there will be little impact on those areas because they do not depend on the Cape Hatteras National RECREATIONAL SEASHORE directly. Many of the local businesses south of Oregon Inlet are small family owned concerns that have been and will continue to be under great duress directly due to the reduced tourism that will result from reduced beach access. The impact on them has not been fairly represented.

5. The ORV permitting program has not been proven necessary and will not serve to increase public safety or improve wildlife protection. It will only serve to further limit access to the public and add further burden to the Park Service. If there is to be vehicle permitting, the permit should be readily available on the internet for a minimal fee similar to fishing licenses. A higher priced fee will cause further economic impact on the locality through reduced tourist finances which would otherwise be spent at the local business. This is also another tax on tourists. In case you haven't noticed, the citizens of this country are growing weary of being taxed at every turn.

Correspondence ID: 8288 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Mills, Billy
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Correspondence: I believe that 'Alternative F' should not be implemented because it is based on flawed science, shaky assumptions, faulty logic and ignores the very basis for the creation of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, which was to establish the seashore for the enjoyment and benefit of the people and to preserve the area. I believe that Alternative A is the only acceptable solution given that CHNS has operated in large part without major incident for the better part of a century unencumbered from significant regulatory involvement from the NPS. It is a shame that the NPS has been negligent in it's duty to create an ORV plan for nearly 40 years, and now feels the need to institute a plan that has not been well thought out, nor extensively studied for economic impact, and makes conclusions about the future benefits of the plan based on just a handful of debatable statistics and assumptions. In reality, it was only after an activist judge and well-funded special interest groups got involved with the issue that the NPS decided it was time to 'manage' the taxpayer's resource. Because of gross negligence by the NPS, the taxpaying public is made to suffer by limiting their access to a resource that in my opinion functioned better and more efficiently without overbearing involvement from government agencies. Please note the following concerning specific issues of the proposed rule: According to the listing for 'Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Cape Hatteras National Seashore' in the

Federal Register/Vol. 76, No. 129/Wednesday, July 6, 2011, this action is a 'Proposed Rule', which means it's an idea or plan for consideration by others, which also means that it is not an official or legal rule at this point. Despite the fact that this rule is not law so to speak, the NPS is already accepting applications for positions that would be created by this 'proposed' rule. Unless the NPS is being less than transparent when it claims that this is a proposed rule, it should not be hiring for positions that have not been created and that I'm assuming have no funding. This is the fourth year CHNS has operated under the consent decree, however there is no mention of the typical closures that have been in place at the discretion of the NPS. The public has a right to know what the full extent of closures may be before they are required to purchase a permit to access CHNS, or even before they can comment on the rule. The proposed rule claims that certain areas, most notably Cape Point will be open to year-round ORV use. However, Cape Point has been closed to both pedestrians and ORV users for large parts of each the past four years. The claim that certain areas will be open year-round is at best misleading. I vehemently oppose the proposed permit system. It amounts to nothing more than an additional tax to fund the notion that the NPS must educate the taxpaying public on how to best enjoy CHNS. If the park service is not able to support the permit system within their given budget, then it should not be implemented. If, however, a permit is required, it should be available on-line for purchase and no mandatory 'education' class should be required. In addition, the NPS will not have the ability to handle all the request for permits on busy summer Friday resulting in denial of access to some unfortunate citizens. This is unacceptable. Alternative F requires building new ramps, parking lots, etc. The NPS discontinued the Bodie Island Lighthouse project because of a lack of funds. I assume that given the United States' current financial situation that the NPS will pay for these supposed improvements to the seashore on the backs of taxpayers with the permit system. Hence, as I stated before, it is not a permit, it is a tax. I would also note that given the NPS's mandate via the Organic Act to protect native flora and fauna, it seems strange that the alternative chosen is one of the most, if not the most destructive in terms of building new roads, new parking lots, and new inter-dunal pedestrian routes. I would respectfully submit that Alternative A requires no new construction of any kind, and therefore no destruction of existing soil, sand, vegetation, etc.

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Correspondence: DATE: August 18, 2011 SUBJECT: Comments on the proposed rule "Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System, Cape Hatteras National Seashore"(Regulation Identifier Number 1024-AD85) I submit for the public record comments on the proposed rule "Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System, Cape Hatteras National Seashore"(Regulation Identifier Number 1024-AD85) published in the Federal Register July 6, 2011. Comments: I am glad to see that the speed limit will be 15 MPH. This is an excellent change. Unfortunately, it is the only good change provided by the proposed regulations. The Park Service will be permanently closing a lot of the beaches that are now open to ORV use. It appears the process has now gone so far, that my comments are a waste of my time to write and a waste of your time to read. (Whoever is reading this, thank you for your efforts to honor the American tradition of public input.) I will be brief. Continued closings of additional ORV areas will have a negative impact on the local economy. The business communities of each affected county have commented on this impact and the record shows their comments. I have talked with business owners on Hatteras Island over the past 3 years. In many cases, their business has declined by as much as 30% or more. As the Park Service proceeds to close additional areas (permanently), the business loss will be significant. I oppose any permit requirement for ORV use. The proposed permit requirements are vague. What is the test I will have to take? How much will the fee be? Will residents of the Island be subject to fees/permits? In my opinion, residents should be excluded from all fees. Fees to the general public should be no more than \$10 per year. Public record shows a comment made by Judge Boyle at the federal court hearing in April 2011. He noted ... inconveniences of applying for the required permit will limit public ORV access....His comment supports what many believe: "The purpose of the permit is to limit public access." It is not necessary and it harms public use of the area. The proposed regulations note new ramp locations and the permanent closures of existing ORV routes. For example, ramp 23 south will be closed for 1.5 miles. When will the new ramps be constructed? What are the costs? Will you proceed to close these sections prior to construction of the new ramps? Why does the proposed reg not speak to this? The public is not being informed. ORV restrictions in front of villages for the period May 15 to September 15 have been in place for years. No change should be made to these dates. In summary, I oppose the permanent closure of any existing ORV routes. I oppose the closure of any route PRIOR to the completion of new ramps. I oppose the night driving restrictions. I oppose the ORV permit requirements. I oppose the change of dates for seasonal ORV use in front of villages. Respectively Submitted: James H. Sloop Citizen of USA 1211 Hickory Point Road Clarksville, TN 37043 EMail: jimloop@gmail.com

Correspondence ID: 8290 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Bullard, David
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Correspondence: RE: RIN 1024--AD85 Dear Sir: My wife, friends, and I have enjoyed fishing at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore since the 1980's. We understand the need to protect wildlife and the landscape, but hope we will be able to continue to enjoy this special place as we have in the past. I have read RIN 1024-AD85 and would like to make some comments and suggestions. There are four areas which have traditionally been the best fishing spots: Cape Point, Hatteras South Point, Ocracoke North Point, and Ocracoke South Point. I feel the Superintendent should decide when these areas can be open to ORVs and during what hours. The primary times for most "hardcore" fishermen to visit Cape Hatteras National Seashore are in the cooler spring and fall months, before and after breeding season for sea turtles and birds. I request these four areas be open as much as possible during those times. We fishermen have respectfully coexisted with the wildlife and environment for many years with few problems. Also while these areas offer wide expanses of sand for driving and parking to fish, they do require travel across one or more miles of sand which makes it not practical for fishermen to transport all of their gear by foot. In fact, the talk of building more parking areas and requiring persons to walk the shore areas concerns us. Although my wife and I are not considered handicapped, we are both in our sixties with arthritis and find walking more than a short distance in the sand a problem, especially carrying fishing equipment, chairs, and coolers. Use of an ORV is really the only way we can continue to enjoy Cape Hatteras National Seashore. During those cooler months when we are little or no threat to wildlife or the landscape. I would hate

to be banned from enjoying outings like we have enjoyed for so many years. If ORV drivers must have a permit and be required to take a driving course/test, this all should be available on an Internet site so visitors can receive their permits before arriving. Cost of the permits should also be low and discounted to holders of an Interagency Senior Pass. I suggest using a hangtag like those the U.S. Forest Service uses for access to certain recreational areas in South Carolina, allowing up to two personal ORV license plates to be listed on the hangtag for those of us who sometimes drive different vehicles depending on conditions. As for requiring special equipment to drive on the sand, I really feel the NPA should stick to making "recommendations" for the novices and not make any "requirements" for anyone. In all of my years at Hatteras and Ocracoke, I have never gotten stuck and only seen a small percentage of others who have. Drivers who got stuck either: 1) didn't let air out of their tires, 2) drove too close to the water, 3) drove a 2 wheel drive vehicle or a 4 wheel drive vehicle with a malfunction or 4) tried to climb an incline with insufficient speed. Those drivers who became stuck were usually rescued by fellow ORVers, unless they were obnoxious to their would-be rescuers. Requiring a low pressure (0-20 lbs) tire gauge is unnecessary. A standard pressure gauge (0-50 lbs) is perfectly adequate. A shovel might be handy sometimes, like going over a dune for a BM, but it is usually unnecessary for getting unstuck. As to requiring everyone to have a jack and jack stand, trying to jack up a 4,000 pound vehicle in soft sand sounds like a recipe to get someone seriously hurt, especially since they were uneducated enough to get stuck in the first place. A good tow strap or choker strap and another ORV are the best and safest things to use to rescue any stuck vehicle. The barrier islands of North Carolina are a wonderful and unique place to visit because they are one of the few locations where you can still drive along miles of seashore enjoying the wonderful sights and sounds of nature. Please do not let the special interest groups ruin it for us average people.

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Correspondence: 8/21/11 Orv Proposed Rule (RIN 1024-AD85) I have visited Cape Hatteras National Seashore for many years. No one loves the

beaches there more than me and my family. We respect the wildlife and beauty of the area. Every time we are on the beach we take some time to pick up trash. We are not opposed to some protections for the wildlife, but this is beyond common sense. If a permit is required it should be reasonably priced and night driving restrictions should not be so severe. It is very obvious that the "environmentalists" and the "wildlife defenders" would love to ban all humans from the seashore. The National Parks were created for all citizens to have access and enjoy. I am not rich, I do not have a lawyers group working for me, I do not have a big money lobby group in Washington, D.C.. However I am a taxpaying citizen of the U.S. You work for me and all the others. I understand that you have a difficult job trying to keep the court happy. It is a shame this had to go through lawsuits. Just remember that you are there to protect the public's access. I would like to leave you with a quote from Don Hummel's book Stealing The National Parks. "Environmentalism has more on the agenda than protecting nature, it has distinctly anti-people overtones that are hidden and denied but that nevertheless powerfully impact our national policy. The Park Service is a working partner in stealing the national parks despite its claim of innocence and its haughty dismissal of critics." Michael Lineweaver 438 Hoover Rd. Woodstock, VA 22664

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Name: Shelton, Henry
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Correspondence: SUBJECT: Comments on the proposed rule "Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System, Cape Hatteras National

Seashore" (Regulation Identifier Number 1024-AD85) DATE: August 27, 2011 I submit for the public record comments on the proposed rule "Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System, Cape Hatteras National Seashore"(Regulation Identifier Number 1024-AD85) published in the federal Register July 6, 2011. Comments: At "Compliance with Other laws and Executive Orders" it states in part that the proposed regulations will not adversely affect in a material way the economy, productivity competition, jobs of the impacted area; and by the sum of the provisions under (c) (11) "Rules for Vehicle Operation" the proposed regulations will enhance pedestrian safety on the beaches. My comments on the proposed regulation's terms and conditions will focus on these two critical items. NO MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY, PRODUCTIVITY, COMPETITION, JOBS... Using the Small Business Administration definition of a small business, all businesses on Hatteras Island, with the possible exception of the Food Lion, qualify as a small business. Further, as the data in the "Benefit-Cost Analysis of Proposed ORV Use Regulations in Cape Hatteras National Seashore" shows these retail focused Hatteras Island businesses have thin margins (1-5%) and thus small impacts can drive these businesses to failure. 1. To make such a bold statement of no material adverse effect implies the National Park Service has defined what no adverse effect in a material way means, has in place a sound measurement technique and has the ability to modify the regulations if they are found to have a material adverse effect. I did not see any of this in the proposed regulations. 2. To state there will be no material adverse effect also implies that the National Park Service has fully analyzed the impact of the regulation's terms and conditions (e.g., pricing and ease of obtaining a beach access license, amount of beach to be closed using the past three years as a guide). In the context of being transparent these evaluations should be clearly shown so all will know the impact of these regulations- otherwise the National Park Service is being not honest and maybe deceitful. 3. At (c) (9) ORV Routes, it shows that the National Park Service will build new ramps to the ocean beach, this is good news that there will be ramps that are sound in construction. However, it does not say that the existing ramps will remain in place and open until the new ramps are completed. With the massive deficit reductions about to be approved by the Congress/President there will be dramatic cuts in federal agency budgets. Also, with a stressed political environment, Continuing Resolutions for much of the year has become the norm which limits federal agencies undertaking new programs. Thus funding will be questionable. No case is made for closing existing ramps before completion of new ramps unless the real purpose of the proposed regulations is to close the beach. 4. On January 18, 2011 President's Obama signed an executive order to review all federal regulations to ensure they are needed, conducive to maintaining and creating jobs and assisting in reducing the deficit. With this, I would have expected the National Park Service to include in the analysis the Agency's cost to implement these regulations and a cost/benefit analysis to the Hatteras Island community and its small businesses. The 81 page "Benefit-Cost Analysis of Proposed ORV Use Regulations in Cape Hatteras National Seashore" does not contain this information; it is for a much larger area, has data that is 3+ years out of date and has no mention of Federal or State costs. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY 1. If the proposed measures noted at (c) (11) are the right ones to implement for pedestrian safety then they should apply to everyone including the National Park Service. 2. At (c) (5) it states

that the off-road operation of a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or utility vehicle (UTV) is prohibited. The National Park Service uses Arctic Cats which its manufacturer classifies as an ATV. If this is the right measure the National Park Service should discontinue using these vehicles immediately, not waiting for implementation of the proposed regulations. On August 30th, I stopped and talked with a park service employee driving an Arctic Cat midway between ramp 34 and the Avon fishing pier. I asked him what he was doing and he replied turtle patrol. I asked him where the nearest turtle nests were and he said just south of ramp 34 and north of ramp 38. These nests had eggs at about their 50th day (about one week to hatching), so he was making sure these nests were okay rather than looking for new nesting areas. I asked him why he did not enter ramp 34 take care of that nest, take NC Highway 12 to ramp 38 and tend to the next nest. He replied that the park service discouraged employees from taking the ATV's on the highway as they were unsafe. Park Service should comply with the regulations that it proposes for others. The cost of new vehicles is not included in the Cost/Benefit analysis. 3. Regarding speed limits, I thought the rate was 10 miles per hour in front of the villages during the summer season. I discussed this with the park service employee noted above and he confirmed the rate. I mentioned to him that it appeared to me he was driving faster than 10 miles per hour and he responded obliquely saying sometimes he rides faster and sometimes slower. The speed limit is an absolute limit and not an average. Park Service employees who might be driving on the beach should be subject to the same education and acknowledgement of understanding as all beach drivers as stated at (c) (2) (v). At (c) (11) (ii) (C) it states that a vehicle operator must slow to 5 mph when traveling within 30.5 meters (100 feet) or less of pedestrians at any location on the beach at any time of year. At the time of the conversation with the park service employee noted above there were many people on the beach in the exact area where the employee was going faster than 10 mph including walkers, joggers, shell collectors and one mom pushing a baby stroller-they were all at risk. If 5 mph is the right standard, then park service should be using it now-unless there will be a double standard. In conclusion, I have responded to every opportunity the National Park Service has provided for comments on Cape Hatteras Seashore ORV use. In no case do I feel you have listened to my comments. It appears to me the only parties that matter to you are those who wish to close the beach, close the whole of Hatteras Island and take you to court. The result of the proposed regulations will be the continual transformation of the Cape Hatteras National Recreational Seashore into the Hatteras Island bird and turtle nesting area. This is not within your scope of responsibility. Sincerely, Henry Shelton 40313 Dolphin lane Avon, NC 27915 h.shelton@verizon.net

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The seashores and beaches belong to all of us, and I believe they should be free of motorized vehicles.

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There must be somewhere else hat ORVs csn play. Please protect the nesting Birds and Turtles. I and others will be watching what you do.

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Wildlife must take precedence in their own habitat. They must be allowed to survive and thrive in the place they're meant to be. Please see to it that species other than humans are considered in relation to the Seashore. We cannot keep intruding on these creatures' territory without doing irreversible damage. Every species has a right to exist. We all need our space, including these birds and fellow Seashore wildlife. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

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My family and I enjoy vacationing at this seashore and we live not far from here so we visit this peaceful area very frequently.

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The proposed regulation wrongly treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. This is wrong. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the nation's National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should set aside areas exclusively for those uses.

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Selga Sanders

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With the plan now in place at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a resounding comeback. My worry is, the proposed regulation cavalierly treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Correspondence: Let's get serious here folks! The 'motorheads' can go anywhere, and there are already too many places being destroyed by them. Even if there are supposedly strict limits placed on where they can drive, we all know there will be some who can't, or won't, follow the rules, and it will be the wildlife and the environment that will suffer permanent and irreversible damage. My opinion is that if you can't get there under your own power-on foot- then don't go there at all! I am adamately opposed to allowing motorized or even bicycle traffic in these areas!

Correspondence ID: 8328 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore in North Carolina. In the Pacific Northwest, where I reside, we take special precautions on the ocean beaches to protect nesting creatures and birds. It should be the same on all ocean shorelines in the United States.

Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. The proposed regulation appears to treat wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. This would be a big mistake.,

I support regulations to manage ORVs within the National Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. PLEASE add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not

continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Correspondence: The arrogance of human kind needs to be mitigated by regulating the actions of the extremely unaware and uncaring. If someone was riding through your yard, running over your children, they'd be arrested and held accountable. Why should it be any different for non-human animals?

As we seem to think our species is superior to all others, shouldn't we be able to protect the species that can't protect themselves from the actual stupidity of the majority of our race?

In the interest of preservation over recreation; of diversity of life over monetary gain; laws preventing blind destruction of, and actions to help insure the safety of, breeding grounds and other animal habitats should be paramount in the priority of our stewardship of these lands.

Please, make note of this in your actions and conscience. All God's creatures deserve to live their lives as God intended. Don't you think?

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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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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.						

Why open access for off road vehicles operated by idiots who will show no regard for the wildlife, have reckless accidents and open lawsuits against the government for allowing them access, all the while subjecting small animals to terror, disruption and death, again for idiots who don't need to be there in the first place.

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Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

I sincerely hope that you will not allow ORVs to run over the seashore wildlife. If I had my way I'd ban ORVs entirely from the area.

As it is, 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.

Please don't let the ORVs run over the wildlife and destroy their territory!

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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulation regarding the use of ORV's at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Before the management plan now in force was adopted, the populations of birds and turtles that nest on the beach had decreased dramatically. In the last four years, they've begun to thrive again. I'm worried that this will change if you adopt the proposed new regulations. Most people who love the park come for quiet relaxation on the beach or to watch the wildlife. Beaches still in their natural state are becoming so rare, and daily life is filled with so much noise and lack of calm thinking space. Please consider revising the regulation to put more importance on protecting the wildlife, and the ability of park visitors to have quiet, vehicle-free areas to enjoy.

Please consider adding science-based mandates to the regulation, such as driving-free buffers around nests, as well as setting aside sufficient vehicle-free areas for those of us who love the park as a place where we can still show our children what the natural world we were given looks and sounds like.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 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.

The shorebirds are rebounding under the current interim plan. Also, Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010.

The proposed Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The 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. This 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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We cannot keep treating nature with such blatant disregard. The other species who exist on this planet have a right to live as well. Let's just exercise some common sense and decency in regards to our own actions.

Correspondence ID: 8344 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Vehicles are not safe for the animals! Regulations need to be made so that people learn to respect our wildlife and don't take advantage of them. Future generations deserve the right to be able to appreciate what we have today!

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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I know and love the Cape Hatteras Nat'l Seashore. It is a unique and precious resource, even compared to the rest of the Outer Banks of NC which is like no other environment in the world. I am adamantly in favor of restrictions on ORVs in the park. There is a great deal of pressure coming from a small but determined group of fishermen who claim rights to drive their ORVs anywhere, anytime. Unfortunately, that right is inconsistent with the primary purpose of a national park, in my estimation. Vehicles are everywhere these days. ORVs have access to miles of beach on the Outer Banks. We need areas set aside

specifically for the wildlife and the people who travel to the park specifically because it is one of the last wild places on earth. I have read the comments below and I wholeheartedly agree.

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

Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	The National Park Service has served America well in the years of its existence. But nobody's perfect. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						

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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 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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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I would like to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am very upset to learn that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife.

I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for your attention.

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The 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. 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.

Please do the right thing for our wildlife.

Thank you for your time.

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Correspondence: As a native of the Carolinas, I have appreciated the shorelines of the Outer Banks and its wildlife most of my life. I believe in preserving habitat for birds, turtles, and other wildlife whenever possible. I don't think that ORV use is appropriate for most beaches. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have

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Correspondence: Indiscriminate off road vehicle use is destroying fragile lands and disturbing the habitat for birds and animals all across the country. These vehicles further pollute the air, and create a wasteful use of vital petroleum products. Please do not allow further ORV use on seashore beaches of Cape Hatteras or other park service land.

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Near in Rhode Island we take great pride in the fact that we have made Narragansett Bay a cleaner, healthier body of water than it was 50 years ago when I first started swimming and sailing in it. But it took a concerted effort by the citizens of this state to stop the interests that were and had been for quite some time polluting the Bay. Once they get established they are very difficult to shut down.

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As a Florida resident, I am well aware of the importance of protecting our shorelines to protect the wildlife environment,, which will also protect the human environment. Driving on the beaches in any vehicle is dangerous for humans, as well as humans and I feel is unnecessary

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Correspondence: The beaches of Cape Hatteras and other similar venues should be kept clear of any ORV. These are toys that waste gas and pollute both environmentally and physically with the unnecessary noise. The damage done to the beaches will be more caostly than disallowing these aggressive individuals to destroy public land.

If you Must allow these destructive vehicles then there MUST BE restrictions in place to prevent excessive damages and loss of life of the natural species, both plant and animal , that sustain themselves there.

I ask you not to allow these ORV on public land. A private group can buy some land and build a ORV park if they need a place to play! Do not do this at the expense of the environment! This is the only Earth we have!

Sincerely,

Kathy Brown

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Correspondence: I DO NOT BELIEVE IN DESTROYING NATURAL BEAUTY BY ALLOWING POWER VEHICLES INTO THE DUNES. DOING THIS ALSO DESTROYS BIRD NESTING SITES.

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Now the National Park Service's new proposed permanent regulations for off-road vehicle use on the Seashore's beaches will put the future for birds like the Piping Plover, Least Tern, Black Skimmer, and many other shorebird species in doubt.

Please adopt rules that protect the birds, and not adopt rules that allow ORV use on large portions of beach.

Correspondence ID: 8384 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Robin Murphey Keizer, OR Liberal

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Surely all people can forgo a temporary pleasure from a ride on a beach in an ATV for the protection of some of God's creatures.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: PLEASE protect the wildlife at Cape Hatteras. You know it's the right thing to do.

Correspondence ID: 8387 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do your job to protect wildlife by creating buffers for turtles and nesting birds at Cape Hatteras National seashore. Off road vehicles have no business on the seashore anyway, as far as I'm concerned but should at least be limited in access so that we don't continue to desimate our wildlife populations. Thank you.

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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 8391 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife is one of the main reasons for national parks and requires vigilant protection from motorized beach use. Nesting habitats can not be sacrificed for sandy racetracks without massive negative outcomes for wildlife.

ORVs can not be prioritized over the basic needs of park visitors to walk safely within national parks. The noise and pollution and damage inflicted by vehicular machinery is totally inconsistent with the health of ecosystems, the values of parks, and basic safety for people and wildlife.

Please enact and enforce policies that protect our parks.

Correspondence ID: 8392 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It is not necessary to allow people to drive on beaches. In places where it is forbidden, people manage to get to and use the beach anyway. It is more important to protect the wildlife that calls these areas home. Wildlife protection is not optional. Future generations will wonder why we allowed the decimation of our natural heritage. Please be bold and do not allow ORVs on beaches. There is no reason to allow individuals to ruin these areas. In addition to concerns about wildlife, my family does not enjoy beaches with vehicles on them. They ruin the view and aesthetics of the beach and we do not feel safe. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Correspondence ID: 8394 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: we must protect what natural heritage we have left before hurricanes, strip-mines, mountain removal and fracking destroy the rest.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 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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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As usual someone wants to short circuit the protection of our world. Too many people/organizations think they can walk all over nature and not cause any harm, or harm "they " can live with. My belief is that we are smart enough to solve all of our problems if we quit thinking :What is in if for me?" There is too much greed in the world. People think they can get rich or powerful without harming their corner of the world and they don't care about others. The problem is that every corner of the world is connected to the other parts of the world in the overall scheme of things. You can not damage one without causing damage to others.

Correspondence ID: 8399 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We spend all of our vacation time at National Parks, and I was quite distressed to learn of the pending regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: BP and Exxon has done more than enough damage to the birds and fish of this country; its past time the human race helps unprotected wildlife in both air and sea. Any corp. and or persons that hurts these animal must pay a dear a riley 71nd costly fine, both in money and any thing associated with the damage to these fragile creatures. Please consider this request for humanity wildlife's sake. Thank You rrriley71

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Thank you for your attention.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very much in favor of the continuing regulation of ORV at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This is a favorite vacation spot for my family and I am an avid birder. Protection of nesting and roosting places within the natural habitat of many birds and animals is of the highest importance. Pedestrian safety on beaches is also an important concern. Please keep strict regulations in place for ORV at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you. Margaret Oates

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Name: private
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Correspondence: These nesting sites must be protected from the free use of off road vehicles. The riders should not be responsible to avoid nesting sites on their own. They should be informed and directed on where off roading is safe for the protection of the other species.

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I myself am an ORV user, but there are places where they should not be allowed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Correspondence ID: 8413 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Re: comment on National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles & beach-nesting birds have made an impressive comeback. Proposed regulation, however, treats wildlife protection as "optional", provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, & favors rights of ORV users to drive on the beach to the exclusion of both pedestrians & wildlife. As an emeritus member of the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS), I ask you to manage ORVs within the Seashore. That means clear, enforceable, enforced, science-based protections for wildlife & pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in its natural vehicle-free state. Set aside more areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Add buffers & other wildlife protections to the regulation so ORVs will not continue to dominate & degrade the Seashore. Seashore was not established to be an ORV rink. It has become one. If it to fulfill its function, that must change.

We are losing now 200 species of nonhuman animal & plant species/day to extinction. Seashore was supposed to help slow that rate.

Reference:

"Summary for Decision-makers", /Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Synthesis/ (Washington, DC: Island Press, 2005).

Correspondence ID: 8414 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

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The National Park Service's primary mandate is to protect the resource for future generations. This regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

As a citizen of North Carolina and a frequent visitor to the Seashore, I ask that you support a holistic plan that protects the ecosystem while still providing managed areas for multiple uses. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Best Regards, Dave Davenport Zoologist and President - EcoQuest Travel, Inc.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: National Park Service: The proposed regulations for Cape Hatteras National Seashore are, in my opinion and the opinion of wildlife scientists, inadequate to protect and ensure the survival of nesting birds species on those beaches and dune areas. Please revise these regulations to correct these shortcomings. Once these species are gone, we cannot replace them. Dr. James E. Pugh

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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I am an environmental scientist and understand how devastating ORV's can be on ecosystems; in addition to the obvious macrofauna effected, numerous microfaunal organisms which compose these delicate ecosystems are destroyed with each passing ORV. It is paramount that ORV's, although being an important portion of tourism, are restricted to small portions of environmentally sensitive areas...especially in shoreline ecosystems.

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Correspondence: Stop Off-Road Vehicles from killing wildlife and destroying our planet!

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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.

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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

As a loyal visitor to our National Parks System, I recently had the opportunity to visit North Carolina's seashores for the first

time. Their pristine state left a large impression, as did the variety of beautiful wildlife and flora. Please limit the amount of noisy, polluting, and dangerous vehicles on these shores to a minimum. The experience for the visitor will be increased and it will foster the protection programmes for the various animals that inhabit the areas.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 8458 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife and pedestrians need more consideration in this special regulation at Cape Hatteras. Vehicles do not have special rights, and must have a lower priority when the National Park Service is carrying out its resource protection duties.

There are very few undeveloped beaches left in our country and they need to have the highest level of protection.

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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 impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches. The 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. I SUPPORT SPECIFIC, ENFORCEABLE, SCIENCE-BASED PROTECTIONS FOR WILDLIFE AND ADDITIONAL VEHICLE-FREE AREAS FOR NESTING. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 8461 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife that depends upon Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I've been standing up for NPS; I hope NPS will continue to stand for wildlife.

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Correspondence: Thanks for this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The 7 Atlantic Ocean national seashores represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on our eastern seacoast, protecting habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife as well as providing a wild beach environment for the enjoyment of all Americans. ORV use impairs park resources by diminishing access and increasing safety hazards for pedestrian visitors and increasing wildlife mortality. But wildlife protections work. For several years, NPS 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, and protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. Threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the plan's implementation. Sadly, NPS 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, NPS 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." As a remedy, NPS must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation. In addition, a minimum of half the beach (33.5 miles) should be available year-round for only non-ORV users and wildlife, rather than only 26 as proposed. Thank you for considering my comments and for the dedication of the Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

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Correspondence: My family and friends have spent many pleasant hours as pedestrians and paying campers at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am very concerned about the proposed regulation that treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

--Dr. Cate Moses

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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: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. There should be more restrictions on OHVs areas where there are nesting grounds. Thank you.

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Correspondence: My husband and I support the protection of birds, sea turtles, and other marine life that will be eventually driven to extinction if vehicles are allowed to drive on the shores of Cape Hatteras. Families should also be able to enjoy the benefits of the beach without the worry of off road vehicles driving on the beach. We support management at the national parks. We need safeguards for wildlife and people from off-road drivers. Thank you, Carol & Burt Kline

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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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I take one or two beach vacations a year and finding beach areas with bird life is important to me.

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Correspondence: Protect the wildlife!

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Correspondence: your proposed regs on this issue are essentially quite lame.

The proposed regulations will control what happens at Cape Hatteras for decades and set a precedent for other national parks. A balanced plan would guarantee adequate space and protections for wildlife, while still allowing responsible beach driving in some areas so that all visitors can fully enjoy this national treasure. As written, the proposed regulation does not mandate specific, science-based protections for the wildlife that depends on the Seashore. In fact, it protects ONLY the rights of off-road vehicle users to drive on large areas of the beach to the exclusion of wildlife, it treats wildlife protection as optional, and it provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches. The National Park Service needs to know that people like you support management at your national parks that safeguards wildlife from off-road driving and balances the needs of all user groups

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The turtles and nesting birds must be protected or they will be gone. With all of the 4 wheel drive vehicles on the road today, people can drive almost anywhere with no thought given to the wildlife that depends on the beach to survive. It is your job to balance the beach activity between vehicle traffic and wildlife so do your job. If this means closing large sections of the beach to vehicle traffic during the spring and summer, so be it. You guys know far more about beach management than I, but I am sure you know how to make it work so that everyone (including the wildlife) gets a fair use of this precious environment.

Do not let the commercial interests run over you. Stand up and do your job to protect our wildlife. Thanks

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Correspondence: All wildlife habitats should be preserved, especially endangered species.

Protection after they are gone is useless.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Correspondence: Hatteras is a beautiful and peaceful area without the 4 wheelers who just leave trash and tracks in their wake. With the limited exception of the disabled, no motor vehicles of any kind need go off the paved NC12 (which by the way should be allowed to return to nature's plan as well because the repaving over imported sand is not working so well with the storms). Cape Lookout is so much nicer and the reason is the limited access so that boats only cross over to visit. There is less trash, less noise and a real sense of adventure there! Leave the space for the future generations of animals and children to enjoy and tell the 4 wheelers to use a track. I vote and I watch how YOU vote. Thank you for your consideration of my viewpoint, Anne L. Crews

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I see no reason for off-road vehicles to have access to areas that could cause harm to helpless animals. I think that these off-road vehicles should have only environmentally safe areas in which to drive!!

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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.

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.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Off-road vehicles on beaches are a serious threat to pedestrians and wildlife. If such use is allowed, it should be subservient to wildlife protection and pedestrian safety. Instead, the current plan elevates vehicle use to the most privileged use on the beaches. This is WRONG. Vehicle use should be restricted to limited areas where their negative impacts can be better controlled.

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Correspondence: Let's focus on preserving what we have. We have so many issues that need to be fine tuned before we make changes that have more impact than we know. Changes that preserve a healthy life for generations to come and economic decisions that put this country on a path to be self-sustaining should be most important!

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Dr. Elizabeth McNeil Arizona State University

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We have a responsibility to protect the wildlife in this area which has thrived for millions of years, and has seen a decline of over 80% in the last decade due to the lack of governance over the usage of these sensitive beach areas. Maintaining a pristine beach environment is not only the morally correct and responsible thing to do, it provides an escape from the noise and disruption of our over crowded and highly motorized world. For those seeking a place of relaxation, a beach where you can listen to the waves and the sounds of shore birds is a much better alternative to dodging speeding ORVs, I'd imagine that the majority of the population would agree.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Correspondence: Special Regs., Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Please allow me to speak up for the sea turtles and nesting birds by the seashore. I realize that people enjoy the beach in many forms, by foot, bicycle, and 4-wheeled vehicles. Surely it is possible to allow people to have paths that curcumvent the areas of intense need by these natural creatures.

Some creativity on our part can solve the problem and preserve these special animals for our children and grandchildren. I for one don't want to show my grandchildren a 4-wheeler and say that it survived instead of a sea turtle.

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Correspondence:	I think that all motorized vehicles of any type should be prohibited on all beaches. Being from Arkansas I have often visited beaches in Florida and Alabama where vehicles are prohibited and Texas where vehicles are allowed. The beachgoers in Florida and Alabama have more fun than those in Texas because it's more peaceful and they don't have to worry about being run over or hit by some beer soaked ATV driver ripping up and down the beach and making a lot of noise. Also the people who drive in bring way too much equipment in the form of large tents, BBQ grills, camping trailers, loudspeakers, coolers, school buses outfitted for camping, etc. All this junk doesn't belong on the public's beaches and it's certainly destructive to the native habitat. I was visiting Bolivar Island in Texas with an old friend who was an environmentalist for the USFWS and I looked at all the traffic on the beach. I said "Why do they allow all the cars and trucks out here?" He said " It's TEXAS Lucien! No laws in TEXAS!"						

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Received:	Aug.31.2011 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.

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.31.2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	I am a citizen who vacations at the Outer Banks. It never ceases to amaze me that the government allows driving on the beach, putting families and wildlife at risk. These drivers can do it sober, they can do it drunk. They can do it because you let them.						

This is done in the land of the "Brew-Thru."

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

Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback.

I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife.

I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Be brave, be bold, be daring. Stop this practice now, protect the wildlife, and protect children. People are watching what you are

going to do. The yahoos who destroy our beaches and our wildlife are watching as well.

What are you going to do?

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Huntington Beach, CA has done great things restoring the Bolsa Chica wetlands. We need to preserve these few remaining coastal areas.

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Correspondence: Please do not allow unrestricted use of off-road vehicles on the shores of Cape Hattaras. It has taken a heavy toll on endangered birds and sea turtles that need the beach to survive. We must protect these creatures from extinction - please! I support specific,

enforceable, science based protection for wildlife and additional vehicle free areas needed for nesting. Thank you for your consideration.

Burt Kline

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: This Country's wildlife is a national treasure and should be preserved for generations to come. Please protect our wildlife with rules that are specific and based on good science, not politics and partisan wrangling. In particular, please add additional protected areas for nesting birds and sea turtles. We can not have healthy populations of wildlife without protecting their ability to reproduce.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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I support regulations to manage ORVs that restrict their use of the beach. And I support the use of the beach by pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Correspondence: As someone who lives near the ocean, I can tell you that it is a stupid idea to allow vehicles of any sort on the beach. Don't you realize that eggs will be crushed along with crabs and other wildlife? This is the most ridiculous thing I've heard today.

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Correspondence: I hope the Park Service will prioritize the welfare of the wildlife in the parks and also making park areas family-friendly. Opening beaches and other areas, such as proposed for Cape Hatteras, puts the wants of motortized vehicle riders over the above. They can easily ride on other, less fragile paths. Their convenience should not override the welfare of the animals and the environment.

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Correspondence: As a biologist monitoring a California least tern nesting colony in northern California, I'm acutely aware of the countless challenges beach-nesting birds face. When there were miles and miles of undisturbed beaches and other undisturbed nesting locations and these birds could nest in dense colonies, they thrived. Now, thanks to developments, human intrusion, ORVs, dogs, and virtually countless predators, from birds, to coyotes, to spiders and ground squirrels, these birds face a gauntlet to get a single chick raised.

Please do absolutely everything necessary to protect these birds. ORV users can simply go jump in a lake.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Correspondence: I am writing on behalf of the members of the Lane County Audubon Society. Our members frequently visit the National seashore on birding trips and other expeditions. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Correspondence: Let's stop all this madness

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I grew up along the New England coast, moved away for years, and was horrified to visit and find the immense degradation that had taken place along Massachusetts shorelines on my return. There were places where we used to see plovers nesting that were covered with RVs and temporary structures to the point where you could hardly see any sand. This is just not right.

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Protecting the natural uses and the beauty of this area is far more important than having an open joyriding area for off road vehicles. Once destroyed it will be hard to reclaim the migrating and nesting bird populations. Thank you,

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The current management plan has helped sea turtle and beach-nesting bird species survive. I am very concerned that the new regulation unjustly and unreasonably favors off-road vehicles at the expense of native wildlife and those visitors who seeking a vehicle-free experience at one of our national treasures. The proposed plan will disregard these critical wildlife protection measures.

I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state.

Correspondence ID: 8584 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Nelms, Lois
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Correspondence: Re: ORV PROPOSED RULE (RIN 1024-AD85) ORV RULE (36 CFR Part 7 - SPECIAL REGULATIONS, AREAS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM, paragraph 7.58 Cape Hatteras National Seashore) July 20, 2011 Lois Nelms: NCBBBA Life Member Number 9160 POB 2202 Kitty Hawk, NC 27929-2202 I have been on the beaches of the Outer Banks of North Carolina nearly all of my 56 years and reside here full time. I am angry and disappointed with the ORV Beach Access situation that I believe came about because the National Park Service dropped the ball years ago. These are our beaches, "the public"; our beaches are and were designated as a Recreational Area long before the corrupt corporate entities came to our shores to steal our beaches from us. My family has fished, sun bathed, surfed, swam, boated, driven and combed the beaches of the Outer Banks for over 80 years. I want the same opportunities to be available to my five grandchildren and their children's children. In the early years we never had a 4WD; we drove 2WD vehicles from Hatteras to Oregon Inlet and crossed the ferry to Nags Head driving over Jockeys Ridge and along the sound to the rickety two lane wooden bridge at Kitty Hawk just to go to Elizabeth City or Norfolk. We drove the beaches of Va. Beach to Corova and up to Kitty Hawk along the coast to Oregon Inlet and back to Hatteras. We never KILLED a BIRD or any other creature. Now I am disabled by Line of Duty Injuries and cannot access the Point when I am required to walk over a mile to get there. Many of my friends, like me, face unimaginable pain and suffering now that we have to carry everything we need to fish. How do we take our grandbabies to these now remote areas? If left intact,

these new rules will effectively deprive us of our rights as citizens of these United States to enjoy our National Recreational Park. Our Quality of Life will be diminished and our reason for living and working on the Outer Banks will be definitively over. It is a fact that birds will not nest where there is continuous foot and vehicle traffic; they are much smarter than the people who say they are here to SAVE the birds. If you continue to close portions of the beach for a pair of birds, then yes, more birds will nest there. You are making a safe nesting area for them, where they would have never nested before. One pair nests and at day light, as soon as the foot and vehicle traffic picks up, the birds will know they are not safe and will move their nests. It is common sense. Thousands of birds nest and thrive on the offshore islands and within the protected dunes. There is no need to kill the Local and Visitor Human population to promote a group of people whose agenda is to close all beaches to all people. Are our rights to continue to live and interact with the environment we have known and protected so insignificant to the National Park Service and the United States Government? Is money from these corrupt organizations more important than a responsible communities' right to live and prosper? Stop the madness, protect those visitors who come here to visit and those of us here whose livelihoods depend on Beach Access and Vehicular and Pedestrian movement through-out our environment. I strongly agree with the following reasoning and proposals for changes to the more obviously objectionable items of the "Proposed Rule" for "VFA" Vehicle Free Area: Regulation Identifier Number: (RIN) 1024-AD85. c) (2) ORV Permits., While we will not support permits/fees, if they are instituted by the superintendent, he should limit their cost to a minimal amount that could be readily afforded by the average citizen. A visitor to this Seashore should not have to consider the cost of a permit when budgeting his/her family vacation. The \$150-\$200+ permit costs@some seashores is uncalled for in this Recreational Area. Any permit should be readily available on the internet, the NPS could not possibly process the volume of visitors arriving on a sunny Saturday in mid-summer thus creating unintended closures. (c) (7) Special use permits (iii) Transportation of mobility impaired individuals; We appreciate a permit being made available but to immediately remove the vehicle presents a safety issue for the impaired person. The driver must be allowed to keep the vehicle conveniently parked to allow a quick and orderly transport from the beach if the need should arise. (c)(9) ORV Routes Review the table DESIGNATED ROUTES, understand what this will do to limit the access to your traditionally, favorite areas whether they be for fishing, shelling, surfing, swimming or family recreating area. Write what is in your heart, without anger but be explicit. While the chart references ramps 2.5, 32.5, 47.5, 59.5 and several interdunal roads, no mention is made of how or when these routes will be constructed. Money is very slow coming from Washington (as evidenced in the recent end to the work On Bodie Island Lighthouse). Nothing should be closed unless or until these infrastructures are in place and usable. Parking areas must also be constructed to enable parking for all of the vehicles denied the right to park at favored areas. VFA's should not be permanently designated areas and only instituted when found necessary by the Superintendent [ie, (10) Superintendent's closures]. VFA's (Vehicle Free Areas, a new term being used and implemented within this Proposed Rule) will require additional off beach parking for those who chose to be pedestrians within the VFA's. If experience shows that VFA/s is not being regularly used by justifiable number of pedestrians these VFA's could/should be reopened for ORV use. This RULE should provide latitude to the Superintendent to adaptively alter designated routes, including the designation of new routes, to recognize the ever changing landscape of the beaches due to natural events and visitor use patterns. 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Stand up and speak for us. Sincerely: Lois Nelms Full Time Resident and Life Long Supporter of these beautiful Outer Banks of North Carolina. NCBBA Life Member No. 9160 cc: President Barack Obama 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20006 N.C. Beach Buggy Association POB 189 Nags Head, N.C. 27959

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I spent 9 beautiful years living in North Carolina, and one thing that made their beaches so special was the wildlife that now struggles to survive. The thing that draws my family and I still to state and national park areas is primarily wildlife and natural beauty. If there is a special interest group clamoring for ORV use, and a feeling that they just MUST be accommodated in some fashion, then I am certain that this can be done in a way that will continue protections for the national wildlife I - and most of the people I know - hold so dear.

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

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Correspondence: We encourage you to personalize the comments at this time with your own words. Be sure to mention any personal connection you may have, such as living nearby, vacationing at the Seashore, or enjoying peaceful recreation at another National Park.

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

I am a life long bird advocate and bird watcher. I'm also old enough to remember when shore birds where thick on the sandy beaches. My happiness has always depended on being able to be near the ocean to watch them go about their small lives, and to hear their calls. With the din of human machines and their wheels, has come crashing bird populations. We need to start respecting other species and protecting them from needless intrusion by human inventions. They will do the rest. They will recover if we protect them from ourselves.

Under the current management plan at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife.

Because both myself and my family members enjoy the beaches and shorelines of California so much, as an American citizen and as a nature lover, I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore.

These regulations need to include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians, like myself and my children's children, who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Adding Buffers to this plan is of vital importance!

Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade Cape Hatteras National Seashor

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Correspondence: Well, I am glad that we get to comment, so thanks for that. I live in Florida, and at Canaveral National Seashore we are FORCED to walk over the dunes that protect us from hurricane storm surge. No one seems to mind too much. We used to have at will driving on Daytona Beach, but people kept getting run over, or sometimes just lost their vehicles to getting stuck with a tide incoming. Then we found out about what we were doing to the sea turtle populations. Most of us down here have made our peace with NOT driving on the beach. And I think you really ought to have the folks who use Cape Hatteras National Seashore do the same.

Obviously a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations is preferable in my opinion. 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. As noted above, it's unnecessary, and unhealthy for wildlife, humans, and automobiles. It's just an inappropriate place for vehicles.

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. I urge you to include science-based protections (you know, take advantage of all the knowledge we have acquired regarding preservation of wildlife and habitat) 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: I am writing to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. With the damage wrought by Hurricane Irene, I believe preservation of Cape Hatteras National Seashore becomes even more important. I fondly remember numerous times my family drove from Ohio to vacation on Cape Hatteras and what a wonderful experience it was. After serious declines in bird and turtle populations, the current management plan at the Seashore has enabled sea turtles and beach-nesting birds to make a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include science-based specific and enforceable protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free, peaceful state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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We take advantage of Cuyahoga Valley National Park for biking and hiking and have vacationed at many National Parks in the East from Arcadia, to Shenandoah and Cape Hatteras, and in the West, Glacier, Grand Tetons, etc., and love the ability to really get away from noise and vehicles to the natural treasures. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to provide these comments.

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specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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I live in Huntington Beach, California. As someone who also lives by a beach, I can tell you that I would not want to have ORVs running rampant on my beach - not just because of the bird life that they disturb, but for the noise that they create and the destruction of the beach. I understand they have rights too, but so do the beach-going public - and the wildlife that was there before any of us!

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Correspondence: This summer I visited Cape Hatteras National Seashore and reveled in its natural beauty and rich biodiversity. Along the other beaches of the Outer Banks, we failed to find the tiny arthropods that were found in droves along the beaches of Cape Hatteras. The shore should be managed to protect and sustain the ecosystem, not maintain human entertainment.

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I am very upset 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. It is unbelievable that the ORVs might be considered more important than wildlife.

Do the proposed regulations really treat wildlife protection as optional? This, again, is unbelievable and 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. Our wildlife is part of our heritage and part of our future. ORVs are not.

Thank you for your consideration.

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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.

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Wildlife protection is not optional in my book. I pay federal income taxes toward maintenance of our priceless national parks and I am NOT in favor of allowing ORVs on any beach in the United States. People can park their vehicles and walk or run. We do not need our beaches spoiled by vehicle tire tracks and our wildlife frightened and crushed by careless drivers who are more interested in their cell phones than in what is around them on the seashore. I support pedestrian-friendly, vehicle-free beaches in national parks. Where ORVs are allowed their use continues to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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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 and other shore birds, I need to make sure that my voice is heard by the Park Service.

Please since I am an avid birdwatcher, I am requesting that you seriously consider restricting off road vehicle use that threatens this wildlife.

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Correspondence: I have been a visitor to Cape Hatteras for many years each summer. I am a degreed biologist and environmental scientist and do a fair amount of birding and wildlife watching while I am at the shore.

I want to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. Wildlife need protected areas to live and thrive. Humans use so much of the land and shore for their needs and wants. We need to leave some areas for wildlife to meet their needs as well. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses. Even for people, I enjoy the shore and dunes areas much more when there is peace and quiet, not motorized vehicles tearing through the landscape.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Catherine Hartman

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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.

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We 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:	I have just vacationed on Cape Cod and, among other things, enjoyed very much the bird and other wildlife I saw at the national parks there.						

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Correspondence: I am submitting Audubon's comments below, but actually I believe driving on beaches - and many other areas - should be totally prohibited. Not only would it preserve the natural characteristics of those environments and the wildlife from the direct effects of ORVs, but the amount of carbon emissions would be reduced, helping to control Global Warming! Every little bit helps!

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ORV use is unnecessary and is maiming or lethal to all wildlife living in it's destructive path. The management proposed does not protect wildlife as it should. They have no voice, I do, hence this letter

Larry Mahlis

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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,

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come to you.

We have fought that here in Missouri to get these units away from public use areas. You cannot carry on a conversation when they are running near by. All the wildlife flees and stays gone when the off-roaders invade.

What is the percentage of use for each? 1-5% for off roaders to 95-99% for regular public use. 100 acre park--write off 1-5 acres as waste land and let the off roaders destroy it and leave the rest of us in peace.

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Correspondence: People can have fun at the shore without driving on it. Long before there were cars there were people enjoying the shores. Why do you find it necessary to put driving on the shores of Cape Hatteras as important as seeing all the wildlife that call it home? It should not be equal. Thousands upon thousands of people do not have cars, should they suffer because of the few that do? Watching birds and saving them is more important than driving and killing them. We must put wildlife first!!!!!!

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Correspondence: 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

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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 according information from Defenders of Wildlife. 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 currently 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.

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 Sirs, Please vote to care or our wildlife, once it's gone we can never replace it. I fell like it's very important for our future. You take out a species and it messes up the whole cycle of life and that effects human life. Please vote to take care of our wildlife because it's important to our future. Thank you for listening, Vickie Guffey from Oklahoma.

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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. As an example in an area I am familiar with, the management of ORVs on several central coast California beaches has been successful in the protection of shore birds, their nesting habitat and young and in creating an environment beneficial to beach-goers and families that want to get away and enjoy a vehicle/noise free coastal experience.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Correspondence:	Hi. The 7 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 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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Correspondence: I am extremely upset that new rules would negatively impact species like Black Skimmers and Least Terns that have already suffered great population losses. Please see that this does not happen!

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I used to live on the Florida shore, and cleaning up after the off-roaders was a never-ending chore. Besides the beer bottles and oil-stains, they would run over the local fauna and topiary. Something has to be done, especially in places designated by the government as "don't screw this land up" territory. In time, this sentiment should be extended to all federally managed shorelines.

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Correspondence: Under recent NPS management of the Seashore, wildlife like sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have been doing better. However, there has continued to be conflict between people who drive on the beaches and those of us who believe there need to be specific protections in place for imperiled wildlife. The proposed plan tips this conflict in the direction of motorists, at the expense of wildlife and visitors who value undisturbed experiences. I urge the Park Service to add specific, science-based,

enforceable protections for beach-dependent wildlife, so as not to undo the progress that has been made in recent years. Like rampant snowmobile use in Yellowstone, unfettered vehicle use of Hatteras's beaches crosses the line in favoring "use and enjoyment" over the Park Service's mandate to protect for future generations.

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Correspondence: I am opposed to unrestricted off road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We need to protect & promote safe havens for out protected wildlife including piping plovers which nest on the beaches, turtles, all seabirds and other wildlife. Off road vehicles are not allowed in Southern Maine beaches and we still have problems protecting piping plovers.

I repeat my opposition to off road vehicles in pristine Cape Hatteras.

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Correspondence: Leave the beaches to the wildlife. They do not need or deserve what is being done to them by humanity....

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Correspondence: Please protect this beautiful National Seashore. I have visited there as a child and it holds special memories for me.

Thank you.

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Hank Ramirez

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When recently visiting Rockport, TX, I saw a protected area for nesting birds. This did not seem to interfere with the park or its visitors. Talk to those folks in Rockport for more info on what they did. And, it seems to be working.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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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.

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wildlife. We need regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will protect the species that depend on the Seashore only if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to tear up the Seashore.

Sincerely,

Isabelle Jolly

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As a New Jersey resident and frequent visitor to the Jersey shore for birding, I know how important it is to protect nesting areas for endangered plovers and other sensitive species.

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My family and I love to go outdoors, and our favorite thing to do on vacation is to find wildlife. There is so much value in animals!

Thank you so much for your consideration.

~Kristina Allen

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unrestricted use of noisy, polluting and destructive machines makes no sense. Unrestricted anything, in our National Parks and Seashore areas, makes no sense. If they make noise, pollute or destroy our Natural habitat, they should be banned.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: I would like to comment on the National Park Service's inadequate regulation plan proposed for ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The existing management plan at the Seashore has allowed sea turtles and beach-nesting birds to make a comeback. We need to keep these kinds of safeguards in place. The proposed new regulation seems to discount the importance of protecting wildlife. The survival of some of these iconic species (or even the common species) is important to me. I would think that this would also be important to the mission of the National Parks. Placating the ORV users is disruptive to other users who are equally important users of the seashore. Hikers, bird watchers and families who want to enjoy the beaches without hearing these obnoxious vehicles must far outweigh the numbers of ORV users! The management plan should set aside the majority of the space for passive use and wildlife protection. I support regulations that protect the species that depend on the Seashore by mandating specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not degrade peaceful enjoyment of the Seashore or harm the species that depend on this beautiful area. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Correspondence: The seashore is a special, unique place of enjoyment for many people, both in vehicles and on foot and is an essential habitat for many different wildlife species.

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Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am delighted that with the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a truly impressive comeback. However, I am extremely concerned that the proposed regulation does not provide protection for wildlife, and does little to provide areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife.

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One of the most important and unique pleasures of our National Parks is the chance to enjoy nature in a natural setting, away from the noise of vehicles & other city noises. And, to enjoy wildlife, free of harassment & danger of motor vehicles.

It appears that this regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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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

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Correspondence: To whom it may concern: Please do NOT allow Off Road Vehicles (ORV) to disturb the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. ORV destroy much more than the pleasure they can give. I recently returned from a camping trip where ORV had been severely restricted near FLAGstaff AZ and it was the best quality camping experience in years. Less dust and noise. ORV disturb other people who want to enjoy nature as well as destroying nature. Noise is pollution. The engine smell is air pollution and there is erosion to consider. Please do all you can to keep safe the natural wilderness areas we have left, especially Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The oceans do not need any more oil products polluting them. Thank you for our time and consideration of my thoughts. Moonshadow

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

Sincerely, Kim Wemer

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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. My family often visits the Seashore to enjoy the natural beauty and wildlife. Allowing vehicles on the beaches is not compatible with natural beauty, wildlife, or peacefulness.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments

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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. 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 the future.

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Correspondence: Please do what you can to protect All the birds and wildlife. We moved to the mountains 2 yrs. ago just to be near wildlife and birds, and unfortunately all our Squirrels are gone because of West Nile Virus and there are very few birds left. Please do all you can to protect these creatures and the environment for future generations to come. Thank You.

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew & Antonia Chianis

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Correspondence: Please take a moment to think about the impact we have on the critters of the world and ask yourself "what gives me the right"?

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

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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.

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Correspondence: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I have been coming to the Outer Banks since I was little, and now enjoy taking my family there. The Cape Hatteras I remember from my childhood was not overrun with vehicles, and it looked like a national park, not a parking lot. I hope we can one day see that Cape Hatteras again.

Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback, with some species setting records for reproductive success. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional vehicle free

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Correspondence: Thank you for providing a forum in which to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I feel the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional and favors the rights of ORV users over those of people wanting to enjoy vehicle-free beaches and who care about diverse species having a safe habitat.

I support regulations to manage ORVs within the seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Correspondence: There never is an excuse to endanger wildlife. We are part of nature not some ruling class. Please protect the land and keep human traffic out of it.

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Correspondence: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. My family and I have vacationed many times in the vicinity of Kill Devil Hills and we have traveled to Hatteras National Seashore for birding.

I live in Texas where any kind of vehicle is allowed to drive on the gulf coast beaches with almost no restrictions and the toll on wildlife is of great concern to me. I would hate to see Hatteras Seashore degraded in the same way. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife.

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specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Jean Lawrence Wildlife Biologist - Avifauna Grand Canyon National Park

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Correspondence: Under the current management plan at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. Any new regulations that threaten these threatened and endangered, beach-dependent wildlife must not be enacted. Specifically there are many areas in North Carolina specifically, and in the United States for ORV and other recreational activities that don't threaten specifically the wildlife that is absolutely dependent on beaches. Beach development in the U.S. is already so far advanced as to threaten many species of plants and animals adapted to beaches. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation inadequately protects wildlife, provides too few areas for families to enjoy noise- and vehicle-free beaches safely, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I strongly support regulations to manage ORVs within the restricted areas of the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Correspondence: The National Park Service is charged with protecting wild places. Allowing recreational vehicles in sensitive areas runs counter to this duty. The bird life at Cape Hatteras thrives because of restrictions on vehicles. Keep the bird life thriving, maintain the natural setting of the beaches, and permit no further use of the beaches by recreational vehicles.

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I personally never visit beaches where any vehicles are allowed. I prefer beaches in their natural state, and vehicles detract too much. In addition, I find it distressing to see snowy plovers and other endangered birds being threatened by vehicles. I would strongly prefer vehicles of all kinds be banned, but if there must be a compromise, at least there should be safe areas for visitors like me and for wildlife. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife

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Correspondence:	Regarding Cape Hatteras National Seashore and potential regulations for driving off-road vehicles on the shoreline, I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						

Protecting sea turtles, piping plovers and all of our natural, national heritage is the responsible course of action.

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The Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center (USFS) in my home town of Juneau Alaska makes a major effort to protect the many nesting birds (such as Arctic Terns) that visit each spring. This type of care should be the bare minimum goal for practices of the National Park Service!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Wilderness, wildlife, and nature protections are not luxuries! If we destroy nature, we ultimately destroy ourselves.

For me, I would ban all motorized ORV from all beaches and wilderness areas (and most non-motorized vehicles too), but if we're too short-sighted to do that, we can at the very least support regulations to manage ORVs within the Cape Hatteras Natl Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state.

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Correspondence: I support specific regulation of Off Road Vehicles on North Carolina's Outer Banks. I oppose any ORVs on the Outer Banks for two reasons: 1) I am a mother of a little boy, and I do not want to take him to a beach where there is ANY potential for him to be hit by an ORV. I hope it will not take a tragedy for this unsafe practice to be banned. 2) Before I had a child I went to the Outer Banks for many years with my family - I have many fond childhood memories of the beaches there. My family and I often wondered why people would want to drive on the beaches. It was unsafe and disrupted the serene beauty of the place. When we go to the beach we want to be still - we want to let the ocean and the scenery and the breezes relax us. A noisy ORV disrupts that experience.

I hope that regulations will be enacted to protect the safety of beach tourists, coastal wildlife, and the Seashore itself. I truly cannot understand why this practice is still allowed. My family and I just returned from a week of vacation at Ocean Isle Beach - we did not choose to stay on the Outer Banks in part because I feel that ORVs are unsafe and I don't want to take my child to a place where off-road driving is permitted.

It is a shame that the sanctity of the Outer Banks - a truly unique place - is in jeopardy so that a few may operate ORVs. I hope the regulations will both limit this practice and authorize law enforcement to take action against those who violate the regulations.

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Correspondence: Please protect our rare birds.

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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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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Again, keep all ORVs off the beaches!

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am asking Cape Hatteras National Seashore be left alone and not turned into a park for ORV's. The park/beaches should be left

soft and pristine for people to enjoy - not compacted for vehicles. In regards to wildlife, a vast majority of the population takes their families to areas where they can see, experience and enjoy the native species, and species traveling through. It's more meaningful when you can experience first hand the wonderful biodiversity of a given area, vs a picture in a book or movie. The "ohhhh" moments come from seeing, touching and knowing at the moment.

Our biodiversity can be and should be protected so generations can experience the "ohhh" moments. We need to walk more and drive less. Those who opt for the "vehicles" are not taking into consideration the needs of the future generations, but their wants for the moment. Resources are declining, air quality compromised, noise levels ever increasing Please protect the beaches and the wildlife that depends on them.

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I'm commenting on the proposed new regulations for ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The regulations now in place have generated a tremendous comeback of shore nesting birds and turtles. The proposed regulation gives ORV users the right to use the whole beach, without regard to the animals, or even the families and children who also have the right to enjoy this National Area. Buffers and other safeguards would ensure the protection of wildlife, without banning the ORV. I have found that some of these "recreationists" think a right to use ORV means a right to use them any and every where. The vehicles are noisy, smelly and potentially dangerous and destructive when used in public areas, and there should be limits placed on their use. Many people visit this area, and all national parks, to enjoy the wildlife, and anything that damages and threatens them should be curtailed and regulated. Thank you.

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Correspondence: Please limit the ORV to the smallest area possible.

We need to offer sanctuary to our wildlife to ensure their continued existence.. We also need to protect the rights of people who wish to enjoy the outdoors in it's more natural state, without the noise, pollution and damage of vehicles.

The world is full of places to drive, lets keep vehicles on the many roadways already designed for that purpose. We have a rapidly dwindling amount of nesting areas and they need to be protected at all costs. We owe it to the wildlife, to ourselves, and to future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kira Sunderland

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Correspondence: Please do not allow the destruction to continue. it has become a crisis. As a result of a settlement with conservationists who had sued the Park Service to halt the damage at Big Cypress, a bold, multi-year strategy to close trails to secure habitat for creatures such as the endangered Florida panther and Cape Sable seaside sparrow, as well as heal land scars and deploy scientists to assess damage.

A rare female loggerhead sea turtle while attempting to nest on the night of June 25, 2010, on the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, was struck dragged approximately 12 feet and killed by an ORV. Her eggs were strewn across the sand. Another nearby loggerhead sea turtle was run over and killed on June 24, 2010, by an ORV or multiple ORVs, crushing the eggs in that nest. The callous disregard of posted signs regarding the nighttime beach driving restrictions during turtle nesting season did not deter the off road vehicle (ORV) drivers and did not protect the turtles. (In fact, when NPS posted 100 new signs in Big Cypress telling riders to stay out of closed prairie areas and wetlands, within weeks 85 had been torn down or vandalized.) Thus proving a need for stringent, enforced regulation that mandates specific, science-based protections. A limited/restricted area for ORVs is necessary to curb the harmful ever-increasing environmental impact. Common sense limits need to be applied, including keeping some critical habitats vehicle-free and restricting vehicles to designated routes, also adding buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. Vehicles fragment and desolated critical habitats, disrupt normal behavior of wildlife. The ever-increasing number of dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and other off-road vehicles have reached a critical level. It is common knowledge over use and a disregard of wildlife and humans accrue. Uncontrolled or otherwise unregulated off

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One thing that struck me equally just as much was the fact that trucks are allowed to drive on the beach, along the shoreline. I was stunned! Having grown up in southern California, lifeguard and other emergency vehicles are the only autos we ever see on the beaches.

Why in the world are personal automobiles allowed to drive on the fragile Cape Hatteras coastline where shorebirds feed, and threatened turtles lay eggs? To go fishing? Why can't people drive to the beach and then carry their gear to the shore as on the west coast?

I urge you to prevent the DISRUPTION and DAMAGE these vehicles cause to wildlife, and the EYESORE they bring to this gorgeous part of our country. Please stop public vehicle access to Cape Hatteras beaches. Sincere thanks you for your consideration!

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The National Seashore on Cape Cod in Massachusetts has such guidelines that protect these struggling species. Please protect in kind on Cape Hatteras.

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The wildlife that depend on the Seashore for their homes, food, and reproduction have a right that far supersedes that of ORV-riders. These species deserve the highest level of protection. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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In light of the recent damage to the Outer Banks from hurricane Irene, preserving this fragile ecosystem is more important than ever. The unique character of North Carolina's Outer Banks is in jeopardy, and ORV's positively do not contribute to the peace and tranquility of the environment. Unconcerned riders can roar over fragile dunes, nesting birds, and turtles, leaving destruction in their wake. Recent photos of our battered coast should remind us all exactly how vulnerable these beaches are. Every effort

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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.

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For far too long, our country has run rough-shod over our fellow species sharing this land. These species have more right to survive than our need to allow our human species to frivolously waste our precious fossil fuels.

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Please keep Off Road vehicles off the beach.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely, Glenda Kleeman

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Correspondence: As an advocate for the environment, and as one who understands that wildlife are vital in balancing and sustaining a healthy ecosystem, I would like to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. As you are aware, 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. Our bipartisan forefathers took great pains to conserve and protect our pristine wild lands, and I would like that American heritage to continue. 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. However, wildlife protections work. 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. Because of the Park's temporary plan protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. Unfortunately, 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) 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." By remedying this, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation. Please consider my comments and thank you for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving the heritage of America's natural treasures for future generation

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Please don't make the situation worse.

Thank you.

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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: Let's keep wild places wild . . . that doesn't mean to fill them with noisy, air fouling, off-road vehicles that are a threat to all wildlife.

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Correspondence: I am glad to see that you are reaching out to the public before finalizing proposed regulations for managing ORV use at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I feel that you have done a good job with the current management plan, which has allowed endangered beach-nesting birds and sea turtle to make a great comeback after their numbers fell precipitously in the past.

But I am quite concerned about the proposed regulation. Both families and wildlife need vehicle-free beaches. I would support a plan that includes specific science-based protections for wildlife, like non-driving buffers around nests, and pedestrians who want to enjoy a National Seashore in a natural state, without vehicles. Clearly this depends on enforcing regulations limiting the impact (physical, auditory, visual, and environmental) of motorized vehicles.

I see plenty of vehicles of all sorts in my everyday life. I always appreciate the opportunity to escape from them when I go to one of our National Parks.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you.

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My family has always loved to visit important Bird Areas. We learn about bird migration, resting, and feeding needs and behaviors. My grandmother started taking me birding when I was about 9 years old. We walked and used binoculars, and enjoyed the peace and beauty of the shore lands. We learned about maintaining respectful, healthy distances from resting and nesting wildlife. Please protect the wildlife of the Seashore, and the quiet natural beaches that families enjoy. At 9 years old, 49,

and 79 -- we all thank you.

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Correspondence: Please restrict ORV use on our beaches! The animals who live there need our help, and the use of these vehicles is destructive and unnecessary. If people want to see the beaches they should be walking and taking the chance to get exercise, not unnecessarily polluting and destroying the homes of innocent animals.

Thank you.

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Correspondence: The entire shoreline unrestricted? Come on. Balance it out with protected areas. Thank you.

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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. 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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We have seen for ourselves how necessary it is to protect these creatures who roost and nest on the beach from injury and death by vehicles driving along shore.

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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.

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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.

Yours sincerely, Lisa Togni

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Correspondence: I am committed to taking care of our great outdoors and support efforts to ensure our natural resources are available now and for future generations to enjoy. Numerous, long-established ORV routes are being closed without a commonsense basis, far outweighing what is needed for resource protection. Vehicle-Free Areas should be instituted only when found necessary and should be the smallest size possible. The final ORV plan's night driving restrictions are based on supposition rather than science and should not be included in the final plan. Never was there a reported incident of a turtle death caused by a vehicle, until 2010 with night driving restrictions already in place. ORV permits add an unnecessary impediment to a time-honored tradition of accessing and enjoying the seashore's public resources, particularly if set at a cost that could not be readily afforded by the average citizen.

Please keep our beaches free and open to ORV access. It's a tradition.

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, As a visitor to Cape Hatteras, a biologist and one who wishes to visit sites that support both natural beauty and conservation of uncommon and declining species, I am appalled that the Park Service would protect Off-Road Vehicle users to a greater extent than the uncommon wildlife that we are fortunate to still have in the Hatteras.

Wildlife that depend on seashores for breeding and foraging are declining steeply worldwide under the habitat destruction caused by beachfront development and human use. The Hatteras provides a yet undeveloped and vital breeding habitat for declining species such as sea turtles and the endangered piping plover. It is deplorable that the Park Service would exclude ORVs from only 26 or the total 67 miles of seashore in its proposed regulations. In doing so the Park Service would wipe out all the gains of the previous three years of ORV exclusion that saw sea turtle nests rebound from 82 to 153.

ORV riders are only a small fraction of the users of the Hatteras, yet to please this vocal minority you would push sear turtles and piping plovers a step closer to extinction. ORVs drive birds and other wildlife away with their noise and crush the fragile eggs of turtles and plovers, as well as the helpless nestlings and new turtle hatchlings.

I urge you to rethink this reckless and irresponsible policy and afford these declining species the protection they so desperately need.

Sincerely, Lilian Shen

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Thank you.

Lois D. Carlson

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Wildlife protection should be never be seen as expendable.

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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Please develop areas where breeding animals and others can maintain their activities.

Respectfully,

Craig E. Hunter

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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 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 request that the Park Service support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. It is imperative that we keep this area pristine and natural

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People and wildlife including birds have a right to use the beaches without being disturbed by ORVs. There need to be areas set aside without ORVs.

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Correspondence: Concerning Special Regulations, Areas on National Park System: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001)

It is with great concern for the wildlife and the destruction to public beaches that I am writing to ask that driving motor vehicles on beaches be controlled. Last summer I spent a vacation in the northern section of the Outer Banks, the area where only 4 wheel drive vehicles can drive. I had never been to this part of the beach, and assumed (incorrectly) that it would be a remote and quiet area. What I learned is that it is like lying on a freeway with water on the other side. I had my dog along, had to keep her tied up the entire time so she would not get hit by a truck or SUV racing up and down the beach. We tried to play bocci ball, throw frisbie and just relax on the beach. Not possible with the constant flow of traffic. What I did not realize was the public likes to drive up and down the beach for a past time. Some people come up for the day to fish, others to lay on the beach, then leave afterwards. I will never, ever, go to this area again. Farther down on the lower part of the island, driving on the beach is rampant, but not as bad as the northern section. This is not what I consider a good time. Some people might, I do not. But the worst part is, the birds, horses and other animals that call this place home, are being invaded and run out of their homes. It is sad.

There must be an alternative to this. Please limit the driving on the beaches. I understand it cannot be completely stopped, but there needs to be regulation and control of how many people are driving (many getting stuck in the sand) and polluting the air and water with toxic fumes and debris.

Thank you Robin Konrad

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Correspondence: Here are my comments.

The Atlantic seashore is a treasure trove of wildlife species. These species must be protected for future generations. The park service is charged with protecting the Hatteras National Seashore for these future generations. Vehicles should be permitted in only specified areas. Vehicle free areas must be designated and the designations enforced. The parks services' plan falls far short in 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."

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Correspondence: Every time we cause an extinction, we as humans are one step closer to our own extinction. Save our national shorelines. Save all life forms!

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I am writing to urge all members of Congress to get on track and start working together not only to address the latest natural disaster our country has faced during the last few days as a result of a climate condition called global warming and the likelihood the longer we as a nation wait the more costly and the more violent these storms will occur.

It seems to me as a registered democrat voter and an educated college graduate with a majority of my academic time spent studying the sciences and policies necessary to make these solutions a reality it means that as elected representatives someone needs to stop the partisan agruing and work to get Americans employed.

Currently it seems like a lot of rebuilding will be necessary and take the measures to make sure that it updates these old technologies of the past few decades. If monies are going to be extended to replace roads, houses, and communities try to incorporate new technological advances that will help not only the people hurt by these storms but will make the likelihood of another type of storm wiping out the rebuilding a lower probability.

I work now basically for free caring for a family member who has the onset of dementia. I have had three interviews since graduating from college in May 2011 which were not in my field of study.

Please take on the challenge of creating natural resource careers which help protect ecosystems and help the wildlife in these coastal and inland areas weather the storm.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Buck A registered voter

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Correspondence: It is so political and so bloody unscientific to allow ORVs to drive hither and thither across public lands in general and critical areas like nesting sites in particular. The least you could do would be to post/isolate these critical areas and keep the machines out.

As you can see from my comment above, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Still, I am angry that I and other reasonable individuals have to belabor the obvious or lose out to the aggregate of ORV users and wild lands abusers. It is so damned irritating.

Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. (That's the point. Leave the critters alone and they will sustain themselves) I am very concerned (no, I am bewildered and mad and I won't take it anymore) that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to

safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support (I demand) regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state (Yes! Yes!). The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Science based!!! Got that? Not special interest ORV based.

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The wildlife in this area is important to the community and helps to maintain the integrity of the seashore by keeping it as natural as possible.

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This is a "no brainer" as usual. Save the endangered wildlife and the seashore.

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It is important that we balance our approach so that natural wildlife will get equal consideration with humans. After all, it is their very lives that are at stake not just entertainment

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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.

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Some years ago, I conducted field research on colonial beach-nesting birds on the Mid-Atlantic Coast. I was lucky to work at The Nature Conservancy's Virginia Coast Reserve where public access to critical beach habitats is strictly controlled. I was stunned to learn on a trip to Cape Hatteras National Seashore, however, that off-road vehicles were allowed to traverse similar beaches in North Carolina, limiting and degrading habitat for terns, skimmers, plovers, migrating shorebirds, sea turtles, beach tiger beetles, and other wildlife. Given the fragility of beach systems, their inherent dynamism, and that they represent a tiny ribbon of life for these species, I strongly oppose ORV use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

While wildlife use of those beaches has been ongoing since the Atlantic shoreline took shape during the Pleistocene, the practice of humans driving vehicles on those beaches has barely a 100-year history. Clearly the national treasure that is the Cape Hatteras National Seashore stems from its potential to support native wildlife than as yet another place where people can play with their expenses toys.

I recommend a complete moratorium on recreational ORV use on the Seashore, both to provide additional habitat for native wildlife and increased, safer recreational opportunities for pedestrian visitors. Surely a science-based approach to management could be developed to make legitimate exceptions to my proposed moratorium, as needed. The spirit of my comments remain, however: the National Seashore is a showcase of nature and a vital component of a conservation strategy for species of international priority. Wildlife must be considered first in a revised management plan for the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: My home is in North Florida and I make extensive use of the beaches, seaside parks and national wildlife refuges in my state and along the east coast of the US. If I had my "druthers", I would ban (or severely restrict) all vehicles except for emergency or official vehicles from beaches everywhere. There is absolutely no "up-side" to vehicular travel on our beaches.

That said, I very much appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please protect our national seashores from the damage done to them by recreational vehicles. The loss of visitors by regulation of recreational vehicles on beaches will be small compared to the national loss of endangered and protected species that these vehicles threaten. Protect these species for my children and yours. They deserve a chance to see how special our national seashores are to the vast number of plants and animals species that call it home.

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I've visited this area several times, always for it's extensive bird and wildlife. My tourism dollars are a direct result of appropriate protection of the wildlife on these beaches, and I feel very strongly that vehicles should strongly restricted in the few areas that these animals have left. The recreational pastime of a few people should not impact the natural heritage of future generations!

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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.

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 help make these changes effective ASAP to protect the wildlife from endangerment.

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

Having visited Cape Hatteras' beaches and appreciating their natural beauty in am concerned of the effect of ORV use.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Susan Blansett

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Correspondence:	We have no time to waste regarding the protection of these birds.						

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Correspondence: please protect the habitat areas and the birds that live there.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Fragile environments need to be handled carefully. Off-road vehicles are not good for fragile environment, period! You might think that you can clean up after these vehicles, but it can take 100 years for a meadow to come back to nature with alot of work.

Correspondence ID: 8950 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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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.

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. 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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Correspondence: If there are any animals that next on the beaches or in areas on the ground where ATV's are able to ride - it should most definitely be taken into consideration.

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Name: private
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To quote Aldo Leopold: "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, the stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise." The National Parks should provide not only access for recreation, but protection of those inhabitants which make these wild places so special.

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Correspondence:	Keep vehicles and people out of these special areas, so to protect our wildlife. People have taken up 99% of all areas in our country and on earth. Lets save what is left for other species!!!! STAY OUT OF THESE SPECIAL AREAS OF OUR NATIONAL PARK SYSTEMS..						

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Saving every animal we can is of the utmost importance. Only we can help them and now is the time before it's too late.

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Correspondence ID: 8969 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

Corporate fascism, widespread corruption and gestapo tactics are ruining our country. I'm very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

After the AIG bailout noone should be reelected.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.Our real riches are our biological diversity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Governor Perry is already a Bilderburger.

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Correspondence: Dear Park Service,

I am for stronger regulations that protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore from human encroachment, especially off road vehicles which do little more than tear up and destroy pristine beach and wildlife areas and harm nesting wildlife in the process. Off road vehicles need to be strictly monitored, regulated, and citations issued to offenders that break rules that protect habitat and wildlife. I think most, if not all of Cape Hatteras 67 miles should be vehicle free. We already face a crisis in this country of ever dwindling wildlife areas and just making 26 miles vehicle free is not enough. Make a statement Park service that you feel the same way!

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Correspondence: We need to protect this land !!!!

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Jacqueline

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: You are commenting on a Proposed Rule: Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0001)

STOP THE MADNESS!

Correspondence ID: 8985 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a lover of our beautiful National Parks, and have birded along the outer banks many times. They are an important nesting and wintering area for many birds, some of them endangered. Please consider the birds when making rules for vehicle access to the beaches. It is possible for birds and vehicles to co-exist, but not if the drivers are given free rein to go wherever they wish and the birds are not protected. Thank you

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Correspondence: WE SHOULD PROTECT ALL LIFE ON THIS PLANET

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As a bird-watcher, I am very concerned about the proposed regulation for managing ORV use by the National Park Service 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 of this matter.

Very respectfully,

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I visited the area many times and enjoy watching the wildlife present on the beach and in the sky. Please protect the wildlife in this region of the world.

Thank You for allowing me this opportunity to comment.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned about the destructive effect of ORVS on our seashores, and I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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We ignore our dependence on the web of all life at our peril. A life without what we call wildlife is impossible.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens wildlife, sea turtles, shore birds.

Thank you in advance,

Zaida Muniz Luciano Muniz Cesar Camera Bram Benjamins Antonio Vandermollen Aida Mendez Lo Pearl Cortez Lani Hernandez Nathaniel Stein

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: There has already been too much building on Cape Hatteras. Leave the wildlife alone. They are the quality of life which was Cape Hatteras. The vacationers and these vehicles pollute the air and emit a loud sound. If visitors want MTV's etc. they can go inland on a town, city, or country road. They don't need to take away the beauty of that has attracted the investor and visitor.

Way to go government keep contributing to eroding quality of life and land! Keeping ruining what is beautiful and precious!
 Again government for business and money not for the quality of life.

Thank you.

PS . My experience in a state of sprawl!

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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 specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

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Correspondence: I support a complete ban on motor vehicles on sandy shorlines owned by the people of this country.

I am a retired wildlife biologist who has spent many hours watching birds and people on the Long Beach Peninsula, Washington. Snowy Plovers nest at the northern end. Other species of shorebirds forage along the entire peninsula.

Disturbance of the foraging shorebirds occurs with just people walking or clamming. But motor vehicle use is particularly disruptive. The purposeful disturbance of birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act violates the Act. That violation occurs often by drivers swerving to cause birds to fly. This disruption decreases foraging time and increases energy expenditure.

The people, through our Congress, have determined that birds, turtles, and sea mammals are an important part of our country's and planet's value by passing laws that protect them. All government agencies have a responsibility to establish and enforce regulations that protect these species.

A 1984 Memorandum of Understanding among the Federal land management agencies states that your responsibility is to "Use its authorities to further the purposes of the ESA . . ." among other agreements to protect species from even being listed.

I strongly recommend that the National Park Service prohibit all motor vehicles on the beach except for emergency vehicles.

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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. 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. 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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Wildlife and wildplace conservation are key to the mission of my national parks and what I value about the US Park Service. As part of that I enjoy my national parks on foot. I am concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife.

In other Seashores or parks, ORVs are not allowed on the beach so I was shocked to see them in Hatteras and it ruins the park experience for many visitors as well as endangering wildlife and pedestrians. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

I urge you to really consider the vehicle death of animals in Cape Hatteras. These animals cannot be victims of humans with no heart that just do not care about the wild life. I really appreciate and count with your understanding.

Sincerely, Victor A Aminger

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Correspondence: Please consider that wildlife need a safe place also. Is it really necessary to allow orvs so much freedom just to take it away from the wildlife; after all, this is their home also? Please consider how sad it is that these animals have nowhere to be safe.

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These animals have a hard enough time from natural predators let alone allowing off road vehicles onto this beach Natural predators are just that "natural" but off road vehicles are UNNATURAL. and need to be restricted from this area period. What on earth are you thinking when you are even considering this, would you allow these people to drive all over a park where other people are walking playing with their children freely what do you think would happen a child got in the way of these off road vehicles, "Oh I didn't see the child, I'm sorry I ran him over"! the same thing is going to happen to these animals they are going to get run over as well. But no one is even going to take notice. These kind of people don't care about these animals or the impact they are making on this enviroiment but YOU SHOULD CARE.

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Correspondence: Your job is to protect wildlife for future generations. Do your job!

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Correspondence: I wish to take the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing off-road vehicle use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management regime, beach-nesting birds like plovers have made a remarkable comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation provides very few vehicle-free beaches, largely disregards important wildlife protection (in some cases of species that are already near the brink), gives ORV users _carte blanche_ to drive on extensive areas of the beach, ignoring concerns of pedestrians, birders, and other beach users, and runs roughshod over commonsense measures for wildlife protection. I very strongly support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include clearly articulated, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free environment. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only be effective in preserving populations of the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates very specific, science-based protection measures, such as vehicle-free buffer zones around nests of shore birds, many species of which (like the Piping Plover) are endangered. Please add buffers and other appropriate wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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Correspondence: I am commenting as a member of the National Audubon Society and as a private citizen. # I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses. The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. My wife and I have been going to the outer banks to celebrate our anniversary for a number of years, and we love the national seashore, especially its birds and other wildlife. What we DON'T love is the arrogant ORV drivers who think of nothing but their own selfish desires, who could care less about the wildlife that needs the seashore for survival, and that cannot stand the disruption of their breeding activities. Their desires for noise and speed recreation are no more important than mine for observation and contemplation, and neither of our desires is more important than the needs of birds and wildlife. Please restrict ORV usage to areas not sensitive for wildlife, and include tough sanctions to protect wildlife.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help save our wildlife!

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect seabirds and sea turtles by not allowing unlimited driving on beaches by offroad vehicles. These wonderful animals cannot speak for or protect themselves. They cannot protect their nests from ATVs. It is up to us to do so.

Thank you, Jane Bradshaw

Correspondence ID: 9056 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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. If it was up to me, ORVs would not be permitted on the Seashore, period, no exceptions. But I am willing to compromise.

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, and increase significantly the area that ORVs are banned.

Thank you for your consideration.

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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,

Correspondence ID: 9058 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I support a NPS decision to completely remove ORV access to the protected beaches on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

ORV access on protected beaches is a serious threat to an already declining wildlife ecosystem. It is the responsibility of the National Park System to protect this wildlife and the NPS should do so by disallowing all ORV access.

While responsible human contact is another goal for NPS, it should not come at the expense of the unique environment found here.

On an unrelated note, I also support a decision NOT TO FILL the newly created inlet on Pea Island. New inlet creation is inevitable and should be allowed. The use of a Ferry System would be a better use of tax payer dollars and would be the the best decision for the ecosystem in the area. Please see research document found at <http://www.ecu.edu/geology/NCCoastsinCrisis.pdf> fore more information on this topic.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I am shocked to learn that the National Park Service has not made protecting the habitats of nesting shorebirds at Cape Hatteras a PRIORITY. Off Road Vehicles do more damage than just for the birds and sea turtles. The noise from ORVs is a big detraction for those wishing to enjoy the quiet of the seaside beaches. Assateague NAtional Seashore was a favorite place for us for many years, and it also needs to make certain it protects its nesting shorebirds, sea turtles, and horseshoe crabs - that provide lots of eggs for the migrating birds. A balanced plan would guarantee adequate space and protections for wildlife, while still allowing responsible beach driving in some areas so that all visitors can fully enjoy this national treasure. With the economy causing little focus on environmental concerns, we must be able to rely on THE NAtional Park Service to protect the wildlife under their care. Charlotte Gourley, Sedona, AZ

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It seems to me that letting drivers use the beach must really spoil it for many people who want to be on foot and free to explore the very special opportunity to be on the sand and investigate the unique creatures a beach offers....and also to have family activities possible only on the beach.

Keep the vehicles off the beach, please.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Roger Upson

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Correspondence: Please do all you can to protect the environment and non-human species from human impact! The need for environmental and species protection from humans has never been greater. The malignant right wing has sold out the environment and species at risk.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: regulate off-roading in hatteras and save the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 9080 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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.

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: 9081 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I contend that OTR vehicles should be banned from National Parks because of the crazy way they drive. To protect not only our national wildlife, but also people and children from getting run over

http://www.ehow.com/how-does_5452540_effects-off-roading-wildlife.html Could not get this to upload

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Correspondence: Man's interference with the environment has reached catastrophic proportions. The native species that nest at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore should not be threatened by off-road vehicle use. People who want to enjoy the shore can walk!

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: protect wildlife by all means !!!!!!!

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I'm writing to say that I support regulations that support birds and turtles and other natural resources in Cape Hatteras and all your park.

Thank you for listening to those who care deeply about National Parks for people and wildlife.

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Please take action asap! Its the future

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Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter as well as the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Name: private

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Off Road vehicles should not be on beaches except for Park Service personnel. Walking is better.

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Name: private

Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

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Correspondence: 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 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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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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Correspondence: 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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

My family and I enjoyed quite a few vacations at the Outer Banks. 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. Nicole Cruz

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments and I urge to act asap! Time is running out.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

As an animal lover I try to do whatever I can to donate or encourage those with the ability to protect the environment for the many wonderful creatures in our universe and their specific habitat, not only for them but also for us right now and in the future. Please do all you can. Thank you.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Hello : I have been going to the Outer Banks of NC since the mid 1960s. I love the place. But I have seen big declines in some of the wildlife since those times. The first week of August I stayed in Avon and witnessed first hand several folks getting their SUVs and pickups stuck in the sand not 100 yards from turtle nest fencing. The folks were lousy drivers and had to be towed out, leaving huge divots in the sand from waters edge all the way to the dunes. I say they should walk like the rest of us and not make such a mess of the place. There are plenty of access points, and I am a surfcast fisherman myself.

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Please adopt specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. ORV's cannot be allowed to take precedence over threatened and endangered species.

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Many avian species depend on the Seashore for food and nesting. The proposed regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. ORVs have come to dominate the Seashore, to the serious detriment of both wildlife and pedestrians. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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Correspondence: I have personally seen the havoc that off road vehicles wreak upon sensitive beaches and the wildlife that shelter in them. When the vehicles travel over the beaches, they destroy the dune grass which promotes erosion of soil and creates "blowouts" which create dune instability, kills trees and other shore plant life which provide the support for shoreline animals and birds. Further, they disturb and destroy nesting sites of shore birds and turtles.

In addition, they create noise and traffic hazards for others on the beach who are on foot. The noise is also disruptive to wildlife on the shore.

Please protect the Cape Hatteras Seashore against the degradation that off roading increases and encourages.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: The bottom line is wildlife and its surrounding natural habitats are ruined both for the animals and people who wish to enjoy these areas by noise, pollution, and physical destruction caused by off road vehicles.

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

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Correspondence: I am President of an Audubon chapter and we are very concerned about the declines of numerous shorebird species. Their habitat needs protection!

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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9120 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 9121 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31.2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a resident of a coastal state and lover of migratory birds, I would like to see the beaches protected for nesting birds such as terns, gulls and other shore birds. Our state has spent a great deal of money providing and maintaining roads for vehicles. Please leave our beaches for people and the birds who live there.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please continue to protect wildlife by restricting O.R.V. use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 9124 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife that depends on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 9125 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I believe that ATVs should be banned in all national parks, especially the most ecologically fragile along our shores and in our deserts.

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: The precious creatures of our world, & the habitats that they rely on, a place they thrive, & call home, the natural beauty of this planet is what makes our world so special, & beautiful to know such amazing beauty fulfills our planet, & makes our lives so much more special, & beautiful to have such precious beauty to share our home with. It is unconscionable, & shameful to bring it to it's total demise, due to senseless, & ridiculous purposes, for it is downright shameful to let it all get destroyed, for any reason at all. With all the habitat loss on our planet already, & loss of creatures due to global warming, pollution, clear cutting, lack of

protection, etc., it is so important to protect the beauty of this world that we do have, for it would be heartbreaking to see more loss on our planet. God created such a beautiful world for us to live with so breathtaking habitats, & sweet creatures, & it is shameful how we are disrespecting it, & letting it all get destroyed. Please, let's protect the world that God created, & please let's always have the natural beauty, & our amazing wildlife as part of our world for future generations to endure the amazing creations of our Almighty God.

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Correspondence: Please protect natural habitats and wildlife. off road vehicles are not appropriate in National Parks

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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.

Virginia H. Perry 360-600-1237

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Clarence T. Bird, Ph.D.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 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 the use of these vehicles and save the beauty of this area and its animals.

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Name: private

Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

My family vacations regularly in this area. We appreciate the ability to drive on parts of the beach, but I would rather give this up than endanger wildlife that has such a tough time already.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. It is very important for the future of wildlife and the environment as well as safety of people that are on the beach.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is imperative that you protect shoreline wildlife through specific, enforceable, science-based regulations. You must adopt regulations to provide vehicle-free areas for nesting shoreline wildlife.

Thank you, Kathleen Stevens

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Correspondence: The proposed regulations for Cape Hatteras would give all the benefit to ORVs, not wildlife. ORVs and their drivers are, unfortunately, not in danger of extinction. Regulation should be based on science and give proper protection to native wildlife. National parks are supposed to sustain the natural area. That is why they were created. There is nothing less natural than an ORV. I have visited Cape Hatteras and it is beautiful. The birds are a large part of the experience. Please protect them.

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Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife diversity on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore by restricting (preferably eliminating) off-road vehicle (ORV) use. To reserve less than 40% of the 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and precious wildlife for such destructive uses is poor public policy at the least and exhibits crass disregard for pedestrians trying to enjoy the solitude of nature and the nesting areas of wildlife who long preceded recreational and destructive uses of the area.

I ask you to please support protection for birds, sea turtles and other natural resources by sensible management that safeguards wildlife from off-road driving (not a critical activity) and balances the needs of all user groups.

Margaret Champion

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Put into effect a regulation to protect Cape Hatteras.

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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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Correspondence: Your proposed regulations 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. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Correspondence: Why do people have to go and kill wildlife? Do they do this intentionally? People need to be considerate of life whether human and/or animal. There are plenty of other places to do off road racing. Wildlife is suffering enough with their land being taken away for strip malls and other thing that probably will not survive. Please give wildlife the chance to survive for future generations.

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Thank you

Leslie Limberg

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Correspondence: The forests and beaches are home to other species and we are visitors. ORV's are loud, destructive pollutants and have no place in our forests, on our beaches or on our rivers. Regulations should prohibit all ORV's in all National Parks and Seashores unless used as emergency equipment.

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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 specific,

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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 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 am against off road vehicles on this seashore. Wildlife should be protected.

Correspondence ID: 9216 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, As an avid bird, wildlife National Park enthusiast, 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. Steve Schildwachter

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Correspondence: Unrestricted use of off-road vehicles is a damaging and dangerous proposition. Just because someone can make money selling or renting vehicles for people to ride along the beach is no reason to destroy the wildlife that belongs to all of us. Our ecosystem is under siege on all fronts. Why permit yet another assault on a fragile environment? Just because people WANT to do this and that, does not mean they should be able to do so. Selfish interests should not prevail. The life of our seashores is more important than someone's need for a little fun. Please get priorities in the right order!

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These polluting and environmentally unfriendly machines do not have a place in delicate habitats!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Mr. Sidney R. Martinez, M.A. Concerned Citizen

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Correspondence: Thank you for allowing people to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a wonderful comeback under the current plan at the Seashore. I am puzzled and concerned that the proposed new regulation favors the rights of ORV users over the rights of families to have a natural, and peaceful experience. It treats wildlife protection as optional, and it provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches! I believe in science, and I support regulations to manage ORVs that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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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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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.

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.

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Correspondence: For over 25 years, my family has enjoyed the beach access along Hatteras. We have been extremely fortunate to have had a wonderful yearly vacation for our children who grew up to appreciate and respect nature. We have first hand experience of the cooperation between the public and the National Park Service, who enforced strict policies surrounding this beach access. Vehicles access these beach areas on designated access ramps, and stay off dunes, and away from roped off nesting areas. In the 25 years that we have continued to visit Cape Hatteras, we have to say that very little has changed on that beachfront. Our very early family vacation photos reveal the same pristine beachfront of today. We feel that is a tribute to both the rules that have been enforced through the National Park Service who is worked with the public to maintain a balance between the public access and conservation efforts. Thank you for considering my request to keep the National Seashore accessible to the public.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 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 Off Road Vehicle use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. When I go to the beach, I do NOT want the danger or noise of Off Road Vehicles to disturb my beach experience.

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 Off Road Vehicle use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of Off Road Vehicles 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. 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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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: STOP THE WAR ON WILDLIFE

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Correspondence: Being a bird watcher and nature lover, I cringe each time I see these vehicles tearing down any beach where nesting terns and shorebirds are. Too many of these drivers are irresponsible and have no concern for wildlife. Nesting Piping Plovers - run through them! Nesting Least Terns? Run right over them. These vehicles have no business being on the beaches during nesting season.

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Correspondence: When will we finally learn? When most of the animals we grew up observing are extinct? The time is now to stop allowing the reckless building and foot traffic into these animals habitats and nesting grounds.

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Correspondence: It appears that the temporary ban (or usage reduced) has had a very positive effect on the terns and turtles numbers increasing. This should be a very positive guideline for the future of these and others that use the beaches for nesting. There are many other places that the off road vehicles can use. We need to protect the wildlife over the useage of people and vehicles.

Sincerely,

Lois Waldref

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Correspondence: Please do everything within your power to protect Cape Hatteras and its wildlife. Our planet is already declining due to human thoughtlessness, greed, and waste- don't let the innocent wildlife like the turtles suffer because we humans act this way. As humans we are supposed to be of higher intellect and so we should act accordingly. Please help to save thewildlife...AND OURSELVES.

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Correspondence: Please stop using these off road atv's!!!! these animals need to be protected

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Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to Cape Hatteras and other National Parks, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It is the solemn responsibility of the NPS to protect and preserve these natural areas and their wildlife for current lovers of nature and future generations. Thus, it is incomprehensible to me that you would even be considering these proposed changes. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very much concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the detriment of pedestrians and wildlife.

Although I have reservations about the NPS's ability to control and regulate ORVs once they are given entry onto these lands, I would support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. Such measures as non-driving buffers around nests, for example, would be a minimum requirement. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

If you must accede to pressure and revise the current very successful plan, please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. In addition, instituting the proposed regulation change on a "trial" basis, with independent review of its impact after a specified period (one year, for example), and an automatic revocation/ return to the previous plan in the event that our worst fears are realized, is essential.

Thank you in advance for your serious and thoughtful consideration of these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9264 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam:

The terrible 90% decline in the population of least terns and black skimmers on the outer banks of North Carolina and other areas around the country is in large part due to the unwise policy of allowing 4-wheel vehicles on Federally owned beach land. If continued, this policy will result in the ongoing decimation of several shore bird species, including some that are currently endangered or threatened, as well as species of sea turtles.

I urge the Federal government not to adopt unwise regulations that will further destroy the aforementioned threatened species.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Baldi, B.S., M.A. Independent Consultant

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Name: private
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Correspondence: This rule should protect the entire 67 miles of the above wildlife area from all recreational vehicle use. Wildlife cannot survive

use of fast, noisy, air polluting vehicles such as ORV's. Human users can access the beach area on foot and should not be allowed to impact bird and other wildlife just to satisfy their recreational choices.

I am in my eighties and want natural wildlife to be preserved for my children, grandchildren and their children. I use natural areas that I am able to access without damage to other living things.

Please take action now to preserve our national heritage in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your email response.

Sincerely,

Jane H. Mountjoy

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Correspondence: What ever you do protect the wildlife. We humans have the rest of the land to trash. National parks should not be a place for development of buildings and off road motorized vehicles use. In fact I would support a system in all National parks such as Denali, Restrict motorized use & development such as lodging. There are enough places outside the parks for this type of development.

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When I or many of my friends go on any kind of outing, one of the basic questions we ask one another when discussing it later is: Did you see any wildlife? It is the icing on the cake of any outing. The pictures we are about to print from our last trip to the beach include a tiny copepod our 3 year old daughter found. NPS was not founded to provide mechanized recreation. Nor should NPS employees be responsible for oil/ fuel spills, weed seeds/exotic plants, or other mishaps of the visiting public.

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Please protect the wildlife found at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and assure those species' whose nesting habits put them in jeopardy of some of your visitors are not harmed.

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I'd like to see ORVs not allowed at all. There needs to be education that it's not just "all about me," but that it's about sharing this planet with others who live here, too. It's about learning to be considerate and appreciative of others. I believe it is the National Park Service's mandate to uphold these values via regulations when necessary--and it appears it is necessary in this situation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Correspondence: As a wildlife biologist and former resident of NC who returns whenever possible, I am very concerned about the proposed rule.

It clearly favors the so-called "rights" of ORV users over the TRUE rights of pedestrians and wildlife to enjoy QUIET, SAFE beaches.

Instead of the proposed rule, please create and enforce regulations with specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife, as well as for the many people who visit the National Seashore seeking a natural, vehicle-free place of beauty and refuge.

Please reverse the damage currently being done, by adding areas where ORVs are prohibited, and additional buffers and protections for wildlife. ORVs must not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore!

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The proposed regulation apparently treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families enjoyment of vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users over pedestrians and wildlife.

Cape Hatteras supports vital populations of Piping Plovers, Least Terns, Black Skimmers, and Sea Turtles. ORVs have plenty of space within the Seashore without the right to intrude on important wildlife areas. Your regs should specify enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife. The critters require buffers and other wildlife protections.

The regs also should provide space for pedestrians without the din of ORVs by providing specific areas for quiet enjoyment of the National Seashore.

Don't let ORVs dominate -- and degrade -- the Seashore.

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There are other options for ORVs- the peace and serenity of the natural beauty of the beach with its diverse wildlife inhabitants should not be one of the places where ORV's need to bring noise and destructive driving behaviors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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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,

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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

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Now PLEASE do the right thing to protect our Seashore!

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Protecting our wildlife and the places they call home should not be optional, but mandatory, because once they're gone... they are gone forever!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments

Correspondence ID: 9308 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I've never been to the Cape, but its problems are similar to the California coastal area. Unrestricted off-road vehicle use is the main threat to nesting coastal birds. Please put some restrictions on this activity. Thank you.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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 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 [i.e., 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 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. The regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife.

Thank you.

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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.

And do note that I am a North Carolina resident and I spend several weeks a year on the NC coast birding,

Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence: HELLO??? Are you now going to totally ignore the Migratory Bird Treaty Act? Or the Endangered Species Act? Bush is out of office now so I thought, at last, God's creatures are safe again. To allow testosterone driven, mindless idiots to destroy this nesting habitat just so that they can have some "fun" is absolutely INSANE!!! Are you people taking drugs or bribes? What else could explain your thinking? I was a caretaker on a wildlife preserve in the San Francisco Bay for 7 1/2 years. Every year over 5,0000 birds nested in colonies on the island and every year I had to deal with testosterone IDIOTS who ignored Keep Out buoys and signage because they felt it was their "right" to play anywhere they so pleased and that rules did not apply to them because they were having fun. Every year hundreds of PROTECTED birds perished because of kite skiers, windboarders, kayakers and fishermen. I was dependent on the park district police to catch these idiots when they landed back on the mainland, but they too did not take the protection as serious as I did. It was their first wildlife preserve and they only had my word (& photos) that an infraction had occurred. Many a time I wish I had been allowed to have a gun! Do you know what it's like to hold an egg that has been stepped on in your hand and hear the dying peeps of the defenseless creature inside? Well I do & those peeps still haunt me and bring tears to my eyes. I had 42.7 acres of rough island terrain to protect and mostly on foot. By the time I could get down to the nesting sites, it was too late, birds were already dead and the stupid humans that caused it KNEW they were in a restricted area and would run as soon as they saw me running after them, knowing once they were on the water, I could not get to them. Jehovah God IS watching and if you allow this breach of his commandment, then you have sold your souls to Satan because Satan wants to destroy this earth and you will effectively become one of his cohorts.

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Correspondence: I am asking that you oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife.

Thank you

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allowing ORV's on these beaches to be hideous and uncaring! Future generations will not be able to enjoy the wildlife that need these beaches if the ORV's are allowed to trash the beaches. For the benefit of future generations please don't let that happen!! The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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The regulation MUST mandate specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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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.

Please take action to correct this necessary protection.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. I implore you to 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 support and consideration.

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Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	every single year I see more and more signs that state BIRD SANCTUARY that are deforested areas behind it, this human overwhelming need to control other species is out of hand and must stop!						

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Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	Please help provide vehicle free nesting areas.						

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Thank you.

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Kate Hanson

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Correspondence: The National Park Service should consider the protection of our birds, turtles and othe natural resources when off-road driving rules are set forth.

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Correspondence: Please protect on Beach nesting birds!

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Correspondence: The proposed regulations will control what happens at Cape Hatteras for decades and set a precedent for other national parks. A balanced plan would guarantee adequate space and protections for wildlife, while still allowing responsible beach driving in some areas so that all visitors can fully enjoy this national treasure. As written, the proposed regulation does not mandate specific, science-based protections for the wildlife that depends on the Seashore. In fact, it protects ONLY the rights of off-road vehicle users to drive on large areas of the beach to the exclusion of wildlife, it treats wildlife protection as optional, and it provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches. The National Park Service needs to know that people like you support management at your national parks that safeguards wildlife from off-road driving and balances the needs of all user groups.

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Correspondence: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I notice that the Cape Hatteras National Seashore website cites a court order for current limitations to when and where ORVs are permitted on the beach. I am not aware of the circumstances that caused this court order to be issued, but there must be some very good reasons for it. Any change in regulations that would be more permissive to ORV use should not be allowed.

In fact, I see no reason that any recreational driving should be allowed on any beach, except to allow handicap access in something equivalent to a golf cart. People drive nearly everywhere already; let's have more places that offer refuge from motorized vehicles for plants, animals, and people. People need to get away from the noise and exhaust fumes of motorized vehicles, which consume the fossil fuels that alter our climate and render us hostages to the greed of despots and corporations heedless of any greater good.

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Correspondence: Please do NOT let off road vehicles have unlimited access to the beach. People who want to commune with nature need to get out and WALK, or use a scooter if they are handicapped.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: as a visitor to the obx I would like to see motorized vehicles removed from the seashore (with the exception of the park personnel) there are lots of places for off road excursions away from the beach....thank you

Marsha Bryant

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These animals along are living creatures and as the most intelligent creatures it is up to us to protect those creatures. These animals are far more important and I don't want them or any other animal to end up extinct. That is way it is important that their homes are protected and that proper funding and resources are given so that can happen.

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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." Please control ORV's at Cape Hatteras.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 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 are wildlife biologists who love to visit the cape for it's abundant wildlife and awesome scenery. We do not support driving on the beach, it's not safe for wildlife or humans.

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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Dr. Donald R. Drake

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Please make wildlife protection a major goal of your policies. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

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Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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ORV advocates have run roughshod over this amazing national park for too long. It is time to apply sensible management that will protect irreplaceable wildlife and make Cape Hatteras the incredible destination I know it can be.

Thank you.

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I have visited beaches in many places and I live near the Pacific coast now. I do not believe that driving on the beach is necessary. I believe it is harmful to beach nesting birds and other wildlife such as clams. In addition, the noise of vehicles, and especially off-road vehicles, detracts from the beach experience of people. I do not understand why beach driving would be allowed in a national park.

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Correspondence: Prevent Vehicle Death in Cape Hatteras

Piping Plover with Chicks (Photo: NPS, Van Zoeren)

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.

Help save Birds and Wilderness - take Action

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 do not allow unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

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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." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific,

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Correspondence: A national seashore will be meaningless if dead birds and turtles are strewn dead along that shore, for the sake of badly behaving off-road vehicles. Keep vehicles out of "nature's way".

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Correspondence: I am writing to protect the wildlife in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, as indicated in the boiler plate below. I am deeply concerned about our care for the environment and the devastation of policies that are not targeted towards environmental impact of roads, and other incursions into wilderness areas. Please read what follows as a plea to use this opportunity to re think actions that would violate this sacred duty to our environment, to Nature, of which we are a part.

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Correspondence:	Beaches are vital habitat to many species. Allowing ORV use in this habitat is human arrogance, at best. There are many other places to recreate with ORVs--designated, or other-- that do not pose such a threat to wildlife. Please impose a ban on ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. ORVs are not a natural part of the ecosystem and their use is not something that should not be included in preservation goals for this National Seashore.						

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irreparable damage to wildlife, natural beauty, and vulnerable biodiversity. Plus they are noisy and offensive to those of us who seek peace, silence and beauty in nature. There are plenty of places already degraded where the ORVs can have their joy rides without damaging wildlife already threatened by human activities.

Thank you for protecting this national treasure and its wildlife.

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ORV use should be directed to areas away from the seashore, the need to protect the remaining habitat should not be optional.

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

The proposed rule 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.

People using off-road vehicles should not be allowed free run of the shoreline because of the damage to wildlife & the environment.

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National Parks should be managed for the benefit of people and wildlife not motor vehicles. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. If vehicles are to be allowed in the park, then it should be on a very limited basis. People on vehicles should use private property for their noisy and destructive use. There must be regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Correspondence: Why are there no designated parking areas and make people walk for exercise during critical nesting times??

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Please make room for creatures to live in peace and let people with loud habits find a place that is not harmful to others.

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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 NPS: I strongly support maximum protection for shore birds and turtles at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. There is absolutely no reason to allow any kind of recreational vehicles anywhere near the nesting sites of birds or turtles. Here in Washington State I am familiar with the tactics of off-road supporters, and I can assure you that they generally have no use whatsoever for conservation or wildlife protection. You must not allow these selfish people and their destructive machines to ruin a national seashore. Thank you.

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Correspondence: The beauty of this shoreline and the right of the public to enjoy it without worry of the wildlife and integrity of the land supersedes that of the few who want to ORV in it. It is also the obligation of our government, and the citizens, to protect natural ecosystems and especially endangered wildlife. ORVing and other activities are of detriment to the species who rely on this shoreline. This isn't regulation and beautyocracy, it is common sense.

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Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. 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; however, 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 three 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 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. One wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected and it could be run over.

Please oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Please help stop off road vehicles from killing shoreline wildlife. Thank you.

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Thanks, peace and be well, Clay G. Colson Board Director and Water Issues Chair Citizens for Sanity.Com, Inc. Public need over corporate greed (813) 601-3391

State Contact, Tampa Bay Region for <http://october2011.org>

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Correspondence: Keep the ATV's off the beaches!

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Correspondence: As a biologist and a veterinarian, I have been deeply concerned about our human impact on wildlife and the environment for decades.

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 are likely to be disturbed.

Please ban off-road vehicles from the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you for your attention.

Correspondence ID: 9428 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting of sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Please take action and help make protections before these animals numbers severely decline or worse. Thank You,

Kenneth W. Kinder

Correspondence ID: 9429 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

For the past four years we have visited National Parks and State Parks on our two week vacations. We enjoy the beauty of nature and wildlife during these visits. We especially enjoy our bird watching experiences and look forward to many more, so we must protect their habitat and nesting places to insure they will be there for future generations!

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Correspondence: Please do not cave in to the off-road vehicle nuts. There are plenty of places for ORVs to be used that don't pose serious impacts to endangered turtles or other sensitive wildlife species.

Please adopt reasonable, science-based protections for wildlife in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, starting with vehicle-free / ORV-closure areas ... and ensure these protections are enforceable.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Correspondence: As humans, we have been given the important responsibility of protecting, respecting and living in harmony with all our Relations - Our Mother Earth, the Animals, the Birds, The Water, sea creatures and Our Human Sisters and Brothers.

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Name: private

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Correspondence: It's time We place the health of the Environment ahead of the interests of greedy corporate polluters. We have a moral responsibility to protect all Animals and provide a pristine environment for them.

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Correspondence: Thank you for time 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, representing the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments. ORV use drastically impairs park resources, and has been so documented, damaging wildlife and their habitat. When 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, it works. Protected species have increased. However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By specifying only 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." 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 doesn't set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. The regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach - not a fair balance for other users and wildlife. Personally - I don't think they should be allowed - besides being noisy to us and wildlife, they contribute global warming gases. If ORV use is to be allowed, I think it should not be allowed more than 15 miles. 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 generation

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Correspondence: Please keep our parks, safe for birds and animals, we do not need cars, trucks, suv, 4 wheelers and whatever driving all over our natural lands. lets keep it natural, there are enough roads into our parks now. we do not need more recreational auto space. we need a place of peace for our birds.

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As one who is interested in the conservation of our bird populations, I feel very strongly that these are steps that we need to take. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Correspondence: I am not in favor of the proposed rule of the permanent regulation of the use of off-road vehicles. Seashore areas need to be protected from too much travel because of the nesting and feeding sites of many birds. Please take this into consideration.

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Correspondence: Wildlife is part of our precious national heritage and we should do everything to protect it, especially our endangered species. To have recreational vehicles trumping protecting endangered species is inexcusable! You can't even argue that permitting recreation vehicles run over wild life is protecting jobs since the drivers of these vehicles can simple drive them elsewhere!!

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As someone who regularly visits Cape Hatteras national Seashore to enjoy the natural beauty, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use.

Expansion of ORV use across the Seashore would adversely impact 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---or pedestriains for that matter.

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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Sincerely, William W. Wakefield

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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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All wildlife matters and needs protection, we shouldnt keep putting obsticals in their way, they have enough problems surviving as it is.

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Name: private

Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00

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Correspondence: I appreciate the chance to speak up about the travesty that is proposed on the pristine beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I have visited these beaches in the past, and am appalled that ORV use is being proposed here. This would ruin the rights of the pedestrian beach walker who is seeking peace and quiet on a serene beach. More importantly, it would risk the lives of nesting birds and sea turtles who have been protected thus far. Allowing ORV use, would seriously jeopardize the progress that has been made in protecting the wildlife, that so deserves the sanctions that have been made. I implore you to consider not allowing ORV usage. There is a time and a place for the use of this destructive recreational pastime, and this is not one of them! Thank you for allowing me to speak up for precious wildlife, and the people who treasure them!

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Name: private

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Correspondence: It is so important to preserve the last wild places in America for future generations. I would hate for this to simply become a pleasant memory of a past vacation...

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Correspondence: Please we expect the National Park Service to protect the wildlife that depends upon Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Once there gone there gone forever. Let these beach riders go some where else till the birds are safe . Must we invade every corner of the world and destroy it???????

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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.

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Correspondence: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It is important to realize that ORV use areas are relegated to that single use. No one who wants a pleasant experience in nature enjoys the disturbance these vehicles make, to say nothing of their effect on wildlife.

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Correspondence: Good Afternoon:

The below is a form letter; however, it's content is no less important. I would like to echo it's content because I am asking you protect the seashore, sea turtles & beach-nesting birds who should be allowed to live uninterrupted in the natural habitat. They were placed on this earth right beside us & we should not take from them what is rightfully theirs. People do not need to off-road and destroy our wildlife, their homes. We would not allow someone to destroy a human's home so why is their home any less important - they are no less important. Do the right thing.

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"Mahatma Gandhi said "the greatness of a nation & it's moral progress can be judged by the way it's animals are treated."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Debbie Singer

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Correspondence: Please regulate off-road vehicles and protect wildlife.

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Correspondence: Please make the regulations for ORV's very explicit and clear, and based on science so that local wildlife will be truly protected. Allow extra space during nesting season so that piping plovers and other species will be able to thrive.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support protection for birds, sea turtles, and pristine beaches. I owe it to my granddaughter.

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Correspondence: I am opposed to unrestricted off-road vehicle use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Allowing off-road vehicles on the shoreline and not setting up explicit policies to protect wildlife would be devastating to many threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles. Biodiversity needs to be protected and failing to protect it actively would completely undermine efforts such as the experiment of temporary protection beginning in 2007 which helped double the number of sea turtle nests over 3 years. I hope that you will use policy based on science that will help protect these animals that are in danger. Beaches

have no need for unofficial vehicle use; it's much more healthy for everyone and just as enjoyable to walk the shore instead of driving.

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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I am all for restricting vehicle access to dunes for the sake of the environment AND esp. for wildlife....we must start taking our roles as stewards to hart...even one species loss has profound impacts

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Please keep the wild life safe. Thanks.

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Correspondence: If Science says the ban on drivings on the beach needs to remain to protect species of birds and animals, what is wrong with doing just that? After Hurricane Irene, it should be even more important to protect the beaches that are nesting and hatching grounds for turtles and sea birds. Every thing plays a part in nature as I would hope you know, protect it, I think that is the human part of nature. Thanks , and don't make it political. This is just a good regulation that possibly could create a couple of jobs to enforce it? ah ha. even better.

Correspondence ID: 9494 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off Road Vehicles (ORV's) have no place in natural areas, especially in seashore and dune areas. Protection of the natural system is first priority. Human use should provide for opportunities for individuals and families to view flora and fauna in their natural environment, and provide for non invasive recreational use such as hiking, camping, and swimming at designated beaches, some of which should be clothing optional.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to proctect our enviroment

Correspondence ID: 9496 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please act on behalf of conserving our legacy of beautiful lands!

Correspondence ID: 9497 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I appreciate the oppportunity 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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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Protect Wildlife Habitats today before it is too late, from all the various human caused destruction including off road vehicles on our beaches. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments and for doing what is essential to protect America's Wildlife from harm some people cause.

Correspondence ID: 9501 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please stop off road vehicles on the beaches in order to stop them endangering precious wildlife. People want to see the beautiful wildlife on beaches not motor vehicles, which have no place to be on beaches, why can't people use the 2 legs God gave them and walk on the beaches, they'd complain if they were wheelchair bound and couldn't walk, so make them use their legs and stop being lazy and stop them putting beautiful wildlife in danger.

Correspondence ID: 9502 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Re: National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

In other words, keep cars & trucks off the beach. Let the wildlife live. Thanks. Terry Schenk

Correspondence ID: 9503 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Correspondence: As a beach lover I am glad to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. Please do not change the current management plan. The proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I strongly support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The ORV use regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore IF it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. In wildlife lies the future of human beings; it is in our best, short- and long-term interest to protect the Seashore and its natural, wildlife inhabitants.

Thank you!

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Erik and Leslie Bergum

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Correspondence:	We are advised that the corruption of Earth by the evil and avaricious will stop when all resources have been consumed by them; and if you could do anything to correct them, please do so.						

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Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback.

I am very concerned that the proposed regulation will be a step backward, reversing that comeback! Shorebird homes will be destroyed. as will peoples' rights to enjoy a quiet seashore

The plan treats wildlife protection as optional, with few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches. AND wildlife will be harmed since it favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of wildlife, AND

also PEDESTRIANS . .

I urge you adopt regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state.

The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as these non-driving buffers around nests.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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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. 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. 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, 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."

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Correspondence: It is essential to curbe the use of Off-Road Vehicles (ORV'S) in the beach region of Cape Hatteras. The NPS has controlled the ORV's to some extent recently in its temporary plan and some endangered species are beginning to do better, BUT the current proposal falls short of needed protections for wildlife, as well as for visitor safety. The new regulations should include not only specific ORV OK'd routes but also specific, scientifically based protections for wildlife. Also, the new regulations allow much too much beach access for ORV's. I personally find ORV's spoil the beech experience but if they must be allowed, then the beach areas where they are permitted should be kept to a mininum. I have read that 50% beach for ORV's may be a possible solution -- I think that's too much but it's better than letting ORV's over more than that.

In sum: strengthen the proposed Hatteras plan to better protect wildlife and to provide specific minimal limits for ORV's.'

Thank you!

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep ORVs out of the Cape Hatteras refuge. ORV riders can go elsewhere, wildlife can't.

Correspondence ID: 9521 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: don't let off road vehicles ruin pristine areas!!

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Beaches are for walking barefoot in the sand! No motor vehicles should be allowed.						

Correspondence ID:	9525	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please step up and protect our wildlife and environment Unrestricted access for vehicles along coasts, deserts, and other "off-road" areas NEEDS to be STOPPED. Protect our world, not the off-roaders.						

Correspondence ID:	9526	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I support the proposal to protect our shorelines from vehicles that are killing wildlife. Beaches are not the place for fast vehicles.						

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I added a photo of brand new Piping Plover chicks that would be crushed under the careless wheels of an ORV. Please ensure that this does not happen to our birds that borrow our beaches temporarily to breed, where else can they go if we keep on destroying their only habitat?

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Correspondence: San Luis Obispo County, CA, hosts a state off road vehicle beach.

The county, state and environmental groups are in the midst of balancing protection versus recreation. Maybe you could learn from each other.

SLO County has plovers to protect. You have plovers and turtles. In 2007, your 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, as we have seen in SLO County, these numbers could easily decline.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting, more than the 26 proposed miles.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

The ORV folks are noisy (as are their rigs)- much louder than the compromised native animals who need the Seashore to survive. Never the less, your mandate requires (and should require) that you put wildlife first. You all know the damage that ORV's do- keep them off the sensitive areas.

Thank you for the chance to comment,

Phil Burton

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you.

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Correspondence: I believe that people should walk on the beach and allow safety for the nesting birds and turtles. I cannot understand why people would feel an urge to drive on the beach or why that should be more important than the wildlife that lives there.

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Correspondence: Regarding ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I strongly support strict regulation. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore these gain could be lost. The proposed plan currently 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. My view is that there should be no ORV driving on the beach at all but as a compromise there should only be a small area for ORV use with the vast majority for pedestrians given that the vast majority of people who visit are not ORV users. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is totally irresponsible and 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. This would make the seashore a much more enjoyable experience for the vast majority of families who visit there as well. Thank you for hearing my comments

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

I really enjoy parks around my home, as they are a great opportunity to learn about local birds, and wildlife. Bay Area Park is a beautifully kept park, and because of that, next to Armand Bayou Nature Reserve, I look forward to seeing other parks and how your agency has kept them. I also live 30 miles from Galveston Island, and Bolivar Peninsula. Through these places, I have had to opportunity to become an active bird and animal lover. I really look forward to seeing other beaches, sanctuaries, and again, parks across the United States. Please reconsider, so that not only I can enjoy these things but many Americans to come can as well. I do believe that if we work together, we can protect the wildlife species that are in jeopardy, and Cape Hatteras is apart of that.

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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,

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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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Correspondence: Please protect wildlife by mandating the vehicles given access to these beaches

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Correspondence: We travel to the Outer Banks and enjoy days at the beach when we drive out on the sand. I hope it is possible to protect the sea/shore birds and turtles...as well as allow responsible human participation on the beaches. Reduce the areas that people can drive their vehicles. Leave large areas for the birds to nest. Surely it is possible to do that without listening to the radicals on either side of this question.

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Correspondence: Please consider regulating the use of ORV's at CHNS. The hazards posed to endangered wildlife by unrestricted ORV use have been a significant factor in the downward population trends of endangered sea turtles, and nesting birds which use the mid-level dunes as nesting areas.

It is vital that major nesting areas be protected from exploitation by overuse and environmental degradation. Protection of some of this great resource should be a high priority to preserve this majestic, yet fragile, National Treasure.

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Correspondence: Protecting wildlife in our parks is THE LEAST you should do.

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Correspondence: SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT!

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why must the environment suffer at the hands of a few individuals that want to drive off-road in the National Parks of our nation. Protect the animals, plant life and the pristine conditions of our parks for millions of Americans to enjoy today and in the future.

Correspondence ID: 9565 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: We are all part of greater ecosystems, and as such, interdependent with them. I am concerned with the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. It is NOT enough.

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Having worked as a shorebird monitoring intern at the Cape Cod National Seashore, these organisms hold a very special place in my heart.

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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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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please keep Cape Hatteras National Seashore free of off-road vehicles.

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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. 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.

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specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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I do worry about excessive use of ORVs. A seashore habitat is after all for the betterment of the animal species that make up that unique ecosystem. The proposed regulation seems to favor ORVs over providing protection to nesting birds and turtles as well as the majority of people that come to enjoy the quiet natural beauty of these beaches with the sound of birds being the preferred sound...

The rights of ORV users may be considered but only to the degree that no disruption to wildlife is caused, in any way. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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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.

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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proof is in the pudding --The temp suspension resulted in an increased population of endangered species

The ATV use suspension should be made permanent-- People can find better ways to get their thrills than by endangering the survival of various species

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I am a long-time member of the National Audubon Society, and we are strongly in favor of anything that will protect birds and other wildlife.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am in favor of this proposition that will help birds and especially those endangered by protecting their breeding grounds against intrusion. Please pass this proposition. Thank you

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: When are people going to start respecting this planet and all the creatures that share it with us?

It seems like we have so many destructive people living here anymore with no care about anything other than their own pleasures. I have discovered that people do not respect anything, because mainly they don't respect themselves. And if you look at many of the people on this earth today it is no wonder.

They have become self-centered and self-absorbed seeing no connection with the rest of the world. They have lost the magic and wonder of the beauty of our universe and are turning the place into a cesspool.

These types of vehicles should not be left to run amok and ruin the beauty of our world that so many others would love to enjoy for generations.

Let them build courses somewhere where they can run these noisy polluting vehicles where they can hang out together while coughing on gas fumes and running over each other.

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As a frequent visitor to Point Reyes National Seashore and Assateague Island National Seashore, I have come to appreciate the value that protected seashores offer to visitors and wildlife alike. ORV opportunities are abundant, but protected beaches are rare. Please ensure that wildlife protection is placed first at Point Hatteras.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: It's a simple choice: life or entertainment. They can ride recreational vehicles anywhere, but marine animals live where they live.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 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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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: The reason plovers are endangered in Oregon is because four-wheelers tear up their nests. I urge you to reject the proposal.

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Correspondence: I wish to comment on the proposed regulation for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Having visited this national treasure, I want the Park Service to continue to maintain its focus on the wildlife, NOT people. This place is a sanctuary for many species and needs to be primarily for them, not us. The best way to enjoy this magical place is to walk the shoreline and enjoy the beauty that Mother Nature provides. Please limit vehicle access and help people to really see the park as it was meant to be see...with a quiet walk so that a person can connect with nature and the planet.

Keep Cape Hatteras National Seashore for those species that live and breed there. Our presence MUST remain as the quiet observer!

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Correspondence: Excuse me, but why is this even a question?

Recreational off-road vehicles should not be permitted at all.

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Correspondence: I am writing to urge your agency to consider the needs of wildlife at the Hatteras Seashore when writing regulations for vehicle use.

People don't really need to ride all terrain vehicles on a beach. Its not what a beach is for.

There is no reason to permit this activity.

Please think carefully about the function of a beach for people and wildlife.

Thank you

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Correspondence: It is important to preserve the naturalness of our nation's beaches. I don't live near a beach currently, but I have enjoyed hours enjoying the natural sounds and wildlife of the beaches. Allowing unrestricted access to drive on the beaches takes away from this wonderful natural resource we have. It also effects wildlife that depends on the beach. The natural habitats of wildlife is constantly being impacted. It is our responsibility that it is protected as much as we can possibly can.

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I traveled to Costa Rica years ago to see Olive Ridley turtles making their nests as well as baby turtles digging out and marching to the sea. Such a thrill. If any of the ORVers saw that, they wouldn't want to do anything to harm these wonderful creatures!

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Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas.

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Thank you very much for your consideration on this matter.

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Correspondence: I agree as a naturalist and a strong believer in biodiversity with the Audubon Society: environmental and wildlife protection are not optional. If we destroy the chain of life, we will destroy ourselves, our children and our planet in the process.

We can survive without depleting the earth's resources, even if it means going back to a simpler way of life (she says while typing an email!!). I hope OUR government will take wildlife protection seriously.

Sincerely, Judith Remick

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Correspondence: Dear Sir/Madam,

In regards to off road vehicles in or on land, used or owned by the public, especially that which is a fragile habitat.

It is imperative that we protect it and allow only emergency vehicles entry into these areas. While extinction is a natural occurrence, too much has already been lost due to man's disregard and interference. That type of behavior must cease and reverse before the slope becomes a cliff we end up going over.

Sincerely, Michelle Strange

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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."

Correspondence ID: 9616 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

There is NO NEED for people to be driving around on beaches, period! It upsets and destroys wildlife (some of these pigs do it deliberately, and you know it!) and annoys those of us who just want a peaceful walk by the water. To paraphrase Spock from "Star Trek", the wishes of the many (those of us who want vehicles banned from beaches, or at least seriously limited on them) outweigh the wishes of the few (those who want the "right" to rip around anywhere they please, regardless of the damage they do).

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I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9619 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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 Nation Seashore. Allowing free reign for ORV along shoreline where animals are nesting is unconscionable.

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Name: private
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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

As a visitor to the Cape and a frequent patron of our national wildlife areas I urge you to support these steps to protect it. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9621 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9623 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict the use of off road vehicles.

it is unnecessary and it is dangerous wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 9624 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife protection is not optional in our National Parks. Keep vehicles off our beaches.

Correspondence ID: 9625 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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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. 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 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." 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.

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Correspondence ID: 9629 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

As a biologist, ornithologist, and frequent visitor to our National Parks & Forests, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9630 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 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.

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Correspondence ID: 9632 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In 1961 I visited Cape Hatteras and the outer islands with my family on our first family camping trip. It was an experience that--50 years later--I have never forgotten. I write today to plead for better protection for the environmental qualities of this lovely resource. I'd like to bring my grandchildren to see it--and its wildlife.

I am pleased to see that under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. However, I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. My extended family is a hiking and non-motorized wandering bunch. Motors detract severely from the experience of wildlife and flora appreciation that we value so highly.

I strongly support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include SPECIFIC, ENFORCEABLE, SCIENCE-BASED PROTECTIONS for wildlife and for recreationists who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses. Motors and worry-free beach-walking are incompatible uses.

The regulation I advocate will protect the species that depend on the Seashore only if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Linda Andes-Georges, currently landbound in Colorado but traveling east to visit next June

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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 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.

I have visited the Ocracoke beaches and am appalled that there vehicles are allowed on the beach at all. Preservation of the natural seashore is already in jeopardy, so anything you can do to prevent further degradation is vital.

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: 9637 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31.2011 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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Correspondence ID: 9639 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Isn't it already obvious that the plateau of our existence is upon us. We either do something or die in this sequence. Why do you want to make roads larger when it will effect wildlife at all ? We have become the planets worst nightmares lets try to make things better rather than worse

Correspondence ID: 9640 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I recommend that all motor vehicle use (except park and emergency vehicles) be prohibited on the beach area. The adverse impacts to birds and other shore-dependent species is too great.

Most populations of shore habitat species are decreasing to the extent that recovery to stable population levels is jeopardized by continued human disturbances. Shorebirds feed on organisms that live in the sand. Has anyone done a study that shows those organisms survive sand compression by vehicles? Also, having observed birds for many hours on the Long Beach Peninsula of Washington State, a significant percentage of the drivers are exceeding the speed limit and swerving to flush birds (Migratory Bird Treaty and Endangered Species Act (ESA) violations). Enforcement by local police and state park personnel is not effective. I doubt if the National Park Service has enough personnel to minimize these kinds of violations below "adverse impacts."

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the Federal land management agencies, dated September 1994, states that the agencies must use their authorities to further the purposes of the ESA.

The National Park Service has the responsibility under these laws and the MOU noted above to prohibit all publice motor vehicle use regardless of public opinion to the contrary.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9642 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure and should be preserved for future generations to enjoy its natural beauty and the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. However, 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 strongly 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.

PLEASE DON'T SACRIFICE OUR PRECIOUS WILDLIFE AND THE FUTURE OF OUR WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES FOR THESE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES!!! THANK YOU!!!!

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect Cape Hatteras National Seashore and all the inhabitants in the area. This is too precious of a resource to be misused.

Correspondence ID: 9645 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service: Please keep off-road vehicals and similar destructors off our beach. The birds, turtles, crabs etc. need that area for reproduction. Don't worry about drivers of ORV's; they reproduce too fast anyway. Thank you!

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Correspondence: Really??? Wildlife -- that's is, LIFE -- animals should be seriously injured or killed because some adrenalin-laden yahoos are allowed to run rampant?

Everything on earth is in a delicate balance. We are all just trying to survive.

Please don't let wildlife die for the "fun" of a few racing on a seashore.

It is cruel. It is inhumane. It is thoughtless. It is unconscionable.

It should not be allowed. Please tell the "yahoos" you will stand up and protect the wildlife and the seashore.

Left unchecked, there will not be anything left to protect. You will be out of a job.

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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.

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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.

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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.

Patricia Welty

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I urge the National Park Service to adopt management regulations that will give protection to the birds, other creatures and the natural resources found in the national treasure - hopefully for many decades.

Anyone visiting the Cape Hatteras National Seashore is bound to fall in love with it. I urge that there be adequate safeguards in place that will protect wildlife from off-road vehicular driving. We should support the wildlife.

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Correspondence: Please preserve the preservable before it is all lost !! There is so little left for our children and grandchildren. After all, NO amount of money (taxed or earned) can buy it back.

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Correspondence: You are the only resource available to protect the wildlife in our national parks. Please tell me that you truly are dedicated to the preservation of these important areas of our country. Please tell me that special interests have not bought your silence while destructive influences rape the land and maim or kill the creatures. I am counting on you.

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Correspondence: Please save areas for our National Wildlife. Is it really necessary to have people driving on beaches? Really? Hmmmm...endangered species, or driving on beaches....seems like a know brainer doesn't it? Please do the right thing. Thank you for your time.

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Thank you, Hanna Cohen HaCo@aol.com

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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.

Please change the proposal so that it mandates specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers.

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Correspondence: I am writing today to ask you to support the wildlife that nest on the beaches of Cape Hatteras by not allowing off road vehicles to run along the seashore and crush unsuspecting wildlife. I am sure hurricane pose enough of a challenge to their survival without the addition of human intrusion. Off road vehicles are fun, but their are other, more appropriate venues in which to enjoy their use.

Thank you for your attention to the undefended innocents.

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I visit this area frequently for the purpose of birdwatching and enjoying the Outer Banks in general, and have been vacationing there since the 1960's. PLEASE protect the fragile environment of the Outer Banks.

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Sincerely, Javier Reza

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Correspondence: The plight of survival by various species has become devastating. There is way to much priorities being put on what the human population wants instead of what this planet and other species on it need to live and survive. Now I'm not against folks having fun, but there is a time and a place for that fun and not at the expense of other living creatures. The human race has got to stop sucking up ever inch of space that there is. There has to be some that is off limits so that other creatures can survive. There are plenty of other places that these off road vehicles can rip and tear in, how about saving this place for nature and those folks that love the peace and quiet and are on foot? This planet is in distrss, how about helping her out here.

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I personally enjoy peaceful recreation at Biscayne National Park and Everglades National Parks.

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Correspondence: Our ocean shores are no place for OVR's. OVR's should be against the law on public lands of any kind but especially the beaches.

Protect our beaches and the animal species that survive there. Do not allow OVR;s on any public properties. Why allow this destruction to please a few very selfish people.

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Correspondence:	This past weekend, many national parks and communities along our East Coast sustained damage from Hurricane Irene. North Carolina's Cape Hatteras National Seashore was no exception.						

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).

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.

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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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We are not fond of ORVs. They are much to destructive to the environment.

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I have been going to Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills and Southern Shores since 1948. I can't begin to tell you about the changes I've seen and most of my comments are all negative when it comes to the impact on the environment of such a fragile barrier island. 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: I would just like to see a day that will come when mankind, humankind, would respect and care for all of Gods' creatures. Their purpose in our world is sooo important. Why can we not see that. We have to come together to realize that we need to share our plant with all that live in it.

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Correspondence: Please do not allow off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. If you allow off-road vehicle use, please restrict it so that little harm is done to wildlife. In addition to polluting the air these vehicles can disturb nesting birds and turtles. Thank you.

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Correspondence: I am very opposed to unrestricted off road vehicle use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Yes, I think people should have assess to "their" National places, but not at the expense of every other creature that lives there. I am all for ORVs having access to some portions of the area, but you MUST look at the impact on the birds, turtles and other wildlife, and also impact on the humans that come to the beach for solitude, quiet, and a chance to watch the wildlife.

Defenders of Wildlife, other groups, and advocates like me 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 am someone that supports specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and 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 ID: 9738 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I believe it is our sacred duty to protect the environment, wilderness, and wildlife for future generations. I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Please designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The proposed 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: 9739 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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.

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 spe

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Correspondence: People have plenty of places to drive without destroying a fantastic natural resource. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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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,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: National Seashores were not meant to be racetracks, and I believe NO ORVs should be allowed on them; they endanger seabirds, and occasionally children as well. There are plenty of places for them to ride, other than our national treasure.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9745 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sirs and/or Mesdames,

I am disappointed in the limited regulations that are proposed for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I do not think they go far enough in protecting the indigenous wildlife.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please consider expanding your regulations to encompass these protections.

Thank you for considering my comment!

Sincerely, Carol Hobbs Kansas City, MO

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If the National Park Service does not protect the Cape Hatterras Seashore and all it's wildlife it will vanish.

When that happens there will be no reason for the National Park Service to be there. Without the wildlife there you will be out of a job. You need them much more than they need you.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

They say, "The best things in life are free" and the birds are God's gift to us and are beautiful to look at. Please keep them safe!!!

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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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.

I love the National Seashore at Cape Hatteras. It's beauty, serenity, and wildlife must be protected from Off Road Vehicle use. There are special places for those machines; they don't need to be in our National Parks.

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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop off road vehicles on shores and beaches.

Correspondence ID: 9757 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our wildlife is under such risk from so many places. Our seashores suffer so much and the animals are a risk. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. Your protection is so needed please do all you can

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Received: Aug,31,2011 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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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

Nancy Scheidt

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: there is NO good reason for veh. to be driving anywhere near these birds and other wildlife on our shorelines. we need to be STEWARDS, good STEWARDS of the earth and the wildlife on it.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

Though I have never visited Cape Hatteras, I am concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The 26 of 67 miles represents 38.8% of the land set aside for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. I believe this should be slightly lower at 25-30%.

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

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Sincerely, Lisa Stetson

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Correspondence: With Global Warming getting worse each year, we owe it to the wildlife everywhere to be extremely responsible when it comes to animal habitat. I want my children to grow up seeing wild animals in nature, not just in a zoo. Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 9773 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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.

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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Sincerely, Kathi Woods

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Correspondence: Dear Friends; I am writing to to oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens wildlife, especially in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I understand that while there are regulations pending these do not address areas such as protecting wildlife nesting areas, and reserve just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round. When I lived on Maui, I saw the damage off road vehicles did to historic sites that had existed for hundreds of years, until pickup trucks and other vehicles destroyed them. The thought that these same types will run rampant over wildlife disturbs me, and I hope you will strengthen and restrict. Off road vehicles and other 'recreational' types of vehicles such as jet skis are a tremendous waste of fuel and a danger to both people, the environment, and wildlife. Thank you. Sincerely, Kevin Riley

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Correspondence: Having just returned from the Outer Banks We were surprised at how minimal the protection was for turtle eggs on the beach. As a Christian American I would advocate better protection for these vulnerable animals. Its the right thing to do. There will still be plenty of time and space for recreation.

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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.

I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that sea turtles, shore birds and other wildlife.

The National Park Service's proposed regulations 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.

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.

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pedestrians and wildlife. The ORV use is a negative aspect to the natural environment; i suggest that the oil residues and noise of the ORVs is damaging on numerous levels.

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Correspondence:	Hi, I would like to take some time to discuss the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Currently, animals that nest on the seashore are increasing in numbers. Do we really want to put these species in jeopardy? I believe more thought should be given to the animal life and the people that want to safely enjoy a vehicle-free beach than giving preference to ORV users. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.						

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Thank you and I hope this matter will be given further thought.

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Nature is very important to me, and it should be to you too.

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Correspondence: To start of candidly, I will say that the very thought of allowing ORV onto ANY national seashore is downright reckless, irresponsible, and goes completely against the very mission, idea and purpose of National Park Service. Why allow such a destructive activity be allowed in area where we are attempting to preserve the quality and heritage of a natural area? There are plenty of places for people to enjoy their ORV's already - ANY national park, memorial, or seashore should NEVER be one of those places. Ever!

Now, shifting into a more formal tone... I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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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." V/R, Eric Brooker

Correspondence ID: 9796 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please provide wildlife protection and areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches.

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a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORVs are destructive in most environments. There are places for them. They do not belong on beaches belonging to all the people and to the nature inherent in that place. We need to protect nesting bird sites, the solace of nature, and the playground for families. No ORVs at Cape Hatterass or any of our national parks.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore should be protected from these intrusions by off road vehicles. Keep them away from the nesting animals that need protection.

Correspondence ID: 9799 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, let's keep our national parks and wildlife refuges safe from ruin- sanctuaries that preserve our national heritage! Our wildlife is a treasure beyond any measure; the balance of nature, clean air and water and a diverse ecosystem is the true measure of our health as a people.

Driving dune buggies is not more important than preserving important and threatened species of shore birds and sea turtles. Who wants to thrill ride around a "dead" planet? Please do not allow recreational vehicles back on the beaches at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore!

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated."-- Mohandas Gandhi

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please save our nesting birds habitat. We prefer to see birds and wildlife over "dune buggies" on our beaches (commons).

Thanks for the opportunity.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: To the National Park Service,

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Sincerely,

John Viacrusis

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to encourage you to add protection for wildlife to the regulations for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Evidence shows that beach-driving and other recreational activities are causing devastation to the local sea turtle and beach-nesting seabird populations. Of course, recreation should still be allowed in the area but I urge you to add some regulations to protect wildlife. Wildlife is essential to keep many people interested in visiting any park and needs to be protected. Please consider restricting access to areas with high densities of nesting birds and turtles. Sincerely, Ashley Jensen.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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: 9812 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please make sure that the wildlife along the shores are protected from off road vehicles.

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Correspondence ID: 9814 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the animals and their habitats that are threatned by offshore vehicles. These creatures cannot protect themselves from from man, we must protect them and their natural habitats. We are in their space. Let's protect it for all future generations to enjoy. Thank you.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

I strongly oppose allowing the unrestricted use of off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. ORVs threaten and kill endangered shorebirds and sea turtles, as well as disturb their breeding areas -- merely setting aside small "protected" areas for the wildlife on this seashore is not enough! I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife.

The 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.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. 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.

Instead of allowing unrestricted ORV use, 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 plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for giving my comments your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely, Jady Carmichael

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Correspondence: I understand that a certain type of guy likes to drive his car on the beach. It's a way of showing off your car if you've invested money and effort into making a cool car. There's a tradition of car culture on the beach. Machismo. Celebration of car engineering. Man over nature. From another point of view, it's pretty disgusting. Driving machines around that weigh thousands of pounds, devastating ecosystems for no reason (or even awareness of the damage being done). It's a celebration of our stupidity and callousness. We can't afford to drive cars on beaches any more, especially if we're killing birds, turtles, and invertebrates. by doing so. Almost all species on earth are in decline because of our activity. A lot of it we can justify for reasons of food or commerce. We can't justify wiping out nesting grounds because of silly,egoistic posturing in our cars. A century ago we kept the buffaloes from going extinct by cutting back on "sport" killing. Now we have to protect other species by giving up our other damaging "sports".

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We're supposed to be caretakers of Mother Earth. How can we do this if our actions delete thousands of species of plants and animals? Why can't we start protecting Mother Earth for future generations instead of wanting "ME! ME! ME!" The U.S. is not the only country in the world. It's no surprise to me that America is disliked since we have an apparent attitude of Me First - Everything Else Second. That kind of philosophy is not correct or considerate! So I'd very much our protecting both animal and flora by not running over it with an ORV. Thank you.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Sue Shimer

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There are other less fragile areas for ORVs. Let's protect the gains native species have made, and my rights to visit a NATURAL National Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Correspondence: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9827 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose off road vehicle use that threatens wildlife

Correspondence ID: 9828 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

I think it is a very bad idea to let vehicles on the Seashore at any time. The shore lines have a hard enough time with the weather and pollution. There are enough places to drive a vehicle and the beach should not be one of them.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9829 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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: 9830 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9831 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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. 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 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." The Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific area for protected species so they can nest and procreate and pedestrian areas.

Correspondence ID: 9832 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Regarding the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore:

I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses. I am very aware of the negative impacts of human disturbances at my local beaches (Malibu), and ORV use is worse! Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9833 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 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 and protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife. They 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. The Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation and by doing so, falls short in its 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 both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation. Keep ORV out of our wild places. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 9834 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 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.

Regulations.gov may also require you to enter two "reCaptcha" security words in order to submit your comments.

Please comment by Sept. 6 at midnight Eastern Daylight Time.

Piping plover photo (c) Sydney Maddock.

Correspondence ID: 9835 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence:

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

While I have never visited the Hatteras National Seashore, I enjoy National Parks on the US west coast - particularly Crater Lake, which is close to my home. I also know how much damage ORVs can do to beach-nesting birds - having been involved in snowy plover recovery efforts on the Oregon coast for years.

As I understand it, under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a

natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9836 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned that the use of off-road vehicles on beaches in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore is destroying its wildlife and interfering with the enjoyment of beaches by others. I support protection for birds, sea turtles and other natural resources as proposed by the National Audubon Society.

Correspondence ID: 9837 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9839 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a previous visitor to many national parks, seashores and wildlife refuges across this country, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 9842 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 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: 9843 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The Park Service needs to include buffers and other protections for wildlife. There needs to be more, at least half, vehicle-free

areas for people and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 9844 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

ORVs should NOT exist. They only harm animals & precious, fragile shoreland and all that they touch.

Change things for the betterment of our planet, not egos.

Correspondence ID: 9846 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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.

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: 9847 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug.31.2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hi , I am writing to you to ask you to please not allow cars to drive on the sand of beaches and all so as not to endanger the lives of birds and baby sea turtles.it would be greatly appreciated,thank you and I hope you have a very great day.Bye!

Correspondence ID: 9848 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31.2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thanks for this opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. As someone who has monitored coastal species like terns and plovers, I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state.

It is so important to add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to have preference over the wildlife that needs to use the shore for nesting, foraging and loafing.

Thanks for your consideration of my comments.

Correspondence ID: 9849 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31.2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I'm writing to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. This is very encouraging, but I am concerned that the proposed new regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I strongly support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses. These areas were never meant to bear the impact of any form of vehicular traffic.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 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.

Effective regulation and enforcement are needed.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Name: private
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Correspondence: We lived on Padre Island. People drive on the beach killing turtles and animals in thier paths. this is bad and must be stopped.

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-Gabriella Forrester

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Correspondence:	ATVs shouldn't be allowed in areas where threatened or endangered species are attempting to nest. Please give E & T species priority over any forms of recreation.						

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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.

Please have a heart! Save our Sea Turtles, Shorebirds and all other wildlife!

Thank you!

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Correspondence: All life is sacred. It is your responsibility that these birds are protected. You represent all Americans from every State. Please take care of them on our behalf.

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Now, the National Park Service is proposing new, permanent regulations for off-road vehicle use on the Seashore's beaches that jeopardize much-needed wildlife protections and put the future for birds like the Piping Plover, Least Tern, Black Skimmer, and many other shorebird species in doubt.

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We want to tell the National Park Service that wildlife protection is not optional.

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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."

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.

Sincerely,

Carol Joan Patterson

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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.

Great progress has been made in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife. This is not the time to lose traction. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. That could be disastrous for the wildlife. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please take those things into consideration. Thank you.

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Name: private
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Let us stop messing up the enviroment.

Correspondence ID: 9889 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off Road vehicles can be quite dangerous to young rare birds and turtles, in addition to polluting the beaches in general to the detriment of all living species in their proximity. Accidents are very likely to occur, when nobody notices, with rare species, but this is not the case with people who are frequently seeking a rest from traffic. Thank you for your attention.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Why would the National Park Service consciously modify regulations for vehicle access that jeopardize the fragile existence of threatened sea turtles and beach nesting birds? This is unconscionable and should be illegal. Cars and a car oriented society continue to destroy precious privately owned habitat for natural wildlife and now I hear that the National Park Service is caving to the interest of off road vehicles at the expense of the nation's environment on PUBLIC LAND!!! Cars and vehicles have no place in this park. They are dangerous for families and the increasingly decreasing populations of shore birds and sea turtles. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

I am a professional preservation and community planner: We need to take responsible actions with public lands for protecting habitat in light of the increasing amount of privately developed shoreline across the USA. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

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Best regards

Mijanou Bauchau

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Mary Martin

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Correspondence ID: 9900 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our seashore and the wildlife that depends on its safety there. A little protection goes a long way!

Thank you.

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Correspondence:	Please stop offroad vehicles						

Correspondence ID:	9904	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I like sea life						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Access to special areas must be restricted!						

Correspondence ID:	9906	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Re: Cape Hatteras National Seashore and all sea shores						

Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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

ORVs are an appalling, selfish abomination in these contexts, killing wildlife and violating the space of everyone else who wishes to enjoy these wilderness areas--when will you start protecting the lands you're supposed to steward instead of exploiting them?

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose off road vehicle use that threatens turtle, shorebirds and other wildlife. Pleas evote to protect them.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This is happening in Oregon as well!

Correspondence ID: 9914 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 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 protect our wildlife!

Correspondence ID:	9915	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	No ORV period . They don't belong in a National park for any reason. They are destructive, loud and not part of Nature. Ban them competly,						
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Correspondence ID:	9916	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 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.						
	<p>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.</p> <p>Please 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.</p>						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The proposed rule on limiting off road vehicle use in Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a good one. However, it does not go far enough to protect the shorebirds nests (and Lives) as well as the sea turtles, not to mention the pristine nature, quiet beauty and healthfulness of these beaches. I guess I am also asking for protection of those of us humans who find renewal away from the sound of engines, the recklessness of drivers, etc. In this time of fuel shortages and carbon pollution it may also be a favor to those who miss out on amazing experiences by whizzing by them.						
	<p>Please expand the proposed Rule and pass it!</p>						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Let's protect wildlife!						
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Correspondence ID:	9919	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Although off road vehicles are great fun to opperate, please place strong restrictions for their use . Speed limits, out of bounds designations and even seasonal shutdowns may necessary to assure human and wildlife safety.						
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Correspondence ID:	9920	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I strongly urge you to restrict the use of Off Road Vehicles (ORV) in the extremely sensitive area of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. A wide variety of threatened and/or endangered species (sea turtles and shorebirds in particular) are senselessly put under siege by these vehicles.						
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Correspondence ID:	9921	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Stop screwing around! Protect the environment or kiss all of you defense budgets, jobs plans, economic stimulus, cross party backstabbing, etc. goodbye. We are sick and tired of your crap!!!						
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Correspondence ID:	9922	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Lincoln said that the job of government is to do what the people are unable to do for themselves.						

Individuals and even large groups can only implore that government continue the stewardship assumed long ago for protecting wildlife.

National Park Service wants to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, without regard to the responsibility to protect and not destroy wildlife.

At a time when money rules supreme, the sales of off road vehicles and the people who make them can have a lot of influence. We have seen the same patterns with the destruction of ancient ruins and desert habitat by this same industry.

Please do not let them destroy more of what is truly a gift from above.

Correspondence ID: 9923 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence:

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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."

Correspondence ID: 9924 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am writing in regard to the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing off road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The current plan needs to be kept in place. Shorebirds and sea turtles have rebounded over the past several years - finally - and two things could undo these gains in a heartbeat. One would be an oil spill. The other would be more motorized four wheelers tearing up the beach.

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.

The proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional. Not cool. I strongly encourage you to revise this proposal to keep explicit protections for wildlife in place.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 9925 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect nesting birds.

Correspondence ID: 9926 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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: 9927 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please insure protection of the Snowy Plovers and Sea Turtles.

Correspondence ID: 9928 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use!

Correspondence ID: 9929 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: le Comments:

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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 route

Correspondence ID: 9930 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Allowing selfish, wanton destruction for the sake of a few cheap thrills in no good. There's better ways to get cheap thrills.

Correspondence ID: 9931 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose the unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 9932 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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.

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 alone are responsible for the continuation of wildlife on this planet, we have no choice but to limit ORV use...

Elder's Meditation of the Day - August 10

"Nature is the storehouse of potential life of future generations and is sacred." -- Audrey Shenandoah, ONONDAGA

We need to honor and respect our Mother Earth. She is the source of all life. If we interrupt the flow in any way, we leave nothing for the future generations. Before every decision is made, we should ask, and answer, a final question; What will we cause our children to live with?"

Mita Kuya Oyacin (We Are ALL Related)

Correspondence ID: 9933 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please make more beaches safe for nesting birds and turtles instead of allowing ATVs or the like to run them over. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 9934 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 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 dont allow off road vehicles on the shore line.

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,

Correspondence ID: 9935 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 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.

Personally, I would like to see ORV driving entirely banned in the area - too much of the United States has already been devoted to driving motor vehicles. I assume a total ban is not politically feasible, but far greater protections than currently proposed are clearly necessary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	9936	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	This area is a very fragile part of the eco web! It needs protection!						

Correspondence ID:	9937	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am an avid wildlife supporter and tourist. My vacations are determined on what animals I can see. By allowing road vehicles in a natural habitat, not only have you destroyed the natural landscape, but also the species of the area. If people want to admit it or not, we NEED animals to keep the balance of life. We are loosing that balance and it will lead to the collapse of the human race. Don't take wildlife for granted. Protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you from me and the animals.						

Sincerely, Nancy Linder

Correspondence ID:	9938	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

I'm writing in regard to the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing Off Road Vehicle use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

It is my understanding that 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 various other shorebirds are also rebounding. If you expand Off Road Vehicle use across the Seashore, both threatened and endangered wildlife will undoubtedly be negatively impacted.

Our family frequently visits the Hatteras area on vacation. We get around by both foot and vehicle, and can see the benefits of each. But when utilizing vehicles, everyone must remember to respect nature and give proper space for flora & fauna to thrive. Thus, we strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore. It appears 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. To keep things in better balance, 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 completely 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 taking our views into consideration.

Correspondence ID:	9939	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Pretty place, why not put some REAL effort into preserving it? We can buy four or five less Stealth Fighters. Yeah, that would do it and with the spare change we could save four or five more national parks from utter destruction.

Correspondence ID: 9940 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 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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The proposed regulation omits these buffers and other successful wildlife protections. Without this, the Park Service falls short in its obligations "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,ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Please care for the wildlife and pedestrians in the park.

Correspondence ID: 9941 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 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.

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carrie S. Staton

Correspondence ID: 9943 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't think vehicles belong on any beach. On the Long Beach Peninsula here in Washington State, a beach driver purposely drove into a flock of migrating shorebirds. However, the very LEAST you can do is protect nesting habitat. It's not enough that wildlife is killed on our roads and highways. Now critters can be run over on beaches.....

Correspondence ID: 9944 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: When I was a child we spent every summer camping near Cape Hatteras. I remember the fences around the areas for the nesting birds. Problem is, sometimes the birds don't know they are supposed to only build their nests inside those fences. Someone going faster than walking speed is not going to have enough time to react to avoid the nests. Also, off road vehicles are not known for their quietness. The noise of these vehicles will stress the birds and possibly make them leave the nesting areas fenced or unfenced and leave their eggs/young without protection.

Correspondence ID: 9945 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 9946 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This area was meant to be for the wildlife!!! There does not need to be any vehicle in this area at all!! We are well into the beginning of the 6th mass world extinction, and it is our fault!! Now we have to take responsibility for what we have done, and do something to rectify it!!!! It is time we stop killing everything and anything!!!!!! We must try to save what is left!!!! It is up to ALL of us to do this now!!!!!! Without fail, and immediately!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! NOW !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 9947 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please consider regulating access to the shoreline with any kind of motorized vehicles. We have all gotten so selfish, wanting only to consider our wants and neglecting to respect the very land we walk on and depend on for our lives, much less the helpless animals. We like to think they will always be there, but not if we don't start protecting them.

Correspondence ID: 9948 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I could have cut and pasted any number of well choreographed statements, but the simple statement is this: Off Road Vehicles, while are fun to use (I have trail biked a few times), have a negative impact on all those (plants, animals and people) who don't happen to be operating them. I am firmly against the expansion of ORV into National Parks in general. But take a place like Cape Hatteras, with so much value for both wildlife and beauty, and my opinion becomes firmer. I hate to be blunt, but sacrificing more of our dwindling, un-"developed" ocean front as a playground for motor toys does not seem wise.

Correspondence ID: 9950 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In recent years, a temporary plan that limits Off Road Vehicle use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. This Cape Hatteras National Seashore is critical habitat for sea turtles and birds whose ranges extend from South America through the Arctic. It is a vital link for wildlife in the Americas and must be protected.

Correspondence ID: 9951 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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Correspondence ID: 9952 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save our shores for people and wildlife, not SUV.

Correspondence ID: 9953 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is time to stand up for those who do not have a voice. Innocent lives are being lost.

Correspondence ID: 9954 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: 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.

Correspondence ID: 9955 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Regarding driving on beaches and shores, if wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, animal nesting numbers could easily decline. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 9956 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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 sure that there are many very vocal and well-funded advocates of tearing up the seashore in o.r.v.s. Unfortunately, the many species of wildlife who depend on this sea shore for their survival have no voice. They are dependent on people like me who will speak for 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.

Is it morally defensible to allow a handful of selfish o.r.v. operators to threaten the very survival of defenseless wildlife for the sake of "fun"?

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: 9957 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles should be able to use the park just like everyone else. Let everyone enjoy the beautiful park.

Correspondence ID: 9958 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. I

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The only vehicles that need to be on the beach are emergency vehicles. THAT is a "no brainer". It is disgusting that we even have to discuss it.

Correspondence ID: 9960 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 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:	9962	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 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.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras must be protected and so should any and all wildlife						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	There are threatened species like the Piping Plover that nest in these unprotected areas of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We really need to make these areas a priority in terms of protecting the treasured wildlife living in this region. I am in support of new legislature that scientifically protects wildlife and their nesting sites, and is strictly enforced.						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
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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: 9966 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is important to protect the wildlife on all Seashores. There is not need for mechanized sports vehicles or recreational vehicles on our national seashores.

Correspondence ID: 9967 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I understand that legislation is pending whether or not to allow unrestricted beach driving. Given that the Outer Banks, and especially Cape Hatteras, is such a national treasure for wildlife and habitat for wildlife, I urge honorable elected officials to restrict beach access from vehicular traffic. I am a tourist who travels for 14 hours in order to enjoy the wildlife on Cape Hatteras. My two boys and I enjoyed spotting the sea turtles, the schools of dolphins, the pelicans, the sea birds, the manta rays...etc. Even after having to evacuate hurricane Irene, we plan to come back again for the national treasure that is Cape Hatteras, that is a preserved habitat for sea turtles and piping plovers, and more. Please preserve habitat for wildlife on the beach, and continue to allow cars and trucks on the road where they belong.

Sincerely, Marcia Hillis

bodella@aol.com

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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.

Joseph Sharp

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Name: private
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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 US. These places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened & endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where we can visit wild beach environments.

ORV use impairs park resources. Including diminished access & increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality & dwindling populations. And yet, wildlife protections work. For several years, the Park Service enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, & hatchlings & protections for migrating & wintering shorebirds. Under that plan, protected species have been rebounding, with reproduction in record numbers. For instance, under that temp plan, threatened & 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 omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, & 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) & 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 & specific enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife & for pedestrians in the regulation.

The regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. More area must be included and limits should be seasonal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 9971 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ensure that wildlife and environmental protections are in place and are enforced. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 9972 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 9973 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Just because its possible due to available equipment et., does not mean that people should be allowed to ride roughshpd over the environment. Al this kind of activity should be controlled and regulated with a view to maintaining the environment.

Correspondence ID: 9974 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The birds and turtles at Cape Hatteras are doing well and I understand this has a lot to do with protecting them while nesting from off road vehicles. That makes sense. It would be a shame to change that to allow the ORV's since these protections have improved the survival of threatened species. I am sure people who come to enjoy the beach and sea also enjoy seeing the birds or an occasional turtle. It is so important that we protect our environment for today and the future. Since the beach is used by many visitors which must impact the area the use of ORV's should be considered with great care.

Correspondence ID: 9976 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ban or severely restrict off road vehicles from Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This is a National seashore, not a seashore for joyriders wanting immediate gratification and causing long-term destruction. It is not their seashore to destroy. Save this treasure and ban ORV use. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 9977 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Peace.

Correspondence ID: 9978 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore with appropriate measures. Thank You, Dale Shero

Correspondence ID: 9979 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras should be protected as a National Park for all time.

Correspondence ID: 9980 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a yearly visitor to the Hatteras National Seashore, I strongly support keeping off-road vehicles entirely off the beaches of the Islands. If you can't eliminate them entirely, at least continue to limit access to areas where sea turtles, plover, and other seabirds have nesting areas. We need to protect the wildlife species who use this critical terrain to reproduce.

And speaking as a beach user, I would much prefer to see NO vehicles on the beach at all It would make the beach safer, quieter, more visually beautiful and peaceful for all species, including ours. There are so few places left where machinery doesn't intrude. This beautiful place should be one of them.

Sincerely, Christa Watters

Correspondence ID: 9981 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect our environment

Correspondence ID: 9982 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: protect the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 9983 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: i want to strongly oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use as this will seriously effect and threaten sea turtles and shore birds who both use this coast to lay thier eggs, aswell as threatening other wildlife and im sorry but if you don't have any REGARD for animal life then you have no REGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE EITHER! it's simple really, please do the right thing and oppose this and don't let it happen, Jen.

Correspondence ID: 9984 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: SAvE the birds!

Correspondence ID: 9985 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles are destroying land all over America. Here in Arizona people are running them along the river banks and in the state parks off the designated trails.

Pollution from these vehicles are 18% higher than from a car.

The noise is also a problem in that it scares the wildlife.

Animals are being maimed and killed every day.

These vehicles are unnecessary for the general public and should be reserved for park service employees and sheriff departments only.

Please ban these vehicles from wildlife areas.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off Road Vehicles on the same beach where wildlife nests just so folks who should be walking the beach can get closer to the water quicker? Some of the best reasons to go to the shore is to see wildlife. who will be protecting the birds and other wildlife on the beaches? Is it to much to expect people to do some walking on these beaches and really appreciated their beauty. Please DO NOT allow ORV on the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore!						

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Do not allow 4 wheeled vehicles on the beaches of Cape Hatteras so that wildlife will be protected						

Correspondence ID:	9990	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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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,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Protect the Wildlife that calls Cape Hatteras home.						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	There are already thousands of miles for these vehicles to travel, leave what little, undisturbed nature that is left, alone!!						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please not shut it off to people coming through but regulate the trails and make sure the wild life has a safe place to survive. Once what keeps us human is gone were gone as a species....						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	You must not allow off road vehicles to use large portions of the shore!						

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Having spent many years vacationing in the area, I love the Cape Hatteras National Seashore BECAUSE of the pristine nature, birds, and animals that are found there. Please help PROTECT the nature and wildlife of this unique and precious area.						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please seriously consider restricting off road vehicle traffic in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. People should be respectful of the wildlife there, especially nesting birds, turtles, and other creatures. If we don't protest them, there will be no more wildlife to enjoy.						

Thank you.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
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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.

Yet the 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

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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.

Thanks for your consideration.
