

Correspondence ID: 10000 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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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.

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

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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 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 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.

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Correspondence: No beach driving in restricted areas. NO. NO. NO. Just do it, this is insane to let people drive all over Cape Hatteras Ntl. Seashore as though is is a side street in their own neighborhood. Just say no, like you would to any wild child!

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Correspondence: Please protect our wildlife.....we humans sometimes don't realize how and what we do affects our wildlife habitat. Please place restrictions enforcing the protection of our wildlife. Thank You.....Linda Hopper

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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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While I understand that people want an area to use the recreational vehicles, allowing the use of these vehicles at the expense of wildlife that is struggling to survive is unconscionable.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is absolutely 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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Phil James

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens wildlife on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting .						

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence:	Please begin to institute permanent protections for the shoreline pedestrians and endangered wildlife by eliminating off-roading. Thank you for your consideration.						

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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: i agree with this. unspoiled ecology is priceless. why sacrific it fo "fun', ecology-destroyin activities? when it is gone, it is gone forever. and replaced by what?

please, please, please preserve the hatteras area. keep it for future generations. sincerely, peg daly

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Correspondence: It is senseless to allow vehicles in an area that contains sensitive wildlife. If we do not exercise some degree of restraint to our overwhelming impulsive need to entertain ourselves recklessly and destructively, there will be very few other species left. Humans do not need to drive on beaches.

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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

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"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world" -John Muir

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Speak out for wildlife. Visit regulations.gov to oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

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

Thank you for your time.

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I support enforceable, science-based protections for the fragile wildlife of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Nesting areas should be absolutely vehicle-free. Off-road vehicles not only endanger the wildlife, but ruin the experience of people like me, who would go there to take in the natural beauty of the area.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing in support of more off road vehicle restrictions. They erode the land quality, cause pollution, and damage wildlife habitat.

Please work to support more protections for wildlife and the planet. Please eliminate off road vehicles in nature areas.

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Correspondence: Taking care of the environment and its wildlife is the first step toward taking care of the human race. What happens to them will happen to us!

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Correspondence: protection is critical to the survival of threatened and endangered species. Among them are the Turtles and birds and snowy plover and steel head trout and thistles and Gobies. The chain that is the ecosystem of the shore line will at some one lead tp man and food chain The death of the sea is the death of humans.

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Correspondence: I am writing to ask you to protect the fragile wildlife and shores at Cape Hatteras from damage and destruction by off-road vehicles. I am an avid kitesurfer and know Cape Hatteras and its natural beauty and I am dismayed that a small group of reckless people should be allowed to spoil the environment there and severely affect the wildlife of the area through their reckless off-

loading behavior. A few people do NOT have the right to do whatever they please: they are sharing the place with others, both humans and animals. Please help us protect the ecosystem!

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

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, As a conservationist and bird watcher, 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. And, as such, people will exploit what they are uneducated about or allowed to exploit! The continued recovery of this ecosystem will be halted as 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 majority of my vacations are spent at the beach. And although I believe in balanced access for recreational users of Cape Hatteras beach, I feel strongly that it should not be at the expense of the sanctuary to wildlife and attraction to vacationers such as myself who wish to walk on rather than drive on the beach.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts. Susi Hall

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Correspondence: Save our wildlife from off-road vehicles. Our wildlife is our American history and tradition.

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, As a person who cares about wildlife, I ask you to make specific and tough regulations to protect shore fauna at Cape Hatteras. There is no inherent need for people to drive off road vehicles here. Why take the risk of killing innocent animals so someone can have the "fun" of mindlessly driving a vehicle around. Rather, encourage these people to enjoy the area in a less destructive manner.

Thank you, Leslie Cunningham

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Correspondence: Please outlaw offroad vehicles on the National Park System: Cape Hatteras National Seashore. They are killing the seabirds. I don't understand why in the world these vehicles are continuing to be permitted to ride on these sands where these precious birds habitats are. These vehicles have no regard for these birds. It's just an act of cruelty. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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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.						
	<p>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.</p> <p>I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.</p>						
Correspondence ID:	10037	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please keep off-road vehicles off the beaches at Cape Hatteras.						
Correspondence ID:	10038	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please recognize that people do not need to invade our natural wildlife areas. These areas are a natural resource that should be encouraged to remain areas where the wildlife can live. There are many other ways that people can have fun burning up gas and oil just because they can afford to. As we are encouraging other cultures to save their natural areas for the good of the planet it should be a priority for our culture to refrain from messing up our natural areas.						
Correspondence ID:	10039	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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,</p>						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Protect birds and other Wildlife by keeping all vehicles off the beach.						
Correspondence ID:	10041	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We need to be a little more responsible as stewards of our environment.....						
Correspondence ID:	10042	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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Name:	private						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect plovers, sea turtles, sea and shore birds and all of the other wildlife that relies on Cape Hatteras Nat'l Seashore. 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. These vehicles do not belong in such a special place.						

Correspondence ID:	10045	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Wildlife asks nothing of us. Would we even listen if they could speak? All I ask is to please help give a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves. Please help our wildlife while we still have any left to protect.						

Correspondence ID:	10046	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Stop smashing our childrens future wildlife!						

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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						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We need to keep wild life areas a place where you can not build anything. KEEP IT WILD !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!						

Correspondence ID:	10049	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect the wildlife on Cape Hatteras Seashore!						

Correspondence ID:	10050	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.						

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

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

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

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID:	10053	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please keep the beaches of Cape Hatteras free of recreational vehicles so the nesting plovers and turtles can attain and maintain a healthy population. There must be another location that ORV's can recreate without disturbing the wildlife populations.						

Correspondence ID:	10054	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Correspondence ID:	10055	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	There must be strict rules and regulations governing the use of offroad vehicles. Otherwise the damage to flora, fauna and the environment can be extensive in the present and into the future.						

Correspondence ID:	10056	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please support specific, enforceable, science-based protection for						

wildlife and additional car-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 10057 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: People have many places to enjoy off-roading. They don't need to take up space where endangered animals call home.

Please set up and actively enforce rules to protect the beaches in Cape Hatteras from off-road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 10058 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I urge regulations to stop vehicles from killing shore birds.

Correspondence ID: 10059 **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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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 10060 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are many, many places where people can play with their motorized toys. There are only a few that birds driven by instinct can choose to nest. All off road vehicles of any type should be banned from this seashore. They are simply far too destructive to be permitted.

Correspondence ID: 10061 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This is careless and senseless. We should care about all living things. We're not the only ones here.

Correspondence ID: 10062 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please give serious consideration to limiting vehicles on the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Our shorebirds and turtles live very precarious lives as it is. the least we can do is see that their nesting areas are off limits during thier nesting season.

Correspondence ID: 10063 **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 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 help put a stop to unrestricted off-road vehicles on this and other national treasures indefinitely and permanently.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10064 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There has to be a clear close stating that those who kill birds should be charged and face justice.

Correspondence ID: 10065 **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.

Correspondence ID: 10066 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't make rules that cause damage to our environment with allowing unlimited ORV use on our shorelines. The recent hurricane Irene will have done enough damage as it is. The Park Dept. can and should do better. Thank you.

Margaret S. Bates

Correspondence ID: 10067 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do NOT allow off-road vehicles onto our shorelines and wildlife areas.

Correspondence ID: 10068 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private

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I appreciate your help with this important issue.

Correspondence ID: 10070 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: please choose wildlife over vehicles and place severe restrictions on off-road vehicle use in these - and all - key wildlife regions. thankyou.

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Name: private

Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

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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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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: 10074 **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: 10075 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect all wildlife

Correspondence ID: 10076 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This is a disgusting state of affairs. Little boys playing with their toys takes priority over wildlife survival. What a terrible set of values and priority's this behavior represents. This treatment of animal rights is indefensible! The people in charge desperately need to "Clean up their Act" and end the bird. as well as other animals, being slaughtered.

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Name: private

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 10079 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider designating an area of protection for the wildlife, especially in the nesting areas. Protecting these areas helps to increase the survival of the species. They need our help. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 10080 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no measure to protect wildlife from beach drivers!! This measure also only reserves about 1/3 of the beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round. Sea turtles and ground nesting sea birds must be protected...under this plan the numbers of nests could easily decline precipitously! Off road vehicles should NOT be permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore!

Correspondence ID: 10081 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the use of powered vehicles on our shorelines. They ruin critical habitats let alone squashing eggs and killing wildlife such as birds and turtles.

Correspondence ID:	10082	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.						
Correspondence ID:	10083	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	You let fuckers drive on the beach and run over birds of there? Fucking weird!						
Correspondence ID:	10084	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.						
Correspondence ID:	10085	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please consider the wildlife such as sea turtles and piping plovers when setting aside areas for offroad vehicles. These animals need protected land for nesting and it would be a shame to see the progress they've made in recent years destroyed. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	10086	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am strongly opposed to the use of off-road vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. ORVs disrupt the natural peacefulness and are a serious threat to the environment and the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that must nest on the beaches for survival. There must be very specific, science-based, and easily enforceable protections for our wildlife and their nesting areas. Once our shorebirds and turtles are lost, they are gone forever. For what? The pleasure of a relative few who care only about themselves? Please protect our precious birds and turtles from self-serving and destructive people. We have to be the voice of the innocent.						
Correspondence ID:	10087	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please ban ATVs and all off road vehicles, any vehicles, from the shoreline!						
Correspondence ID:	10088	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	When will the nonchalant and selfish killing of innocent wildlife end?						
	Is killing a newborn or a new mother piping plovers worth a carefree (sarcastic) ride on an OTV? You make me sick to be the same species you are.						
	As a species we deserve to die for all the careless, selfish and with no compassion acts we commit without a single thought. We are the only species on the planet to plunder and rape it's own home, planet Earth.						
	Every second of every day another species becomes closer to extinction because of our selfishness and greed. Polar Bears are one of my my favorites species, they are already threatened it should be endangered.						
	Every endangered species has become so because of human beings. We are supposed guardians of nature and wildlife. Since when did guardians become the most dire threat to them all and our very planet.						
	Human beings are a disgrace and I am sad to be a member of the species. The only way to save planet earth is to eradicate mankind.						
	It will happen one day at our own doing when we have made our once garden of eden home uninhabitable.						
Correspondence ID:	10089	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y

Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Please restrict it for the good of the Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 10090 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PROTECT WILDLIFE AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT NOW

Correspondence ID: 10091 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect our Birds keep vehicles off our beaches ,its their home! Sincerely=== Marcie J Newman-Perskin

Correspondence ID: 10092 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: i agree with the new proposed rule regulating off road vehicle on this national seashore. the wildlife that inhabits the dunes need to be protected. this is also a funtion of a park to set aside and preserve an area in a prisitine way for generations to come. to many things in nature are facing extinction even before they are made known to us. please limit off road recreational vechiles as is in document NPS2011 0005 001. thank you

Correspondence ID: 10093 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am pleased to be a member of Defenders of Wildlife. With out their dedication to preserving our wild life I would wonder what would become of our wildlife and the balance of nautre that is so crucially imporant to the well being of our nation and our world.

If we share this knowledge with the world and become roll models for all than I believe more people would stop acting in an unresponsible way. Education is key and we and especially people who have the authority and position should work on relating to the public and than stand behind protecting what is valuable to all.

THank you. Debra

Correspondence ID: 10094 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our shoreline wildlife, especially in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. You can make a difference.

Correspondence ID: 10095 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife in Cape Hatteras should be protected from off-road vehicles. Our wildlife shouldn't be put at risk because of this activity. Please consider the following facts: "In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153." We've experimented with protections and found that they work. So why not continue them?

Correspondence ID: 10096 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop kiilling animals!

Correspondence ID: 10097 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop this madness.

Correspondence ID: 10098 **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 have never been to Cape Hatteras, but I hope to visit some day. While I enjoy riding ORVs myself, I recognize that there are places they are not appropriate. In this case, it seems that more protections could be given to the shorebirds. I know that the birds and turtles can't express their thoughts on this matter, so it is up to citizens to speak for them. I suspect that ORV users will be speaking loudly. I hope that you will consider more restrictions for ORV riders, despite thier protests.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 10099 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW OFF-ROAD VEHICLES IN CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE. IT IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT TO PROTECT THE BIRDS, TURTLES AND OTHER WILDLIFE THAN TO ALLOW "OFF-ROADERS" TO DESPOIL NATURAL AREAS. WILDLIFE CAN'T GO SOMEWHERE ELSE--THEY CAN. PEOPLE WHO WANT TO TO DO THIS NEED TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT THE SEVERE IMPACT THEY HAVE ON WILDLIFE AND THEIR HABITAT. WHY NOT CREATE A PLAIN DIRT AREA WHERE RIDERS CAN BE ALLOWED DURING DESIGNATED TIMES OF THE DAY? THANK YOU.

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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 10101 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep the natural wildlife safe!

Correspondence ID: 10102 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do not allow vehicles on the beach.

Correspondence ID: 10103 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Going to the beach should not be about driving vehicles on the sand, it should be about walking and taking the time to appreciate your surroundings; to appreciate nature rather than destroy it.

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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Even if you do not wish to save these species, it is necessary. With just one species gone, entire ecosystems can fall apart. This reduced biodiversity not only hurts the parks, but it also leads to trouble for humans. We simply cannot survive in a world that has been destroyed. Clearly, the costs of not protecting the parks and their wildlife are much higher than the costs of allowing the destruction to continue.

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Correspondence ID:	10106	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do not allow off-road vehicles on beaches at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Many birds and other wildlife will be adversely affected. Visitors go to the beach to enjoy the beauty and quiet the ocean provides. For me, wildlife is a very important part of my interest in travel and I would not visit an ocean site where off-road vehicles are allowed.						
Correspondence ID:	10107	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Wildlife must be protected as the top priority. Off road vehicle driving is frivolous and kills wildlife. They lived on the beach for millions of years before people came along with noisy, deadly, polluting vehicles. The beach should be pristine. We need explicit plans to protect turtles, birds, and other beach inhabitants - NOT cars.						
Correspondence ID:	10108	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	National parks and protectable areas to be protected as a life of god and his creations on the globe finally.						
Correspondence ID:	10109	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 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 east coast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.						
	It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.						
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Correspondence ID: 10111 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I grew up in eastern North Carolina, and enjoyed countless vacations and day trips to the Outer Banks. My family liked to drive on the beach from time to time, and I have fond memories of those experiences. However, I still support stronger regulation of ORVs on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Overall protection of the coast and marine animals is more important than the interests of a small group of beach goers. ORVs have their place, even on national seashores, but they should be limited to small areas. Plus, habitat and wildlife issues aside, vehicle-gutted beaches are just plain ugly, and detrimental to other visitors' enjoyment of the coast.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Anna Parker

Correspondence ID: 10112 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our wildlife needs protection, please do not allow off-road vehicles and their operators the only freedom. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10113 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I own a 4wd SUV and love to go off-roading but NOT where it endangers the environment and especially wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 10114 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No off road vehicles should be allowed to travel anywhere other than on designated roads in our National Parks and National Monuments. They are noisy destructive to the terrain and wildlife.

My personal preference would be to not allow all terrain and off road vehicles in any national park, monument or forest.

Correspondence ID:	10115	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please allow me to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						
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Correspondence:	Some of our relatives live or are from this area and all of them without exception are praying for protection of this area, as are we. We have this area on our list of places to visit to see relatives and to gift our senses. Please protect this precious resource.						
Correspondence ID:	10117	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Correspondence:	As one of the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach habitat on the Atlantic coast, Cape Hatteras is a national treasure visited by millions of Americans. It is also home to nesting shore birds and sea turtles who are threatened by off-road vehicle (ORV) use along beaches. During these critical seasons, it is important to curb off-road vehicles to allow these species the space to grow and fledge.						
<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>							
Correspondence ID:	10118	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	Please protect these animals from off road vehicles.						
Correspondence ID:	10119	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Save the seashore						
Correspondence ID:	10120	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.						

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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: 10121 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I would like to ask the NPS to add specific protections for wildlife and pedestrian visitors into the ORV regulation to ensure wildlife recovery continues and that the safety of all visitors is protected.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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Sincerely, Kristin Womack

Correspondence ID: 10122 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please take action.

Correspondence ID: 10123 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. 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 I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 10124 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am OPPOSED to off road vehicles being allowed to drive on the seashore. This area is critical to birds and turtles for their survival. Wildlife must be specifically protected in the Park Service's plan, and 26 miles is NOT enough. Pedestrians are allowed, vehicles should NOT be there, they destroy too much and pollute the air from emissions and water by throwing trash

Correspondence ID: 10125 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the access on wildlife protected areas.

Correspondence ID: 10126 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please work harder to save ecosystems and wildlife. If you don't have strict, specific and enforceable rules then the Wild Life will severely damage or destroy wildlife. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 10127 **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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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with the rest open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

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

Correspondence ID: 10128 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our seashores from all vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 10129 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to keep our hands off the ocean and beaches unless we're willing to respect the habitats of those live there.

Correspondence ID: 10130 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I used to visit Ocracoke Is. as a child and the best parts are the unspoilt and undeveloped beaches.

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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						
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Correspondence:	I strongly OPPOSE the proposed regulations that would allow sensitive areas of this wildlife natural habitat for unrestricted off-road vehicle use. Ideally there would be no vehicles allowed in this area, but at a minimum there must be provisions for protection of fragile wildlife and its unique habitat. I assume that you do not want to be the agency who had the "watch" when the last Piping Plover is run over.						

Current restrictions on off-road vehicle use in this area have been very effective in restoring wildlife and habitat. Now is NOT the time to reverse those gains.

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Correspondence: Re: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (NPS-2011-0005-0001) I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. I definitely OPPOSE use of these beaches by all-terrain-pleasure-riding vehicles. Thank you for your attention.

Laura Sternberg

Correspondence ID: 10136 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not open the Cape to beach driving. Instead, support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 10137 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please

Correspondence ID: 10138 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use in Cape Hatteras that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife--and so should you and your department. 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. Prevent vehicle deaths to wildlife in Cape Hatteras. Please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting habitats in Cape Hatteras. Thank you.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please pass protection for Hatteras and other NC shore wildlife and nesting area to protect from CRV's

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles already have TOO MUCH access to our beaches and other "Protected" areas. Please curtail these destructive machines.

Correspondence ID: 10143 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: for wildlife as well as people it is important to have quiet, noiseless and fumeless space to be. orvs should be banned from all national parks!

Correspondence ID: 10144 **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 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 use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Correspondence ID: 10145 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I ride ATV's and there are plenty of places to ride we don't need to ride everywher just because we think we're the most important entities on this planet. I am Saddened at this mentality and think that we should learn to share the world with all it's inhabitants.

Correspondence ID: 10146 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is vital to the continued existnece of wild life on the easter seaboard, especially the area around Cape Hatteras. Humans can drive their SUVs in hundreds of other places wshere they do not endanger innocent and helpless wildlife. Selfish people who think only of their own fun should not be allowed to destroy some of relatively few species left on our plundered earth.

Stronger rules and laws must be put in place and then carried out to their fullest extent.

Sr. Renee Brinker, C.P.P.S.

Correspondence ID: 10147 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I encourage you to do everything possible to eliminate off-road vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 10148 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please provide more supportive regulations concerning off-road beach driving, to protect the wildlife there. Thank you

Sincerely

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Correspondence ID: 10149 **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.

Living in a community that depends on its beaches for a large part of its economy gives a special insight into proper beach management.

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 ID: 10152 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife on our beaches!

Correspondence ID: 10153 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect shoreline wildlife by putting restrictions on offroad vehicles. Offroading is a luxury; our earth's resources are not.

Correspondence ID: 10154 **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.

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.

ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. In place of that plan, I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

I was at the shore this summer and the small number of plovers was striking. Please, help preserve the wild areas for our kids and their kids.

Many Thanks.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In my opinion, having lived in Jacksonville, N.C., and enjoying the beaches of that state, and now being a resident of a Gulf State, such treasured areas as Cape Hatteras National Seashore is no place for offroad vehicles. There are abundant areas in which to ride such vehicles, but a seashore area with delicate wildlife and plants deserve to be preserved for all to enjoy. Please protect these treasures. Once they are destroyed, they cannot be replaced.

Correspondence ID: 10157 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Mechanized recreation should not be allowed where it destroys wildlife and habitat. If one person's "fun" requires killing other living things, it's time to grow up.

Correspondence ID: 10158 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not let any vehicles be on the beach. Save our wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 10159 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't think off road vehicles should be allowed on any beach or in any public park, forest or reserve. They are dirty, polluting and dangerous to others, human and flora and fauna. If you can't walk or ski to it, you don't get to go. I feel the same about snow mobiles and any other vehicle that is used for recreation in a way that is detrimental to nature. Thank you. Robin

Correspondence ID: 10160 **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. Lauren Nunez

Correspondence ID: 10161 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: save !!!!!

Correspondence ID: 10162 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Good day

Please would you relook at your protection laws. My husband & myself do enjoy the outdoors and we often go "off road" or as we refer to it in SA, 4 X 4 driving.

Our country has a total ban on beach driving!

This does not hinder us in any way and in fact, we do applaud this law.

I think you should impliment this to protect your wildlife and not just a small portion of your beautiful beaches. We do not have a problem with this law as there are many other places to drive without affecting more animals trying to breed.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message. Regards.

Correspondence ID: 10163 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop destroying the environment of these animals which will ultimately destroy the ecological system for which we shall all pay dearly if we are not already beginning to do.

Correspondence ID: 10164 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Danica Reno

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

even in GERMANY we are very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Concerning nature, there are no borders!

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Thank you for your consideration. Monika Thaller

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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
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop off roaded.

Correspondence ID: 10171 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a constituent concerned about the health of our nation's natural treasures, I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

As you know, 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 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-known that ORV use detrimentally impacts park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. Fortunately 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.

Yet the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. I urge the Park Service to remedy this flaw by designating both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Thank you for considering my feedback and for your efforts to preserve America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations

Correspondence ID: 10172 **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 terribly concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the present 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 favor regulating ORVs at the Seashore, but I want a plan that protects wildlife more than it protects beach drivers. 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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Hatteras Seashore.

Respectfully,

Susanne Madden

Correspondence ID: 10173 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It makes no sense to open the entire seashore, or in fact even a small part, to beach driving.

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

"Rarely do we find men who willingly engage in hard, solid thinking. There is an almost universal quest for easy answers and half-baked solutions." Martin Luther King Jr.

"Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child as it is to the caterpillar." Bradley Miller.

Correspondence ID: 10174 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Are we just totally about self in this country? People are killing species' habitat for motor sports, for Christ's sake. It's behavior like this, and perhaps even worse the acceptance of it, that makes me want to leave this country. I am disgusted, really disgusted, right now. Claire Brown, Smyrna, TN

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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 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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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

While it is probably fun to drive on the beach, it is certainly not necessary. I am bothered when a vehicle drives by any beach I am on. It seems like the beach is a place one should be able to go to get away from traffic and not worry about their kids, grandkids, pets, etc. injured by a vehicle of some kind. Obviously treating the beach like it is a highway is dangerous for wildlife that depend upon it to thrive as well as for people who are out enjoying the beach.

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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.

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Thank you in advance for taking my comments into consideration.

Sincerely, Lynne Davis

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Correspondence ID: 10179 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our nation wild life is under attack from all of man kind and it times we made bounderies. Our beaches and and sand doons are already suffering. If avote came today i would and hope all you would vote to keep all vehciles off our beaches world wide. as humans we have taken every bit of land we can get . We have pushed the animals into our neighborhoods and city streets. There are so many animals that have to migrate a certin way every year or go to a special place to mate or lay there eggs to help continue their species. We have no right to push them out. Actully kill them for our vacation or recreational use. This is 2011 and the world is not getting better. YOU hold the answers in your hand. Will you step up and tell the children of he world that you had a hand in the death of so many innocent lifes??? PLease do all that you can to help, and save these and all animals.

Correspondence ID: 10180 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's about time vehicles -of all types- learned and understood their boundaries on this planet!

Correspondence ID: 10181 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am opposed to off road vehicles being permitted in the Cape Hatteras National Seashores. They are nothing more than habitat destroying wildlife killing machines in all of National Parks. They should be restricted to emergency situations only and then only under the strictess supervision. The vast majority of National Park users do NOT want them in the parks. We go to the parks to see and hear Nature not people being idiots on sooped up toys.

Correspondence ID: 10182 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Ban vehicles from beaches

Correspondence ID: 10183 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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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.

Sadly, 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.

Please, protect all precious wildlife and please don't allow vehicle accessible roads in this location.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10185 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I'm asking if you can support only specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This area is inhabited by many animals that need to be protected. One of these being sea turtles whose populations have slightly increased due to the temporary protections that National Parks have enforced. It is our responsibility to maintain and protect wildlife populations whose numbers have decreased to alarming low numbers. Please consider that recreational vehicles are not necessary and can be used in specific areas that will not endanger wildlife and also the natural terrain of the area that includes plant life.

Correspondence ID: 10186 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Human beings have access to plenty of non-wild areas in which to engage in noisy, gasoline-wasting recreational activities. There is no need at all for them to be allowed to use sensitive wildlife areas for such activities.

Sea turtles, shore birds, and other wildlife are already battling for survival because of limited habitat and pollution, as well as loss or destruction of their sensitive nesting areas. They should not have human recreational activities added to the things which are already endangering their very survival.

Please vote to strictly regulate such areas to keep off-road vehicles far away from them. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife. I also strongly support specific vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you for considering my statement.

Correspondence ID: 10187 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please save wildlife from off roads

Correspondence ID: 10188 **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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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. As a frequent overseas visitor to your region from Australia I am most concerned by your proposal as it

stands currently. Protect the wildlife Doctor Susan Lesmond

Correspondence ID: 10192 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: 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 Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches.

I am speaking out for wildlife in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and 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.

The progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife must continue and the entire seashore SHOULD NOT be open to beach driving. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you for taking the necessary steps to further protect wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 10193 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop offroad vehicles whenever possible Turtles NEST here and ALL sea turtles are critically endangered. It is not good for the birds either. Just not necessary plenty of places for people to drive but the seashore should NOT be one of them!

Correspondence ID: 10194 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please protect the wildlife and also allow for some ohv use.

Correspondence ID: 10195 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If people wish to go off-roading, they should use only their feet.

Correspondence ID: 10196 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I used two times and enjoyed the cabins and fishing riding my ATV I did not see the needed protection that is in this Report. thanks for looking at the other side. A park needs people If we cant use it you are wasting our tax Money thanks Robert Simmons

Correspondence ID: 10197 **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.

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:	10198	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Superintendent Murray,						

I am concerned that the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing off-road vehicle use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore does not adequately protect wildlife in the area.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be negatively 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 while allowing 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 not acceptable. 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:	10199	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.

Animals have the short end of the stick lately. This is a regulation that will have little or no fiscal impact, yet can actually save

animal lives, which is a benefit to us all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 10200 **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: 10201 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles endanger nesting birds. Please restrict their entry into this unique environment so future generations can enjoy these and other wildlife harmed by off-roaders.

Correspondence ID: 10202 **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.

Correspondence ID: 10203 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please support and , enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID:	10204	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	off road vehicles must not be allowed anywhere. There are various bird species nesting on these beaches. Mankind just has to respect wildlife and their environment. The existence of animals can't be ignored just for the sake of a futile thing like motorcycling.						

Correspondence ID:	10205	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Our seashore wildlife is threatened by the ability of off-road vehicles to traverse their habitats. Just like these same vehicles are allowed to go on desert habitats. These areas look barren, but they host many species that need our protection.						

Correspondence ID:	10206	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I would like rules stopping or limiting the use of vehicles on the areas where any wildlife could be affected						

Correspondence ID:	10207	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off roading needs to be regulated in a manner that takes wildlife into account. Allowing off road vehicles on sensitive shoreline areas is not only detrimental to wildlife, it ruins the area for future enjoyment and prevents use by those without motorized vehicles; families, children, the elderly and those who prefer to enjoy nature in silence.						

Correspondence ID:	10208	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am opposed to any beach driving. It is totally unnecessary. Please protect sea turtles & shore birds.						

Correspondence ID:	10209	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Someone has to care for the animals that are living in their natural habitat, especially when we allow vehicles into those areas where these animals can easily become victims. If an offroad vehicle does damage to another offroad vehicle, can't they have to take responsibility? If an offroad vehicle harms a person while driving offroad, aren't they held responsible? The same should be held true for offroad vehicles that harm or kill animals. Just because they're smaller than us doesn't make them less important than us.						

Correspondence ID:	10210	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 deeply concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I think that they should be BANNED.

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 10211 **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.

Mary Wegelin RN

Correspondence ID: 10212 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles should not be allowed on any beach! Please save these the plovers!

Correspondence ID: 10213 **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 visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please protect this fragile ecosystem and the wildlife that inhabits it!

Correspondence ID: 10214 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As the last and only natural seashore on the east coast I feel this area should be completely free from ORVs.

Correspondence ID: 10215 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Re the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 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 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." 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 also 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: 10216 **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 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 threaten the area's wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 10217 **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.

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: 10218 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 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 and increased wildlife mortality. 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, checks and hatchlings. Protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in records numbers. However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. I would ask that these protections be added to the plan. I also ask that more miles be set aside for vehicle free areas. Thank you for considering these comments and please continue to preserve america's natural and cultural heritage for all our future generations.

Correspondence ID: 10219 **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.

David Bonnell

Correspondence ID: 10220 **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: 10221 **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. The proposed guidelines do not fully protect these endangered animals. I oppose allowing vehicles to drive through areas that threatened animals use for breeding and nesting. They were here first, we must respect their fragile nature and take our vehicles elsewhere. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10222 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please take care of the birds and sea turtles on this beautiful North Carolina stretch of seacoast. ORVs need to respect nature and all its creatures, as corny and cliché as that may sound! We are lucky enough to live on the most beautiful planet in the galaxy - we need to live that...thank you.

Linda A. Fighera Rhinebeck, NY

Correspondence ID: 10223 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: SHORELINES ARE ONE OF OUR MOST PRODUCTIVE NATURAL RESOURCES, WE NEED TO PROTECT THEM. THE HEALTH OF THESE FRAGILE ECOSYSTEMS IS JUST TOO HIGH A PRICE TO PAY FOR THE TEMPORARY PLEASURE OF DRIVING THROUGH THEM. THANK YOU, JANINE FALLON LOS OSOS CA

Correspondence ID: 10224 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatters National Seashore needs protection and so does all other shore lines.....with over population of humans. pollution and throw away plastics that wash on the shores...

Correspondence ID: 10225 **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 bird and turtle nesting.

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, sea turtles and other threatened and endangered wildlife could be negatively impacted.

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

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

Correspondence ID: 10226 **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. 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: 10227 **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.

Correspondence ID: 10228 **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.

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

Thanks

Correspondence ID: 10229 **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:	10230	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Prevent Vehicle Death in Cape Hatteras						

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

Correspondence ID:	10231	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Thank you for your consideration.

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Salud.

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Name:	private						

Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Free access for all, perserve not prohibit.

Correspondence ID: 10234 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The protection of endangered species is not included in this regulation. Personally, I think off-road vehicles should be kpt out of these areas altogether. Protect the turtles and birds and other wildlife in these areas!

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All terrain vehicles tearing around these creatures that require calm, peaceful environments to successfully mate & procreate sounds like a set up to have more animals endangered. And that's not even taking into account animals outright killed by being run over. Dirt Bikes & ATVs need a separate, less sensitive area, back near the city where they can race around & not kill, pollute, or otherwise disturb the native animals. Please seriously consider keeping these loud, fast vehicles out of sensitive areas like our National Pars, to help keep them pristine & enjoyable for all species.

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Correspondence ID: 10238 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect these birds. They deserve to live and are God's creatures.

Correspondence ID: 10239 **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 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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

Prevent Vehicle Death in Cape Hatteras I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Please oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 10243 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As an avid beach and bird watcher, I implore you to keep the beaches protected from vehicles. It would be horrible to not protect the beauty here. We visit family about an hour away from you and just love the beaches there. We visit every other year. Keep cars out!

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: After years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders of wildlife and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Correspondence ID: 10245 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To my way of thinking, ORVs do not belong in national parks, but if you allow them to operate in parks, then you should protect the park and the wildlife by inserting the buffer zones around nesting areas. Do you even stop to consider the noise pollution or the environmental damage of ORVs? Parks should be natural places, places of peace and quiet. Please reinsert the buffer zones in your plans. Follow the mission of national parks: preserve and protect.

Correspondence ID: 10246 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect wildlife

Correspondence ID: 10247 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop off road vehicles on Cape Hatteras Seashore and other animal habitats, thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10248 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Get off their land

Correspondence ID: 10249 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the sea shores for nesting animals and limit the use of 4 wheel drive vehicles to small areas.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10250 **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

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Dorothea Stephan

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Re: OFF ROAD VEHICLES - May I suggest to get "the off road vehicle" off our beaches (waterfronts), and national parks!! Whenever I go back to the U.S., (I am a U.S. citizen, but currently living in Europe) I' am totally disgusted with these brainless people who are maniacs on those things, have a total disregard for people, wildlife or nature! Why do we permit such idiotic behavior of a few, to spoil the enjoyment, peace, and tranquility of this beautiful country?

I suggest "designated trails", (and heavy fines) where they can kill themselves and leave the rest of us alone!!

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 10253 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please limit off-road vehicles in our seashore areas.

Correspondence ID: 10254 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Let people love and protect nature and the shore line and the fragile ecology, not crush it under vehicle tires and pollute it with exhaust!

Correspondence ID: 10255 **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: If we do not become more mindful of our actions, then we cannot blame anyone else for the consequences.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Human destruction in the case of bringing motorized vehicles onto the beaches has to be stopped. In addition to the deaths of our co-inhabitants, the animals, the fumes and gasoline spillage added to permanent hard of a fragile environment.						

Also, these ugly fume-spewing, eardrum-blasting machines destroy the peace of the beaches...and harm the souls of humanity and the soul of the world.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy~						

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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:	I am writing to express my concern about the way unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use on Cape Hatteras has caused significant harm to the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.						

I am requesting that the National Park Service adopt much more stringent regulations for beach driving on the whole Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The currently proposed regulation does far too little to protect wildlife nesting areas since it only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. In addition, the currently proposed regulation will only reserve 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.

The value of more stringent regulations has already been proven. The temporary plan that limited ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been effective for protecting 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 revise the current proposal in order to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dr. Lark Lands

Correspondence ID:	10263	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	So important to save all the parks, and not have ATV's and other vehicles destroying the area!!!						

Correspondence ID:	10264	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 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 KEEP ORVs OFF THE BEACHES AND OUT OF THE SEASHORE and adopt 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

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	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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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:	10266	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect and preserve this area.						
Correspondence ID:	10267	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	care about National Parks more!.....+n						
Correspondence ID:	10268	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please stop Off Road Vehicles killing Shoreline Wildlife						
Correspondence ID:	10269	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	PROTECT WILDLIFE along the beaches at Hatteras National Seashore. STOP the ATV traffic. Advances have been made that show less human involvement is creating better nesting. Dont let this fall away. More REGULATIONS needed!						
Correspondence ID:	10270	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I realize that the National Park system has to balance many people's wishes for the use of our National Parks. But are they really just supposed to be amusement parks for people with jet skis and ORV's and ATV's? Why would anyone visit Cape Hatteras just to watch other people on their ORV driving around destroying all the wildlife and natural beauty that is there? do people flock to LA and sit beside the interstate to watch the traffic jams? I think not. It is your responsibility to protect and defend these national wonders and places of beauty and the wildlife that exists within. If people want to drive their ORVs around there are plenty of other places to do so. Cape Hatteras National Seashore does not need to be one of them. They are too noisy and destructive. Sweet Mother of God, protect the sea turtles and shore birds like you are supposed to! What's next, racing monster trucks up and down the seashore? It is the unique, NATURE part of our natural parks that draw so many people to them. Sure, driving around on them on an ORV would be fun, but it's impossible to get people to even stop leaving garbage on the beach. Surely you don't believe that you could get them to just drive at a 5mph pace so they wouldn't kill turtles and birds, do you? as soon as you would put up a sign forbidding jumping dunes (to protect nesting sites, for example), idiots would have to drive right over every dang dune on the beach. So, please, just say NO to ORVs on the beach so they are preserved for the humans						
Correspondence ID:	10271	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Why is it that people think they have the right to go anywhere and do what they want? As a species we have destroyed so many other species. There need to be restrictions in place to protect other sentient beings before we destroy and annihilate them too.						
Correspondence ID:	10272	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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Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 10273 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please defend the wolves of the Northern Rockies and stop the planned hunts.

Correspondence ID: 10274 **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. I strongly urge you to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10275 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The native Americans lived here for hundreds of years and never left a mark on the environment. It should be our goal to do the same.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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

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

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please help protect the sea turtles and other wildlife that depend on the seashore as their home. They need us!						

Correspondence ID:	10279	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	If we do not protect these birds and turtles they will become extinct. Who all needs to ride the beaches at leisure and destroy wild life forever!!!!						

Correspondence ID:	10280	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

steve long

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Is that what it's come to? We can't even enjoy a simple day at the shore without tearing around in some loud, obnoxious smoke belching vehicle, tearing up the dunes, scaring/and/or killing the unfortunate animals who, through no fault of their own, have to live there? What is it about quiet and stillness that terrifies us so? Why do we feel this need to constantly be 'stimulated' by sound and fury? Why do we revile stillness and contemplation? Is it because it may point out how empty and soulless we are? Could it be that the very silence rebukes us? And, if it shows us that we are as we are, not as we imagine ourselves to be, does that not present to us a choice?						

And what is the nature of that choice? The choice to be adults and take responsibility for preserving and defending what is truly the greatest gift of all. A natural world that, if left alone and unexploited, will not only sustain itself, but, in so doing, remain the very ecosystem that SUSTAINS US AS WELL.

We are all part of a web, and every strand of that web is interconnected. It is so vast and so complex that when you take out a strand here and a strand there, it effects the integrity of the whole. If we cut out the web for species deemed smaller and less significant than us, it will come back to us as a series of cascading failures that will, in time, engulf all of us. Remember the poem that went 'for lack of a nail, the shoe was lost, for lack of a shoe, the horse, then the rider, then the battle? Well, for lack of

the lower species, there's a cascading failure that will reach upward until, it effects us and by the time it affects us, we won't be able to stop it. Like the ice caps melting. It continues long enough and can't be stopped, goodbye east and western US coastline cities. And all because we didn't realize that if we cut out the lower rungs of the ladder, eventually we'd be pitched off the same ladder.

We are, literally, all in this together.

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The earth does not belong to us, we belong to the earth. We are biblically charged with being it's caretakers. Protect those who cannot protect themselves

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 10284 **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.

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 ID: 10287 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles are not consistent with natural habitat and are destructive to the flora and fauna that live there.

Correspondence ID: 10288 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There has to be some kind of restrictions and limitations for offshore usage. Wildlife should be protected. It is our job to keep what God has created to live its purpose. Humans should not roll all over landscapes that really belong to the wild. Be

considerate and respect other breathing mammals, animals and critters. We are supposed to protect them.

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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.

Help save Birds and Wilderness and the ecosystem of the earth.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Genesis 2:15 tells us, in so many words, the freedom to enjoy dominion we need to be good stewards. Here again we are faced with an excellent opportunity to be good earth stewards.

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Correspondence ID: 10293 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do what you can to protect the wildlife on a permanent basis. Thankyou

Correspondence ID: 10294 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep the wildlife safe, and the off road vehicles out. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10295 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLease rectify this and protect these areas.

Correspondence ID: 10296 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Respective Park Service - in regards to ORV at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 10297 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Although parks are for recreation, they are not only for people to go and relax and feel safe. Our wildlife are defenseless against the harm that we often subject them to. It demands that we look out for them therefore off road vehicles should be strictly prohibited from areas such as these.

I appreciate your opening your email to read my comment. It is a heartfelt plea that I ask that you consider strongly objecting to ruling in favor of any mechanical device being allowed in parks especially off road vehicles.

Sincerely,

Ms. Gonzales

Correspondence ID: 10298 **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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Thank you for your consideration. Andrew Patterson

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Everyone needs to do all that they can to protect wildlife not allow it to be destroyed.

Correspondence ID: 10300 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I write to OPPOSE unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife....Please protect our wildlife from beach drivers.

Correspondence ID: 10301 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have a hard time believing that this situation hasn't already been resolved. Recreational use of vehicles on beaches with so much environmental damage at stake; endangered birds and turtles put at risk---this should be a no brainer!

Correspondence ID: 10302 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep the vehicles that also are poluters and gasoline guzzlers away from our National Wildlife Treasures.

Correspondence ID: 10303 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect Cape Hatteras National Seashore from beach driving. Wildlife are in danger from beach driving and would'nt it be nice if we had a quiet place to visit? There should be places in our country where quiet and saftey for wildlife is the key. National Parks should be safe areas. thank you

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Since Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a critical area in the life cycle of so many species, it needs to be fully protected. I myself do enjoy outdoor power sports but there is not any good reason why vehicles should be driving on any part of this beach.

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Name: private
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am so overwhelmed by how many correspondences i receive from various organizations championing some poor animal that man has trooden over. Why is it always so difficult to do the righ thing? This is so simple - protect this wildlife. My 7th grade students constantly question how our government/society/the world allows such practices that hurt or neglect the welfare of animals. 12 year old kids know better - why don't the adults?						
Correspondence ID:	10308	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Why are people so irresponsible about everything. They want to enjoy themselves by driving off road vehicles but they have not regards for the living creatures around them. If there were humans in there way, they would not do it, but any type of animals they don't care about. You need to do something about this. It is absolutely disgusting to think that people act like this.						
	Please help in this matter.						
Correspondence ID:	10309	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	this needs to be fixed.						
Correspondence ID:	10310	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please don't push wildlife any further from their natural or newly adopted homes. Enough is enough.						
Correspondence ID:	10311	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Responsible speed limits seem like a reasonable and good idea. Thank you						
Correspondence ID:	10312	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	As a supporter of the National Park Service and visitor to many of the national parks I would like to express my deep dissatisfaction for the pending approval of the use of off road vehicles in the areas where our wildlife habitate on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I have been traveling and camping at the campgrounds along the seashore and see no reason to allow vehicles to put in peril the lives of seabirds, turtles and other creatures that call the beaches their homes. Please don't let this senseless permitting of running up and down our pristine shores with motorized equipment. Thank you for your time and consideration. Robert T. Brown						
Correspondence ID:	10313	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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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 10315 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our wildlife deserves to be protected and respected. This is your responsibility to see to our wildlife's well being and safety. Please be responsible.

Correspondence ID: 10316 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider the harm being done to our precious co-inhabitants. What good is the NPS if they fail to protect the ones who cannot protect themselves?

Correspondence ID: 10317 **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.

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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.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulation is a good start, but it does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. Please add specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. Reserving only 26 miles of the seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round is not enough. Our precious wildlife--sea turtles and piping plovers especially--is much more important than the fun to be had by ORV drivers. Why are they being given such extensive rights to the use of the beach in this proposal? Please amend this disparity and protect our wildlife instead.

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

Marlis McCollum

Correspondence ID: 10319 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please enlarge the restricted areas from Off Road Vehicles in order to help preserve the wildlife on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10320 **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.

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- make this happen!

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 10321 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Let us not destroy wild life

Correspondence ID: 10322 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The very reason people like to go to these places is because of the natural beauty. Like small children, pleasure seeking adults tend to want to ignore any need for discipline and stewardship. Hence the need for the stewardship of the National Parks System. Please be good stewards of the land.

Correspondence ID: 10323 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I fully support the NPCA's position on these regulations, as follows:

These nationally significant places protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, and 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.

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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.

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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. The impact of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

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

Unfortunately, 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.

ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. This is wrong. I implore the Park Service to 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: Please give the cape animals a chance to regroup.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence ID: 10327 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hi, I am a Canadian who have visited Cape Hatteras during my holidays. I just love these long beaches where you can walk peaceful and observe wildlife.

I just want to remind you that 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. Thank you for voting proper regulations to protect wildlife. Marie Colette Chevrier

Correspondence ID: 10328 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unrestricted off-road vehicles have no place along the shores of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. These vehicles are a direct threat to the delicate natural habitat of many forms of wildlife. The current proposed regulations do not protect these wildlife nesting areas. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting

Correspondence ID: 10329 **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 extremely concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Expanding ORV use across the Seashore will threaten and endanger wildlife that has just started to rebound from major losses due to humans over using their breeding grounds and habitat.

More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians as well as to cut down on pollution, both noise and chemical, in that area.

Wildlife protection is not optional, and this set of rules seems to make that so.

Please help protect our fragile environment and bump up the protection for those who cannot speak for themselves. After all we humans are not the only creatures who inhabit this planet.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 10330 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: You know what the RIGHT thing to do is, now please do it!

Correspondence ID: 10331 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles (ORVs) are only fun to the people using them. To everyone else they are a nuisance, and to wildlife they are an often deadly disruption. ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore must be limited and regulated.

I'm particularly concerned that proposed regulations do little to nothing to protect wildlife. The new regulations should at least make permanent the temporary protections that were in place from 2007-2010. These regulations clearly worked and were very

effective. Make them permanent.

When I visit Hatteras, I come to experience peace and quiet, and to experience the outer banks in their natural state -- complete with turtles and shore birds. If Hatteras National Seashore becomes nothing but noise, tire ruts, and dead wildlife, what's the point?

Please preserve and protect Cape Hatteras National Seashore. If you can't eliminate ORVs completely from the National Seashore, at least limit and regulate ORV use in such a way that wildlife flourishes and the vast majority of visitors are afforded some peace and quiet.

Correspondence ID: 10332 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save our wildlife and restrict these types of vehicles! NOW!!!

Correspondence ID: 10333 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Beaches are for walking and living. Not for driving. Save fuel, wildlife and our heritage.

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Name: private
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Data has proven that protected sea turtles create more nests. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

Great progress has been made in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now.

Please 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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I have visited the Outer Banks in the past and know if it a wonderful place for animals to be able to be able to feel free from people destroying their habitat. Also I believe you have natural wildlife reservations and wild pony crossings. so why wouldn't you have rules about people driving their vechiles where animals and their young are nesting. It just doesn't make any sense to me. Someone has to be their voice. That has to be you!

Correspondence ID: 10338 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the off road vehicles from destroying our environment.

Correspondence ID: 10339 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep the wildlife of the seashore safe and thriving for generations to come.

Correspondence ID: 10340 **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 that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 10341 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect our cherished American wildlife and heritage.

Correspondence ID: 10342 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am submitting this form as a private concerned citizen in regards to new regulations for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am a former resident of North Carolina and a person who chose to spend her honeymoon on Ocracoke.

The wildlife that lives in the intertidal zone - ghost crabs, loggerhead turtles and their eggs, sand fleas, plovers, you name them I love them all - MUST have stronger protection against the depredations of off-road vehicles/etc. not weakened rules as are proposed.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10343 **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 and undeveloped beach habitat on the Atlantic coast, Cape Hatteras is a national treasure. It is also home to nesting shore birds and sea turtles who are threatened by off-road vehicle 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.

I ask the NPS to add specific protections for wildlife and pedestrian visitors into the ORV regulation to ensure wildlife recovery and that the safety of all visitors is protected.

Correspondence ID: 10344 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: First the animals go and then we are next bozo agogo.

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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 10346 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our wild life from stupid people who have no respect for our parks.

Correspondence ID: 10347 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: People should be less selfish and give local wildlife some thought and respect.

Correspondence ID: 10348 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed rule for Off Road Vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore is not sufficient to protect wildlife. 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.

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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: 10349 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I ask you to please protect all animals make their home in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore area. You need to let live and not kill. You need to rescue and save whatever animal needs the help. We are on this planet to live peacefully with all God's creatures.

Correspondence ID: 10350 **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.

Correspondence ID: 10351 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep the beaches safe for the wildlife. Give them a break. People can walk.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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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." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians.

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 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:	10353	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

Seabirds in Cape Hatteras need our help.

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:	10354	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.

Correspondence ID:	10355	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep off road vehicles away from Cape Hatteras National Seashore and protect the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 10356 **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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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: 10357 **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.

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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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: 10358 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must protect the wildlife on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 10359 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep the trucks off the beach! Our National Parks shouldn't be abused. The trucks leak oil and other car chemicals and there are just to many of them in the summer now that the outer banks is such a popular destination. The prettiest sight i have seen lately was an empty Oregon Inlet!!! The seashore ecology is vital to what the outer banks is, not tourist dollars!

Correspondence ID: 10360 **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 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.

In your position you have a duty to protect our wildlife who aren't in a position to protect themselves!

Correspondence ID: 10361 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly support regulations to limit and/or exclude off road vehicles from being allowed to travel over dunes and beaches that are known to house breeding sites for all types of shore birds.

Correspondence ID: 10362 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: August 31, 2011

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is in response to the new laws that are trying to be passed to keep vehicles off the beaches at Hatteras.

Please DO NOT LET THIS PASS. We come to Hatteras every year, sometimes more than once a year. We love that we are able to drive right down to the ocean and park to fish, swim and enjoy the ocean. This is the reason that we come to Hatteras.

We have never destroyed any wildlife. We have seen turtle nestings, and we do not bother them. We respect the animals.

We do not tear up or destroy the beaches. This is the best part of our vacation in Hatteras.

PLEASE DONT LET THIS CHANGE!!!!

Sincerely, Bette Hyde hydemss@gmail.com

Correspondence ID: 10363 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles have no place on beaches which are critical nesting habitat, and possibly on no beaches at all.

Correspondence ID: 10364 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Some things are sacrosanct, the shores of cape Hatteras are just that. There should be no vehicle traffic of any kind allowed on this beautiful and vital area.

Correspondence ID: 10365 **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.

Correspondence ID: 10366 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please STOP offshore transport and save the birds' nest on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It IS a protected area!

Sincerely,

Sylvia Zade-Routier Film maker and journalist

Correspondence ID: 10367 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 1024-AD85,

Dear Sirs/Madam:

Please continue to protect the beaches and wildlife on Cape Hatteras through protective regulation.

Not only does driving a vehicle on beaches endanger wildlife but humans as well due to recklessness . Also the environmental impact of having transmission fluid, oil and gas leaked on beaches which is unavoidable.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Gohn Chapin, SC 29036

Correspondence ID: 10368 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing about Special Regulations for Cape Hatteras National Seashore to say that more area needs to be set aside, protected from Off Road Vehicles. We need to co-exist with nature, to give them time to have their eggs, nests and babies without danger of being run over. We as humans tend to think in terms of having to have it all. But the beauty of our parks is that we can leave some of it alone. Nature is counting on it.

Where I disagree with the proposed rule is that we have not set enough aside. I am sure, as much as I don't like it, that many people come to Cape Hatteras specifically to ride their off road vehicles. But other people come specifically to enjoy the view, have peace and quiet and talk a relaxing walk.

We can have both which your regulations are proposing but I don't think enough is specifically allocated to wild areas. I feel we have the responsibility to the next generation to leave wild areas wild. We simply don't have to use everything up in pursuit of today's brief pleasures at the expense of tomorrow.

Please consider making the regulations wider to add more areas to the restrictions against the rampaging vehicles.

Thanks for considering my comments. These parks belong to all of us and I feel it is my responsibility to speak out.

Correspondence ID: 10369 **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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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: 10370 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I think it is a travesty that fossil fuel-reliant recreational vehicles would be given any degree of priority over the fragile lives of the shore dwelling animals, who have little chance of survival if we continue to compromise their habitats in water and air, and now on land as well. Idle entertainment is a luxury. Survival is paramount for all of us. There are many other places where these folks can get there thrills.

Correspondence ID: 10371 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off road vehicles in Cape Hatteras. It is unfathomable to think another precious natural resource would be decimated to make a few bucks. In truth, by destroying wildlife and this natural habitat, the government will definitely run the risk of paying more for its upkeep in the near future.

Correspondence ID: 10372 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Proposed rule 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 and specifically nesting shorebirds require special protections.

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. Piping plovers, a declining species are just one example of shorebirds in need of specific protections.

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.

Special consideration for wildlife and those interested in wildlife and nature conservation need to be explicitly included in the rules.

Correspondence ID: 10373 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species 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 disturbed.

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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.

After several years of temporary protections, numbers of nesting birds rose. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline again.

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

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10374 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: National Park Service, I support explicit protections for wildlife under the Park Service's plan to protect Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I would prefer that the the Seashore's 67 miles of beach is set aside for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, rather than setting aside most of it for year-round and seasonal beach driving. My understanding is that temporary protections restricting ORV use near nesting areas was instrumental in increasing turtle nests almost twofold over the period of three years. If these efforts are disbanded, I'm concerned the results will be reversed. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you,

Correspondence ID: 10375 **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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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 10376 **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 in our nations parks.

Correspondence ID: 10377 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

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Correspondence ID:	10378	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Unfortunately, there are some people who do not respect the shore and our birds, please pass the Propose Rule:						
Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Doc. ID NPS-2011-0005-0001)							
We must have a voice for all God's creatures.							
Correspondence ID:	10379	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Put wildlife first!						
Correspondence ID:	10380	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:	10381	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do not let the off-road vehicles ride on beaches where they destroy the nests of plovers, sea turtles and other wildlife. Offroad vehicles should be restricted to far smaller areas, and this should be strictly enforced. The wildlife lives there, it is their only choice for a place to raise their young. Far more people visit this, and other beaches to enjoy nature, peace and quiet and beauty, and to enjoy the wildlife.						
Correspondence ID:	10382	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The use of off-road vehicles in parks should be banned. They disturb wildlife and tear up the environment. If hillbillies find it necessary to drive these things around, there should be designated tracks they can use. There is no good reason to drive them through a place where animals live.						
Correspondence ID:	10383	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	When we come to the shore it is to enjoy the natural beauty and water, it is not to be disturbed by off road vehicles or to see the havoc they leave behind. There is absolutely no reason what so ever that these vehicles need to be allowed to run wild on these shorelines. I see them as nothing more than a nuisance and the riders as bullies. Nature was here first, it needs to be respected. We share this earth, we do not run it. I demand that you make every effort to prohibit off road vehicles from the shorelines- especially during breeding and nesting seasons. They have no place there.						
Correspondence ID:	10384	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						

Correspondence: Dear Park Service: I've been on a roadtrip around the US for 3 months now and am planning to visit the Hatteras Seashore. I am astounded to learn that you can just drive about anywhere along that coast, as in my home state of California such recreating is quite limited -- as it should be for the protection of the beach and the animals that live there. I have offroad vehicles myself (3 motorcycles) and go camping frequently in the deserts and mountains in CA. I've seen the destruction in our deserts and well understand the necessity for restricting access to prevent the utter ruination of some places. In areas like Hatteras where sea turtles nest (and in California coastal areas where various bird species have needed protected nesting areas) it is appropriate to restrict / eliminate access to provide sufficient protection. I understand the currently proposed regulations for Hatteras only restrict about 1/3 of the Seashore (26 of 67 miles). I think it should be the opposite, i.e., restrict 2/3 and only make 26 miles available for unrestricted recreation. Also, areas and species that have been identified as in particular need of protection should be designated and mandated to have such protections. Thank you for considering my comments. Yours truly, Frederick E. Akers

Correspondence ID: 10385 **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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Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Mihaela Carstei

Correspondence ID: 10387 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madame,

Many years ago I drove along Daytona Beach and now I am old enough to regret it. Had I realized the cost to the sea turtles and shore birds I would instead walk and look and be amazed.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore has the same problem. Lots of vocal people with expensive equipment who have been doing this for years. They consider it a right. It was not and they have abused it.

Please preserve this amazing piece of America. If those people wanna "play" they can buy land like every other sport must do and ruin their little plot instead of despoiling this country's treasure, the delicate dunes which preserve the shore and the nesting area for many creatures which we have already placed in enough peril.

No more off road vehicles on the dunes at Cape Hatteras National Seashore please. I speak for many who like myself have seen and appreciated those dunes but have not the time nor realize where they can make a stand.

Thank you for your attention and your service to the many citizens and the grateful wildlife.

Lucky Beckett

Correspondence ID: 10388 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As someone who likes to help Defenders of Wildlife advocate for animal rights, I am writing to ask that you extend the wildlife protected areas of Cape Hatteras seashore beyond the 27 miles of the proposal. As the temporary restrictions have encouraged increased numbers of nesting sites for birds and turtles it would be a real loss to see those numbers drop again by allowing more ORV areas.

Correspondence ID: 10389 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted ORV access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We must protect shore birds and nesting turtles... it is totally unnecessary to permit this access when there are many other recreational options in the area. Keep the beach for walking and save the wildlife. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10390 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please pass whatever needs to be passed in order to protect wildlife from idiots like these - they can find other places to ride those sort of vehicles.

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Thank you for your consideration. Ian Ehrlich

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Correspondence: Please protect wildlife, there are lots of other places off road vehicles could use instead.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Please stop this cruelty to these animals!

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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: We humans have taken the Imperialist mindset to far, much to the detriment of all other life on this planet. As our population exceeds 7 billion, it is time for humanity to look to sustainability, rather than focusing solely on activities we deem "fun." Four wheel vehicles are destructive and dangerous. They are harmful to humans and to wildlife. Shouldn't some areas be free from the assault of these monstrosities ?

Correspondence ID: 10400 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop unrestricted off-road vehicle on a beach

Correspondence ID: 10401 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep unstricted off-road vehicles off of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 10402 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off Road Vehicles have no place in a national treasure like Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The majority of Americans go to there to enjoy it's scenic beauty. We do not want to listen to the roar of ORVs and smell the stink of their polluting engines.

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Sincerely, Amy Breakwell

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The Animals of the world need the care of all humans upon the earth. Humanity starts with the way we treat all creatures that live on this earth ...

Correspondence ID: 10408 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am strongly opposed to allowing unrestricted use of off-road vehicles on the National Seashore lands of Cape Hatteras because of the destruction of natural habitat for precious wildlife that will result, as well as because of the disruption of a peaceful, natural environment for visitors to the area. The National Seashore lands are the crowning jewels of the Eastern seaboard, enjoyed by millions of people seeking nourishing respite from over-development in our cities, towns and suburbs. Please ensure that they remain off-limits to being trampled by off-road vehicles so that generations to come can enjoy their unique beauty.

Nancy Hall Brooks

Correspondence ID: 10409 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I was last at Cape Hatteras in 2008. It was a very special place. The damage from Hurricane Irene was bad enough. Stop the man made damage.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Unrestricted ATV use on these beaches will be devastating to wildlife and must be controlled.						
Correspondence ID:	10413	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 Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	A new law should be introduced here to stop people driving here. Sad to stop their fun in their SUVs no doubt but come on guys, show some respect for the suffering wildlife. Their lives are difficult enough and they have no choice.						
Correspondence ID:	10415	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I've watched people try to run over wildlife just for the fun of it. It has to stop						
Correspondence ID:	10416	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please apply restrictions to off road vehicle use on Cape Hatteras. If the wildlife is not protected, the people who do not respect it, will abuse and destroy it. Make sure that the turtles and birds are protected. Our wildlife is being assaulted on all fronts, so please add restrictions and protections for them.						
Correspondence ID:	10417	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please lets protect our wildlife environment. They are unique and bring happiness into lives. They add wonder and mystery and everything that is positive, something that is needed in our lives today. We have to recognize that we have to share this planet with animals and we need to be responsible and see to their safety and needs as we build around them.

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: What is so difficult about being just plain civilized? What is so difficult about forbidding little uneducated boys of whatever age to drive cars they shouldn't be in? How long can they go on destroying ever4ything? On beaches, in London or in Holland? When will we start to educate children again?

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ROADLESS PROTECTION NO ROAD RULES APPLY

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Correspondence ID: 10422 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This should be left untouched as a safe habitat for wildlife.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: just because a vehicle can go off road, doesn't mean it should. wildlife habitat and pedestrians should be protected from off-road traffic.

Correspondence ID: 10427 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Driving on the beach is environmentally a potential mess for any nesting birds or other wildlife. Also it just makes the beach a noisy and dangerous place for hikers, swimmers and all other beach goers.

Correspondence ID: 10428 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the driving of Motorized vehicles on beach

Correspondence ID: 10429 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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The proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is short-sighted 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 for their survival.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 10430 **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: Please don't allow further expansion of Off road vehicles in any National Park or forest. Law enforcement and research are really the only bonafide reasons to use these vehicles in National Parks and Forests. These vehicles are destructive to the soil and wildlife that lives on or close to the ground.

Correspondence ID: 10432 **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 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 end this.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 10434 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ensure that your proposed regulations provide necessary buffer zones and do the utmost to protect the precious wildlife found on the outer banks. We visit Hatteras frequently and are very impressed with how some of the species are rebounding. Please do not weaken these existing protections. Please limit the use of off road vehicles. I have found them to be very annoying and never understood why they are allowed on the beaches. Thanks for considering this request and please do the RIGHT thing for our environment.

Correspondence ID: 10435 **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 think of the future and not the immediate gratification.

Correspondence ID: 10436 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Being a North Carolina resident and a visitor to the Outer Banks and Cape Hatteras National Seashore I value the beauty of the place and the opportunities it offers as a great living and vacation place. The main attraction is the beauty and the wildlife there, without whom the state would be diminished. It is alarming how fast the number of the population and visitors are growing and the ensuing traffic. Most have no idea what they are trampling on, or what they may destroy while driving up and down the beach. So, please take effort to protect the wildlife. Set aside vehicle free areas, post signs about the presence of wildlife and how to protect them. They are there first and we, the people are mere visitors. You would not want your children to play in traffic, so why would you want other living beings to do so?

Correspondence ID: 10437 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ban off-shore driving in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore area. This unnecessary recreational activity does nothing but tear up our fragile coastline and endanger our NC wildlife. I've lived here 36 years and been to the beach many times. Most of what I enjoy is the feeling of nature all around me and getting away from the noise and traffic. Please help us protect that! Thank you for your time and consideration!

Correspondence ID: 10438 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: xxx

Correspondence ID: 10439 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please enforce the regs. already in effect, I presume, for the nationalo seashore. Otherwise go to state lege. and get prohibition of offroad vehicles on or near endangered animal areas. You can get some info. about ban of vehicles in rivers from Texas State Lege. or Nueces River Authority (websites on line).

Correspondence ID: 10440 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Roads are meant for driving, beaches are not. Please do not allow the use of off-road vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The presence of vehicles will undoubtedly cause erosion, and degradation of the environment.

Correspondence ID: 10441 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We vacation regularly on the Outer Banks of NC - please restrict off road vehicles here and around the country where they are endangering the wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 10442 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Since I live in Michigan, I'm quite aware of the endangered piping plover and the reasons as to why it's endangered. We have just a handful of piping plovers that nest on a few of our Lake Michigan shores; in the 1980's, those numbers of plovers were barely hanging on. Now, we do have some protected areas (and many volunteers who give their time to protect the beaches during nesting season). The greatest threat to the piping plover (and likely other shore birds, and definitely the sea turtles' nests and fledgling turtles) is the unrestricted off road vehicles.

Baby plovers are simply run over by the vehicles, and can also become trapped in the ORV tracks (also likely true for the sea turtles).

Our shore birds face declining food sources already--they face the very real threat of extinction if we do not step in now and protect their nesting areas with the strongest measures possible.

Please try to educate the public on this serious concern. Our beaches will not be the same without the birds that have (in their long biological history) been able to nest, and migrate from these shores each year.

Sincerely,

Susan Sorg Grand Rapids, Michigan

Correspondence ID: 10443 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My family has enjoyed vacationing at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We would prefer that all off road vehicles be banned from the National seashore. Barring that possibility, it is critically important that regulations for ORV use provide maximum protection for native wildlife. ORVs are destructive of the environment, particularly nesting sites for sea turtles and migratory birds. Why can't people walk...as our Creator intended us to do?

Current regulations are not adequate to offer protection for endangered wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 10444 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All national seashores should be off limits to motorized vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 10445 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles should not be allowed on beaches. Sea Turtles and shore birds need to have a habitat to live in. Who do humans think they are to "ride roughshod" over these fragile habitats?

Correspondence ID: 10446 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Roadless areas and offroad vehicle restriction are vital to the environmental health of several species.

Correspondence ID: 10447 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR WHOM?

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Motorized vehicles should be severely restricted in national parks and banned altogether in national seashore parks. The vehicles are destructive.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

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Correspondence ID: 10451 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect this place and all of it's inhabitants, thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10452 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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: It is horrific that these precious habitats, & the creatures that rely so much on it for survival are threatened by such ridiculous, & senseless purposes. Please let these creatures live in peace, & not be stressed by these vehicles that absolutely do not belong in this natural habitat, & please let the natural beauty remain peaceful, & beautiful they way God created it, & intended it to be.

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Correspondence ID: 10455 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please set aside more land for protecting wildlife, humans have more than enough. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 10456 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I will keep this comment simple. I am writing to oppose any off-road vehicles permitted at Cape Hatteras. Thank you for considering my comment.

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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: 10458 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unregulated driving on Cape Hatteras beaches is not a necessary part of the recreational experience there. Too much damage occurs to wildlife-----especially nesting shore birds----to allow this to continue. We have an obligation to try to protect nature from the ever-increasing hordes of humans who unwittingly destroy what they love.

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Name: private

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	SAVE SHORE						
Correspondence ID:	10462	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off the road vehicles, do not belong on beaches, anywhere.						
Correspondence ID:	10463	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please save our natural resources so that others may have the pleasure of enjoying them in the future.						
Correspondence ID:	10464	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We need to protect our wildlife . We are so short sited and only a care about the penny we gain now. Not the destruction.						
Correspondence ID:	10465	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please keep off road vehicles off the sensitive beaches at Cape Hatteras. A general ban would reduce costs of enforcing a partial ban, as ORV drivers are often driving too fast to read or heed signs. Please keep them away from sensitive habitats and nesting sites.						
Correspondence ID:	10466	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Wildlife has enough difficulty surviving. It doesnt help them by make it harder to survive by destroying their environment.						
Correspondence ID:	10467	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	when we are going to understand not to kill our own world?						
Correspondence ID:	10469	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I hope to see restrictions put into operation. Unfortunately, people do not seem to be able to police themselves when it comes to protecting wildlife.						
Correspondence ID:	10470	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please limit/restrict off road vehicles in Cape Hatteras Natural Seashore to ensure protection of wildlife habitats						
Correspondence ID:	10471	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We are killing off our planet's wildlife at a remarkable speed and when we can prevent it (due to someone having fun on a vehicle) we should. How about a trail system that is away from the waterfront?						
Correspondence ID:	10472	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	we need to stop killing our world. this is the only one we have...						
Correspondence ID:	10473	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I have visited Hatteras and the outer banks on numerous occasions. If off road vehicles are allowed access to that area, it will have a disasterous affect on the beautiful banks and shore including the wildlife that visit and make their home near Hatteras.						
Correspondence ID:	10474	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	All the wildlife in this area needs to be protected from beach driving. This is where they nest and raise their babies and if they happen to land or visit an area of the shore that is not drive-free, they stand a great risk of being run over. That is not a safe way for these animals to raise their babies. Please make it safe for wildlife and not worry so much about people's "FUN" in driving in this area. The animals lives are more important than humans fun.						
Correspondence ID:	10475	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						

Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are enough ORV areas without sacrificing critical wildlife areas. The ORV's can choose other locations, these animals can not.

Correspondence ID: 10476 **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: 10477 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I lived in Florida for years when turtle nests were endangered by cars on Daytona Beach. Sometimes nests were vandalized. Sometimes turtle hatchlings were lured away from the ocean by lights on shore. Sometimes baby turtles were run over by cars.

These were cars on the beach, not ORVs on the beach and dunes and all over the place. Not only sea turtle nests but nesting birds will be endangered by ORVs, and other beach dwelling animals will be chased and terrorized. The sandy dunes will be torn up. People on ORVs evidently have no compunction about destroying wild animals, much less plants, much less the natural setting. They only seem to care about speeding around off-road.

Please do not allow unlimited ORV use on our Cape Hatteras National Seashore. If limited use is permitted, funding must also be made available to enforce the rules. Thank you for reading my comments.

Correspondence ID: 10478 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

ORV use impairs park resources by diminishing access and increasing safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, 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 must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation. Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you,

Correspondence ID: 10479 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Put as much of the are off limits to ORVs and vehicles as possible. My daughter was nearly hit by passing vehicles when the sands shift. No vehicles should be allowed unless the occupants are handicapped. Ou family supports enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 10480 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why would any decision-maker encourage increasing usage of off-road vehicles? We are compelled to protect natural areas, not further endanger them and their inhabitants.

It is time for right choices--always has been so--but short-sightedness (and commercial interests) leaves damage that cannot be undone.

Please do the right thing in opposing any additional use of unnecessary and hurtful use of vehicles on beaches and other too few areas--for the animal life who require them and for the people who are in accord with nature's pricelessness.

Thank you for any and every sound decision you make to safeguard the area of Cape Hatteras (and elsewhere).

Correspondence ID: 10481 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the wanton destruction of helpless creatures that share this fragile planet with us.

Correspondence ID: 10482 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please strongly consider restricting the recreational driving of off road vehicles along the Hatteras shoreline in regard to the beach wildlife. The survival of wildlife in this precious area should take priority over a fleeting act of enjoyment at the expense of the habitat. We owe this wonderful beach at least that.

Correspondence ID: 10483 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This is a simple fix that would do so much.

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.

Correspondence ID: 10484 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I am aware that the seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on our eastern seacoast, which exist to protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, and are also the last best places where we can visit historic wild beach environments

The use of ORVs impairs park resources, reducing access and increasing safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, accompanied by increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. We know that 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. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers--we have heard that 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.

I fail to understand why the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By omitting them 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, scientific-based protections for wildlife and pedestrians in the regulation. The regulation should also preserve adequate vehicle-free areas to allow wildlife and other users sufficient access to this habitat, which it does not now. Please act to preserve not destroy this priceless heritage with your regulations. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10485 **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.

Correspondence ID: 10486 **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.

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: 10487 **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: 10488 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect North Carolina's Cape Hatteras National Seashore now, and always!

Correspondence ID: 10489 **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: 10490 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is plenty of open land everywhere for people to ride their ATVs they don't need to ride on the beach and chance killing and destroying a natural habitat. This is NOT "OUR PLANET" it also belongs to the wildlife here too-people are so selfish when it comes to animals, I have no respect for human beings that act in this manner.

Correspondence ID: 10491 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Based on experience with and observation of bird, turtle, horseshoe crab, and wildlife protection of threaten or endanger species in Delaware amd Indiana (Nat; Lake Shore), much more needs to be done to than proposed in these ORV regulations, both in areas restricted from ORV access, but also in mandating specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers within and around the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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

Correspondence ID: 10492 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round

on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations."

Correspondence ID: 10493 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please PROTECT our native wildlife

Correspondence ID: 10494 **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.

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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: 10495 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please eliminate all vehicle traffic except where there are currently roads in the National Park system, especially on beaches on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you, John Mathwin

Correspondence ID: 10496 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please prevent ORV from driving on the beaches of Cape Hatteras and any other beaches and shoreline that are home to nesting birds, turtles and other wildlife that can be easily decimated by these vehicles. ORV do not belong on the beaches.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this urgent matter.

Sincerely, Karen A. Haskett

Correspondence ID: 10497 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop senseless killing of innocent wildlife!!!! Those creatures belong there-- nature doesn't deserve to be treated like trash.

We are stewards of this home Earth--

Stand Up and do what is the right thing to do for our well-being, We need to turn the tide of destruction inflicted in the past and

STOP THE GREED and selfishness that is the downfall of OUR species. Think beyond the present----!!!!

Thank you---

Correspondence ID: 10498 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please close the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to beach driving. if you absolutely MUST allow destructive vehicles on this national treasure, make sure there are specific, enforceable, scientific protections to the animals that depend on that beach for survival.

Thank you, Greta Ratliff

Correspondence ID: 10499 **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: 10500 **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 is unrestricted. Endangered and threatened sea turtles and shorebirds as well as other wildlife need permanent and effective protection.

Correspondence ID: 10501 **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.

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: 10502 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Anything/any measures than can be taken to protect the wildlife on Cape Hatteras is necessary. We are losing thousands of species every day. When they are gone, they are gone forever. With the population now at 7 billion, it is critical that our wild areas be protected for the future, or man will develop every inch of space, build high rises, destroy the land, water, animals. For those few of us who battle to preserve the planet, there are millions who are hell-bent on destroying everything on the planet. Progressive action to protect our national parks, state parks, land, water, animals is vital to our existence.

Correspondence ID: 10503 **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.

Correspondence ID: 10504 **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: 10505 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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.

One small example that speaks volumes for what NEEDS to be done. A no-brainer: ecosystem healthy.? We all survive. Anything less is suicide.!

Correspondence ID: 10506 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No off road vehicles please. Defend wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 10507 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Why do we even allow vehicles in parks? Service vehicles I understand, but if all someone wants to do is go really fast up & down a beach, how about giving them their own SMALL area to do it in and leave the rest for us quiet, nature loving folk? Isn't that why there ARE parks? Not for going really fast & making alot of noise. I Was enjoying a quiet day on the beach recently when ONE person on a 4 wheeler started buzzing back & forth. It drove all the rest of us off the beach. Which I think was the plan. Many of us with money to spend. Also has made me leery of going back there. All for 1 teen? Why did he have all the rights, but I don't?

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

Correspondence ID: 10508 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please be considerate of the wild life and take action to help.

Correspondence ID: 10509 **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. Under the current interim plan wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. If you expand ORV use threatened and endangered wildlife would be impacted. More vehicle-free areas are needed to protect wildlife and people. As it is now written the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as an option which is not acceptable. Please change this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protection for wildlife. Sea turtles and piping plovers rely on the Hatteras Seashore

Correspondence ID: 10510 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: It is insane that animals die because of this. People will not suffer if they can't drive on the beach. Let's not be so selfish!!

Correspondence ID: 10511 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As a bird watcher and frequent vacationer on 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. I am concerned that the expansion of ORV use across the Seashore could greatly affect 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. 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: 10512 **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.

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: 10513 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, all recent successes 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 citizens support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10514 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please see the attachments

Correspondence ID: 10515 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: For the sake of preservation of the health of the environment, biologically significant natural habitat areas need to be set aside for protection of animal and plant species and human activities carefully regulated to protect such areas in proximity to human activities.

Correspondence ID: 10516 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please see the attachments

Correspondence ID: 10517 **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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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 ID: 10518 **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 effect of driving on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. While some want unlimited driving on all the seashore, I strongly support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and vehicle-free areas for nesting.

I staunchly oppose unrestricted off road vehicle access to all of the National Seashore. This policy does nothing to protect vital wildlife nesting areas. Any policy on off road vehicle access should include specific protections for wildlife nesting areas.

Correspondence ID: 10519 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The appalling practice of using off-road vehicles on pristine beaches, dunes etc. has to stop. It is a primitive form of selfish pleasure intelligent humans should be above. E.

Correspondence ID: 10520 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Not respecting other life forms in our planet is criminally negligent and obscene!

Correspondence ID: 10521 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please see the attachments

Correspondence ID: 10522 **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 as such all 67 miles should be controlled. No vehicles should be allowed on it. Vehicles result in air pollution, ground damage, death to flora and fauna, and noise pollution. Additionally, off-road vehicles are typically the highest source of some criteria air pollutants. Humans who prefer vehicles over hiking and biking are generally less conscientious about polluting and about nature. I come from a family who has utilized most recreational types of vehicles and while we are unusually conscientious about nature and we usually pick up other people's garbage ... I still see that vehicles, especially 2 stroke and 4 stroke, are VERY damaging to the environment and quite annoying to others who are trying to enjoy nature NATURALLY.

Correspondence ID: 10523 **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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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: 10524 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I grew up in east TN. We often vacationed on Cape Hatteras. I often worried about what happened to all the "critter" when people drove on the beaches and used things like (then) three-wheelers and dune buggies (this was in the 1970s). I loved that place and still do. I love all of our seashores. We must protest not only the dunes but the wildlife and ecosystems that dwell within the dunes. I now live in Texas and have a very long history here, too, due to family connection. The ecosystems, flora, and fauna are a bit similar to that of the Outer Banks. We are acting in far too a Romanesque manner, destroying our own treasures right beneath our feet. They will soon be gone and nothing will be left for our posterity. Go somewhere else to 4-wheel, etc, not on National Seashore or natural seashore or seashore period. Preserve and restore.

Correspondence ID: 10525 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: There will always be people pushing limits. So it is with people who want to drive vehicles without any restriction on beaches, in this case Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

This National Seashore is, and should be, many things. It's a vacation spot to people who would drive vehicles on it and to people who would walk and leave no trace behind. It's a wild ecosystem and habitat for many, many species of animals and plants. And it's the fragile edge of the NC coast, subject to change by both natural and human forces.

The problem with unlimited access for driving is that it would substantially harm the seashore and its ecosystem, leaving it unable to support many of the species that depend on it--some of them already in decline due to loss of coastal habitat from human encroachment. They are part of, intrinsic to, and necessary in this place. While some might look upon the seashore and see only sand, this is a living biosphere--and must be preserved as such.

Being a National Seashore, it MUST be protected as the wild, crucial place it is. In recent time humans have developed vehicles that can be driven on sand; without thoughtful and stringent protection to natural coastal ecosystems, they will be destroyed.

There is no national park or resource where human activity is allowed to damage the resource itself--Cape Hatteras can be no exception. Seashores are perhaps the most fragile of all such places, and must be carefully preserved despite pressure from those who are short-sighted and self-centered in their demands.

The damage from beach-driving is already evident. Birds, nests, eggs, newborn turtles, etc. are no match for multi-ton vehicles.

There should be a FRACTION of the area of this National Seashore available for driving, and the VAST MAJORITY of it preserved for non-destructive human activities and wildlife.

Future generations will thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10526 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: This 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:	10527	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do not allow off road vehicles to destroy natural areas for wildlife.						

Correspondence ID:	10528	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

Please consider strengthening the protections for shore wildlife that have been put forth in the proposed regulations of ORVs at the Hatteras National Seashore. Allowing expanded use of ORVs would jeopardize the gains made by sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife in recent years. The proposed plan would only protect 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with the rest open to beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. Please strengthen the protections to wildlife and pedestrians in the plan by including mandatory protective measures for wildlife, buffer zones and other methods for ensuring the health of the indigenous wildlife populations and their nesting ground.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	10529	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	There is no reason that people can't enjoy the seashore and still have wildlife and their nests and habitat be safe. If the current guidelines are working to protect the birds and turtles, then make them the rule rather than the exception.						

Correspondence ID:	10530	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The National Park Service needs the proper amount of funding to preserve the few places left in the mainland United States that help our wildlife survive, reproduce and prosper. We already have destroyed every coral reef with the exception of John Pennicamp in Key Largo, FL. Do we have to let all-terrain vehicles destroy our shorelines next? I don't think we should. It is bad enough we allow drilling (and spilling) of oil with no real safeguards. Time to let the NPS do what is was intended to do; protect our remaining wild places and protect wildlife. Thanks!						

Correspondence ID:	10531	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Haven't we done enough to destroy wildlife? Stop the destroying of the small helpless ones on the shores where they should be safe. We have become so unfeeling toward living things and each other.						

Correspondence ID:	10532	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Regarding the drafting of rules for ORV use at Cape Hatteras, please rule on the side of habitat protections for wildlife. Motorized vehicles being driven on lands critical to the survival of nesting birds and turtles serves no purpose, detracts from the esthetic value of the natural landscapes, and endangers the survival of not only these species but diminishes the economic benefits derived in the local surrounding communities that depend on green, sustainable eco-tourism.						

ORV enthusiasts have many other access options available to them than do the creatures who depend on these landscapes for propogation and survival of their species. Please, decide in favor of wildlife and protections of this unique ecosystem and

prohibit use of ORV's on Cape Hatteras.

Thank you for your consideration!

Correspondence ID:	10533	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	No off road vehicles ever should be allowed to go willy nilly in rural areas period. We have these jerks going all over the farm thru fences, scaring horses, cows, etc. all the time. I'd shoot them if it were legal!!!						
Correspondence ID:	10534	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Disturbing habit of animals can lead to extinction, man has many places to play witout going into wildlife areas and dis -rupting others way of life. Unsupervised off terrain vehicle activity can become dangerous for the riders as well.						
Correspondence ID:	10535	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	we desperately need to save our wildlife. Please help us to help those who can get this done!						
Correspondence ID:	10536	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Mr. Murray,						
	Regarding Special Regulations: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Doc. NPS-2011-0005-0001). I urge you to use your power to conserve those creatures who use this shorline as nesting sites, such as the Piped Plover and Seaturtles. I submit to you that such species will most certainly be adversely affected if unregulated human interference (especially vehicles) is allowed. Sharing is something we are all taught as children, does it not make sense that sharing ought to include animals who make there home there? Certainly it is possible to strike a balance between man and nature, and you are in a prime position to show yourself to be an excellent example!						
	Thank you for your conseideration,						
	Lynn Schlosser						
Correspondence ID:	10537	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.						
Correspondence ID:	10538	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Save the waterfront habitat.						
Correspondence ID:	10539	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect the National Seashore for wildlife-off road vehicles should not be permitted to wreck havoc in any of our National Park lands.						
Correspondence ID:	10540	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	ORV's have no place at Cape Hatteras N.S. or any other National Seashore. They are at best disruptive and at worst destructive. Please do not allow their use in this sensitive environment. Thanks for your consideration!						

Correspondence ID: 10541 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a scientist retired from industry. I have worked for the last 13 years in conserving native ecosystems. One of the greatest treats I have seen is off road vehicles trashing these systems. They are a particular threat to wildlife. I believe they have no place in the national park system

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 10542 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. It is integral that any new regulation provide stringent protections for wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 10543 **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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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 10544 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please protect the birds and nature

Correspondence ID: 10545 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect these animals being harmed by ridiculous pleasure riding vehicles - they are destroying land and animals while polluting and wasting gas.

Correspondence ID: 10546 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't allow offroad vehicles to threaten our shorebirds, sea turtles, and other wildlife. This is a terrible stewardship of our natural resources to allow this sort of behavior. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10547 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please think of all the amazing wildlife that are not only at the complete mercy of us humans, but also cannot speak for themselves. Please restrict unauthorized road vehicles use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 10548 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The purpose of this message is to voice my support for specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use should not be allowed because of the tremendous toll it takes on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Correspondence ID: 10549 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why would this be allowed. Only stupidity would let this happen.

Correspondence ID: 10550 **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.

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 make a permanent protection for these wild life species.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10551 **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: 10552 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a resident of North Carolina, and my family and I value our trips to the Outer Banks. We strongly oppose allowing any vehicle to drive on the shore. It causes erosion, a decrease in wildlife, and takes away the pleasure of experiencing the beautiful shore in its natural state.

Please do NOT allow off road vehicles to damage our treasured shorlines.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10553 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I want to tell the Park Service that you need to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Wildlife that live and breed on the shoreline areas of our country must be protected. 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. 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 the right thing... humans go to these areas to have 'fun', to the wildlife it's their lives and futures. Thank you, Sue Chard

Correspondence ID: 10554 **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.

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Failure to regulate vehicles driving on the Cape Hatteras beaches is a death knell for wildlife. Please make good strong regulations based on science to protect nesting plovers and sea turtles, among others, and help them survive. It is vitally important for their survival and for all of us who want a more ecologically-balanced world that they be allowed to breed in peace. The tourism generated by a healthy beach ecosystem is also important to North Carolinians. The needs of wildlife should override the desires of a few to use the beach as their personal road. The pollution and beach destruction from vehicles cannot be allowed, especially during breeding season. Please strengthen the rules for beach driving and enlarge the protected areas. After all, this is supposed to be a national seashore reserve, so let's protect what makes it unique.

Correspondence ID: 10558 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Concerning 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.

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50% of the beaches should be off limits to ORV use.

Correspondence ID: 10559 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I find it critical to maintain and protect National Seashores and Parks for vegetation, wildlife and the land and water for current and future generations.

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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please work as hard as you can to keep the wonderful wildlife at Cape Hatteras. It is a beautiful area any time of the year. I live in the mountains so do not get all the way to the coast as often as I would like, but the wildlife there is magnificent.

Correspondence ID: 10561 **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.

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Correspondence ID: 10563 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is a refuse for birds & other animals & plantlife... enforce respect of natural species

Correspondence ID: 10564 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly oppose the use of off road vehicles on beaches and along shoreline areas. Even with regulations and permits, recreational driving in these areas poses obvious and real threats to the the lives of wildlife who nest, feed and live in them. The Park Service has the ultimate responsibility to PROTECT OUR PARKS AND SHORELINES, and that means the wildlife who rely on them.

This sort of recreational "entertainment" simply shouldn't be encouraged with permitting and specialized access, especially at the expense of our most precious national treasures -- the animals who live at our shores.

Correspondence ID: 10565 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I see no justifiable reason to allow more than minimal destructive usage of the national seashore. The coastlines in general should, in my view, be primarily reserved for the use of permanently or seasonally indigenous flora and fauna. Off-road vehicles, especially when used in the usual heedless or malicious manner, must be restricted in both activity and locale. Thank you for providing this opportunity for comment.

Correspondence ID: 10566 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Correspondence ID: 10567 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop ALL offroad vehicles except for those that are human powered.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10568 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There should be a way to allow (responsible use) access without destroying the wildlife that lives in these areas.

Correspondence ID: 10569 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence ID: 10570 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The impact 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 support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 10571 **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. 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 land belongs to these animals too.

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

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

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

We can live in harmony with wildlife if only more people would respect it. Regulations set forth by government agencies should be the first to set that example for everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 10572 **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 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. 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.

Thank you for attention to this matter.

Correspondence ID: 10573 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Save our shorelines for wildlife. Vehicles do not belong on beaches. Keep them on the highways.

Correspondence ID: 10574 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 10575 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support a rule/s to limit on/off road vehicle use at the Cape Hatteras National seashore area.

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration. K. Michelle Semaan

Correspondence ID: 10577 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Get vehicles OFF the beaches!

Correspondence ID: 10578 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Turtles are terribly vulnerable to the actions of human beings. We must protect them, and it can be done at little cost. Thank you, Gawaine Ross

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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: Regarding off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras, please add specific protections for wildlife and pedestrian visitors into the ORV regulation to ensure that wildlife recovery continues and that the safety of all visitors is protected. As one of the last vestiges of open, natural, undeveloped beach habitat on the Atlantic coast, Cape Hatteras is a national treasure. It is also home to nesting shore birds and sea turtles who are threatened by off-road vehicle (ORV) usage along beaches. During these critical seasons, it is important to curb off-road vehicles to allow these species the space to grow and thrive.

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Name: private

Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Kristen Rivard

Correspondence ID: 10582 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose the use of ORV on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 10583 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 10584 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Recreational driving should not take precedence over safe pedestrian passage and wildlife habitat at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The current proposed regulation sets aside areas for off-road vehicles but does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. It also reserves only 26 of the seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife, reserving the rest for year-round beach driving.

I strongly encourage the National Park Service to establish 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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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please implement restrictions to prevent offroad vehicle driving that threatens wildlife. Threatened species on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore need protections in order to nest. Please don't let their habitat be destroyed. The future of American wildlife shouldn't be sacrificed for offroad driving.

Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 10588 **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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Currently, under the plan in place, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles are creating more nests and piping plovers and other shorebirds are multiplying. If expanded ORV use across the Seashore is allowed, wildlife would be impacted.

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

As written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional. This is totally unacceptable to me. I ask that you 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: 10589 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help protect turtles, birds and other wildlife along the coast from off road vehicles. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10590 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles have plenty of places to play without damaging sensitive environments that we need in order to preserve habitat for species that are important to preserving the earth's balance.

Correspondence ID: 10591 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Limit offroad vehicles to protect shoreline animals and plants.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 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. Please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: fix it please

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	STOP OFF-ROAD VEHICLES NOW!!!						
Correspondence ID:	10596	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	For once, let's think about the earth's future. These vehicles, and usually it is not just one at a time, but groups of vehicles, going 50+ miles per hour, put ruts in the sand, causing erosion, compacting the sand, disrupting our fragile ecosystem. Some of these vehicles leak gasoline, oil, etc., which leak into the sand and eventually wind up in our oceans and streams. Many of our birds and turtles lay their eggs close to the water's edge and these are taken out in an instant by a group of off-road vehicles "having fun on a Sunday". Sure, maybe fun for the person riding the vehicle, but it leaves an area of devastation behind. Maybe you can see it right away, but the damage is done. Please make these vehicles stay on the streets and away from our precious ecosystems.						
Correspondence ID:	10597	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	these off road vehicles should not be allowed on this very delicate site..						
Correspondence ID:	10598	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I believe our wildlife on Cape Hatteras National Seashore needs to be protected from off-road vehicles.						
Correspondence ID:	10599	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 on Cape Hatteras, NC. PLEASE PROTECT THE WILDLIFE!						
Correspondence ID:	10600	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please restrict off-road vehicle use on the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Restrictions need to protect wildlife nesting areas, especially.						
Correspondence ID:	10601	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect cape hatteras seashore wildlife.						
Correspondence ID:	10602	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please make this area a foot traffic only seashore. It's safer for the wildlife and would make the visit much more tranquil. Peace and quiet is often a sought after commodity sought in these places.						
Correspondence ID:	10603	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: 10604 **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: 10605 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: recreational sports and entertainment is NOT a higher priority than the lives of seabirds and other coastal wildlife. people can find some other place to race around in their sports vehicles. its not worth killing animals just for the sake of someone's entertainment and "having a jolly good time."

Correspondence ID: 10606 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Human's have taken over enough of the natural world leaving little behind for the wild. To allow ORV's unlimited or even limited access is unacceptable. I believe there no good enough reason, particularly for entertainment purposes, which I see this to be. Our shore line's should be sacred and protected from any type of machinery that would hurt wildlife. Wildlife has been abused enough and is struggling to survive. Particularly the sea turtles which have so many odds against them. Let the ORV people find another way to entertain themselves that is not at the expense of our shoreline and wildlife.

Thank you Jennifer Baron

Correspondence ID: 10607 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have an ATV and enjoy riding it very much, however I feel that people who have these vehicles are to follow some simple rules. SLOW DOWN FOR ANIMALS !!! There is no need to tear up the trails or roads running as fast as you can. Enjoy the scenery!! There are others who would love to ride the trails and the beach and don't hurt or kill anything. I don't think it is too much to just follow simple rules when riding.

Correspondence ID: 10608 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This proposal to allow ORV's practically unlimited access to wildlife areas is an environmental disaster and is completely unnecessary. Protection of wildlife and protection of our public lands is far more important than the people who want to drive ORV's in off limits areas sheerly for recreational enjoyment. I am dumbfounded that this would even be considered.

I have been to Cape Hatteras and have enjoyed the beauty and serenity. My husband have ridden our bikes all over the area and plan to return. We are tax payers and we enjoy our national parks - we do not want this area marred by loud, polluting, destructive vehicles that have no place there. Our parks were created to protect, not destroy. This is a reckless policy and it must not be allowed.

Please vote this proposal down. We have done enough damage to our environment and it must stop.

Sincerely,

Majorie Fritz=Birch

Correspondence ID: 10609 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a U.S. citizen, I am writing to express my opposition to unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other American wildlife.

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

While ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving regardless of the consequences, instead I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Steven Barnes

Correspondence ID: 10610 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please respect the environment and its inhabitants. We need them, especially since there are few of them left.

Correspondence ID: 10611 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I want protections in place for for cape Hatteras to ban off road vehicles. The sea turtles and birds are defenseless against these vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 10612 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use on our nation's shores. While off road vehicle use can be used an educational tool as well as a recreational activity, there needs to be rules that protect the animals that inhabit those areas. Protecting the creatures that live on our shores needs to be the priority. Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 10613 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Aug,31,2011 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.

ORVs do not belong on such delicate lands at national seashores. These areas are the last vestiges of natural homes for too many endangered or threatened species, regardless if they are so designated (or not designated) by our government. It is the responsibility of NPS to be stalwart guardians of the natural world and, incidentally, let people observe the natural world without endangering it.

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.

Informatin supplied to me is that the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. Please return these to your proposed regulations.

Thank you for considering my comments, presented to you in the name of wildlife and natural areas, which you are instructed to protect from harm, especially harm by people.

Correspondence ID: 10614 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I'm just a "regular" citizen trying to protect our environment. Please include protection from off-road vehicles for our wonderful National Parks Systems like Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 10615 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I believe it is important to provide extra protection for wildlife at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and am in favor of this special regulations proposal

Correspondence ID: 10616 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles should not be allowed on beaches. It is so sad to see the wildlife destroyed due to mans continued carelessness.

Correspondence ID: 10617 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road driving is destructive. Please protect the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 10618 **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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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: 10619 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I ask that in creating guidelines for Off Road Vehicles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, you keep foremost in your thoughts the preservation of the beach and its wildlife. Please use science-based information to make decisions that will protect the integrity of the beach itself as well as the many animals that use the beaches. Nesting beaches for endangered sea turtles are just one example of what it is very important to save. These amazing, ancient creatures face many threats to their survival as it is, and we should do everything humanly possible to protect their nesting habitat so that they can continue to survive. There are many other species equally dependent upon the beaches and our good stewardship of them. Please keep them in mind as you form regulations for ORV use in the national park. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10620 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please take a stand for wildlife!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration!

Correspondence ID: 10621 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help save our wildlife!!

Correspondence ID: 10622 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't see the point in allowing vehicles to drive on our beaches. With the exception of emergency vehicles or beach patrols, no other vehicles should be allowed on our beaches. Beach wildlife, people, and motorized vehicles do not mix. I go to the beach to enjoy the peace of the ocean, not to listen to motors and breath noxious fumes. Keep vehicles off the beaches and away from wildlife nesting areas.

Correspondence ID: 10623 **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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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:	10624	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I support protections & Animal advocacy at all costs....						

Correspondence ID:	10625	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.						

I strong oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens shorebirds, sea turtles and other wildlife. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

I ask the National Park Service to adopt to adopt the strongest possible regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Our natural spaces are precious and limited. Please act in their best interest -- which is truly in all of our best interest.

Thank you, Cynthia Hill St. Paul, MN

Correspondence ID:	10626	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: 10627 **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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Thank you for your consideration.

Christine Tapparo

Correspondence ID: 10628 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As a former coastal resident, 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: 10629 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Less driving is always a good thing. Vehicles do not belong on the beach with nesting and foraging wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 10630 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ban all-terrain vehicles to save wildlife at this imperiled seashore park. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10631 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please support science based protection for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 10632 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I think it best to provide restricted areas for ORV recreation, and prohibit ORV use in other areas. Obviously the selection of these areas should be weighted in favor of preserving wildlife habitat. ORV's can play just about anywhere, and typically folks are very rough on the areas they choose to ride. I also think it wise to provide substantial buffer zones between areas to that wildlife is not scared off by the noise and human presence.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10633 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Keep off road vehicles off of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. they already have plenty of places to play.

Correspondence ID: 10634 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Just because someone spends thousands of dollars on an ATV they think they should have the right to ride it anywhere they please with no consideration for others.

If we destroy everything in our paths until there is nothing of nature left but a wasteland then we are no better than COCKROACHES!

Jane F. Miller

Correspondence ID: 10635 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please be considerate of the wildlife - they are only doing what nature intended and do not deserve to have their natural habitat disrupted by the reckless behavior of humans.

Correspondence ID: 10636 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please save our wildlife. It is one of the most precious gifts in the world.

Correspondence ID: 10637 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Boy.. you must not care about the future generation of children or you would stop killing and distroying thier future with animals and fowls of all kind. What a shame!!!! With all you can do something about to make a difference you choose to distroy Mother Nature. How incredibly vain of you. I'll definetly remember this at election time! Sincerely: Mary M. King

Correspondence ID: 10638 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving. In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park ServCice's plan, these numbers could easily decline. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over. We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. Please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 10639 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

The right to life extends to all life.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Craig Hamann

Correspondence ID: 10640 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is essential that the critical nesting habitat of the animals in Cape Hatteras be protected from ORVs so that the areas natural beauty may be preserved for generations to come.

Correspondence ID: 10641 **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: 10642 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I hope the lady who chose to stay behind with her dog because she had no family & didn't know of any emergency shelters that accept pets got through Hurricane Irene ok. I hope she and her dog are fine, along with the other residents of the Outer Banks.

Correspondence ID: 10643 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As a regular visitor to Hatteras Island over the last 40 years I have rejoiced in the fact that we have preserved such beautiful pristine beaches where wildlife may flourish. This letter is to raise my voice in protest against regulations which would increase the use of ORVs in some sections. This park is an irreplaceable resource and I am dismayed at the prospect of diminishing the area for sea turtles and birds and other wildlife.

Please register this letter as a strong protest against these proposed new (de)regulations.

Sincerely,

Walter Coppedge Professor Emeritus, Virginia Commonwealth University

Correspondence ID: 10644 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please use your judgment & regulate this sort of traffic on our National Seashores. If you lack judgment, you should be able to obtain it by renting a room in your house to someone looking for a place to live.

Correspondence ID: 10645 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please take into consideration the wildlife that life on your shores and stop vehicles from killing them. Cars belong on the road, not on the shore where people go to relax and many species live and nest.

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Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service to reconsider the omission of buffers and other successful wildlife protections in proposed regulation for the Cape Hatteras Seashore. Cape Hatteras is a beautiful place. I was lucky to have spent several summers at the National Seashore in the 1950s and have enjoyed repeat visits over the years.

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It is well-documented that ORV use impairs leads to the destruction of natural beauty, that the National Park Service is designated to protect. 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.

It is a shame that the Park Service is not including these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation for the Cape Hatteras Seashore. By excluding these buffers and wildlife protections and 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 enjoy

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Correspondence: Nature and the environment need all the help they can get. Perhaps it's time, as a country, to consider toys and games that do less destruction.

Correspondence ID: 10653 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please help this beautiful place

Correspondence ID: 10654 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please support rules that will protect sensitive areas by restricting the use of motorized vehicles!

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Correspondence: Dear Madam / Sir:

Please ensure that the proposed beach driving regulations for the Hatteras Seashore include strong provisions to protect nesting shore birds and turtles.

Correspondence ID: 10658 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted use of ORV's. Your treasure of a seashore should be protected for the sea turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife that depend on this habitat. Human traffic on foot is even damaging, but ORV's are a recipe for disaster. Visitors can enjoy their stay without impacting wildlife. It is possible. Please consider reserving more of the 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife. A habitat is a terrible thing to waste. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10659 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the use of off road vehicles on Cape Hatteris. Help protect the wildlife there. Were using everything, they have nothing left. They hardly have anywhere else to go for some quiet and be able to reproduce. Help give wildlife a break.

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Lisa C. Park

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off-road vehicles at Cape Hatteras!

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Name: private

Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to protect this great area of our country as much as possible.

Correspondence ID: 10664 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Please please please keep them safe. Thank you. ~Jean McEvoy

Correspondence ID: 10665 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: "PLEASE PROTECT THESE CREATURES FROM HARM AND MAKE ALL OF IT RESTRICTED AREAS!! BE THEIR GUARDIANS!!"

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I look around and I see a very different environment then what I had when I was a little girl. I dont want my daughter to resent me for any further destruction to our environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to protect what species are left. Please enact legislation that will curtail these deaths.

Correspondence ID: 10668 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to protect the areas of nesting shore birds while also doing what we can to prevent further erosion of our great beaches. ATVs and other vehicles that destroy the fragile ecosystem of those shorelines should not be permitted.

Correspondence ID: 10669 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence: It is important that humans not destroy the planet. Apparently they can only be stopped from doing this with regulations. Not enough humans actually care about the planet they live on to protect it for teir successors. Please make sure that there are regulations in place to prevent off road vehicles from tearing up everything that isn't a road.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Under current proposals only 26 miles of dunes and shoreline at Cape Hatteras National Seashore are protected from dune buggy hotrodders. This is a disgrace! Wildlife (sea turtles and sea birds) need protected undisturbed areas to nest. They have no other. These areas should also restrict hikers. Hikers should have their own quiet places to walk undisturbed by idiots on noisy dune buggies. The National Park Service is giving in to the lowest common denominator. Dune Buggies pollute, destroy dunes, and are a menace to the safety of everyone and everything. They should not have the lion's share of the seashore. They should be banned!

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Correspondence: Please outlaw off road vehicles on the shorelines.

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Not opening up more of the seashore to the use of Off Road Vehicles, may inconvenience and spoil the fun of the beach users who own an orv and want to use it. However, the activities that they participate in are not conducive to the preservation of the beautiful, rare and fragile landscape of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. ORVs do extensive damage to sand dunes, as well as the local and sometimes endangered flora and fauna enjoyed by so many and deserving of protection. Therefore the decision should be to minimize the use of ORVs to the current limits and no further.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off roads vehicles should NOT be allowed on the beaches. They destroy wildlife habitat, sand dunes and the peace and quiet that tourists come to these places for, thus hurting the local economy.

Correspondence ID: 10676 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore should limit all ORV traffic on this national treasure that is visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. The impact of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use is creates an unacceptable, unnecessary impact on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Defenders of Wildlife and its partners support the National Park Service in their move to adopt restrictive regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Unfortunately, the proposed regulation does NOT go far enough. It 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. This needs to be extended and expanded. I support restriction on all ORV travel at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do not weaken regulations protecting wildlife on North Carolina beaches.

Correspondence ID: 10679 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please include rules protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat and nesting areas in any decisions made about ORVs in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There's nothing like the quiet enjoyment of the sea. Unfortunately the sound of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) shatters this quiet. More importantly, allowing ORV's endangers wildlife nesting on the seashore's beaches.

Please do what you can to restrict as much of the vehicle traffic on the beaches. For the sake of our critters and people who want to enjoy mother nature in a quiet and pristine state.

Correspondence ID: 10682 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict driving on beaches where birds nest. Unlimited driving privileges will greatly endanger many shorebirds and reduce their numbers in the future. Please protect them.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please prohibit off road vehicles from our beaches! The animals need our protection.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles should not be permitted in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. These people have other places to ride their vehicles. Please protect this seashore and the endangered animals that live there and do not allow off road vehicles. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10685 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our precious wildlife

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop all ORV traffic from shorelines where innocent wildlife nest, seek refuge. There are plenty of authorized area's for people to enjoy this activity safely where nothing is harmed in the process. Our shorelines have been the habitat for many creatures such as sea turtles, birds since the beginning of time. To allow this activity I consider, cruelty to animals on all levels. In addition to ruining the scenic landscape where millions of people visit to enjoy its breath taking beauty. Please think twice before allowing ORV's access to our shorelines.

Thank You, Andrea Crawford

Correspondence ID: 10687 **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: 10688 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The fact is that off road vehicles should not be allowed in areas such as this one. These places with wildlife sensitive to such activities should just be off limits - no question. It's a beautiful place that needs total protection from this type of thing. It is just too sensitive an area.

We read about this off and on - it happens in the desert areas as well. People forget all about all the wildlife out there. I'm sure the off road folks can find another place where habitat destruction and disruption to wildlife is not as critical an issue. It's not hard to sacrifice a bit for the greater good!

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 10689 **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: 10690 **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. I vacation in this area often and would prefer that vehicles be banned totally. However, I understand that a balanced approach that allows all users to enjoy the National Seashore is important. To that end, I support a specific regulation to manage the use of ORVs within the Seashore. The regulation must include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state, and it should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation as proposed will not protect the Seashore's natural resources if it does not mandate specific, science-based protections for the species that live and breed at the Seashore. Such protections include non-driving buffers around nesting areas on the beach. As it is currently written, the proposed regulation protects only the rights of ORV users to drive on large areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife, and it treats wildlife protection as optional. This is unacceptable to me. Please add buffers, increase areas or seasonal times that are off limits to ORVs and institute other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. An ORV-centric approach does not reflect my values and it does not reflect the balanced approach that must prevail, and it certainly will not help the wildlife that uses the Seashore to survive and thrive.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 10691 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles simply have no place on our National Seashores. What a ridiculous and wasteful bit of foolishness. There is no more need to drive on a seashore than there is to plant a tent on the L.A. Freeway. Time for a reality check and stop such insanity as driving about everywhere "because we can" or "because we are lazy".

Correspondence ID: 10692 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please get off-road vehicles away from wildlife nesting areas! This ecosystem is too fragile for ORVs to be driving through them.

Correspondence ID: 10693 **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: 10694 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to protect those that are defenseless!

Correspondence ID: 10695 **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

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Name: private
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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.

Correspondence ID: 10697 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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: 10698 **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.

Correspondence ID:	10699	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.

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.

Correspondence ID:	10700	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						

Correspondence: There is no reason to allow all-terrain vehicles unrestricted use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Destruction of wildlife and its habitat can be the only result, and that will be a tragic loss to our country, and its future. Thank you

Correspondence ID:	10701	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. ORVs have no place in our national parks, especially in protected wildlife areas.

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:	10702	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I continue to be amazed by the insensitivity, ignorance the results in problems such as natural wildlife breeding grounds being used as a race track for motored vehicles. Let then find some other area where they do not threaten life. Yes, life - even if it is not humans. This should be a simple solution - Protect the whole 67 miles as long as people inhabit the area. We do not go to quiet, wild places to hear noise and didge vehicles - or even just hear their noise. Hurricanesdo enough damage to outer banks - face it - it's a fragile area. Please, common sense - this is nature's domain. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 10703 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I feel shocked that such silliy things are allowed and life is no longer respected!

Correspondence ID: 10704 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am strongly in favor of intensifying, or at least continuing, regulations on beach driving on national seashores where wildlife are at risk, such as Cape Hatteras. Protecting endangered species like sea turtles and birds should be a priority. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10705 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: drive on roads only

Correspondence ID: 10706 **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 visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

As we have seen recently, we must protect our wetlands, seashores from erosion and destruction.

The amount of noise and fumes produced by off-road vehicles ruins the outdoor pleasure and experience for most other visitors.

Thank you for your efforts to protect our wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 10707 **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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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 10708 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We should protect and revel in the beauty of nature and not destroy it because of human selfishness. Lets leave something for future generations to enjoy. It is our obligation as human beings.

Correspondence ID: 10709 **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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Correspondence ID: 10710 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please do not allow off rode vehicle use in Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Correspondence ID: 10711 **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: 10712 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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NO ORV's on beaches with the exception for emergency vehicles and park rangers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	10713	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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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	10714	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please regulate off-road vehicles so that they pose less threat to birds and wildlife. Perhaps some areas should be more restricted or even closed.						

It is recreation for us, but life or death for them.

Correspondence ID:	10715	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.

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 recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. 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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Respectfully,

Adriana Rojas

Correspondence ID: 10716 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. We need to do more to protect our future and this is has to include our wildlife and habitat.

Correspondence ID: 10717 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Driving on the beach should be outlawed and in many areas it is. For the safety of all wildlife this kind of ignorance needs to stop. These creatures have just as much right to live as you or I perhaps even more so because they are not destroying the earth the way that humans do.

Correspondence ID: 10718 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow ORVs on Cape Hatteras. It is destructive to wildlife, and disturbs the natural tranquility. As a nation, we ought to be doing everything possible to curb use of fossil fuels and limit the intrusion of human activities to the few remaining natural areas.

Correspondence ID: 10719 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect wildlife nesting areas from beach drivers at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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

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 wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration of wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 10720 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop all off-road vehicles on beaches - if nothing else we need to protect these animals in the National Park System.
Thank you

Correspondence ID: 10721 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposal will only set 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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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.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. 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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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: 10725 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORVs do not belong on the beach. Close beaches during nesting and fledging season.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles can be devastating to natural ecosystems, destroying habitat and breeding grounds. Please ban off road vehicles in national park systems.						

Correspondence ID:	10730	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do not allow regulations to be adopted for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Please help leave wildlife and natural beauty for our kids. Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a beautiful area to protect.						

Thank you, Tricia Stephens

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please keep the beaches and shorelines for the vulnerable animals and people on their feet. Vehicles belong on the streets not in						

the midst of nature and people who are going to the shores for peace and quiet. Stop this injustice and take care of nature now, before it is too late.

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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

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I have a deep passion for nature and strongly believe it should be protects not only for future generations and its beauty but to preserve the unique habitats and species.						
Correspondence ID:	10734	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles continue to inflict a terrible cost on America's natural areas. I have seen the results of off road vehicles personally, and I'm convinced that the integrity of our natural heritage requires that they be prohibited from use regardless of the demands of well-funded "recreational" lobbies.						
Correspondence ID:	10735	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras is a National Treasure. It saved thousands of lives in times past and should be preserved. Many families like mine call it home and we are proud that it has preserved the history of a young America. The Light house is and always has been a beacon of hope. The Lost Colony allows others in this country, who seems to be loosing the values this country was built on, to see what life was like when out ancestors first came to this country. The wild life has survived for thousands of years and we owe it to them to protect them.						
Correspondence ID:	10736	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 beach wildlife, particularly nesting animals, from off-road vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The behavior of the people who use such vehicles must be regulated because they usually have no sense of the damage they cause and simply don't care. I have traveled to many National Parks and Forests, including Cape Hatteras, and have had to contend with such people many times. ATV users are among the most selfish people I have ever met. Please do not allow them to continue to ride willy nilly all over the special landscape that is Cape Hatteras National Seashore. They should only be						

allowed to use a small portion of the beach. Not only are they endangering our precious wildlife; they ruin the experience of that particular wild place for everyone else who goes there, with noise and pollution. The vast majority of Americans care about protecting our nation's precious wildlife, and I am one of them. Please pass the rule. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10737 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the unnecessary pain and death of the birds. Human beings simply do not need to be "plowing" thru every bit of nature. We need to become much less intrusive. Please help.

Correspondence ID: 10738 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please review current and pending regulations to ensure they provide adequate protection for delicate wildlife on our beaches. One more area of recreational off roading is not worth the potential damage to the environment and or the unnecessary deaths of our wildlife.

Regards, Greg Loban

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Correspondence ID: 10740 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I want to see targeted, enforceable regulatory protections for wildlife, based on science not the wishes of recreational users or ORV merchants. ORV recreation is not a compatible use of national parklands, especially lands that constitute limited habitat types and critical nesting ground.

There needs to be more vehicle-free areas for nesting as shorebirds and sea turtles are in jeopardy worldwide--we can not create more shoreline and it is being destroyed rapidly by development and severe weather--it should be an NPS priority to protect and preserve what is left. ORVs have other play grounds that don't overlay critical habitat and more of these low/no impact areas can be developed, but please keep them off the shoreline and wetland areas.

Thank you for keeping NPS's original mission fully in mind and well in practice.

Correspondence ID: 10741 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please put restrictions on where off road vehicles can go, in order to preserve wildlife habitat. Thank you.

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Name: private
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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.

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

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Humans have the ability to entertain themselves anywhere, they can adapt and move freely in all environments. Animals and birds cannot. It is really not acceptable that humans continue to take more and more from the other animals that share this planet. Please do the right thing and ensure protection of this essential area. The world is watching, waiting for you to do the right thing. If someone from the UK like me can be bothered to write then it must be important.

Correspondence ID: 10744 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I need to see stronger provisions for wildlife protection for the Hatteras National Seashore. Some congressmen are calling for all hurricane aid to be off-set with unspecified spending cuts, which I find incomprehensible, we need additional efforts, and jobs to be focused there.

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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. I think this is especially timely, considering last week's devastation done to the Outer Banks by Hurricane Irene.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep our wildlife protected and our national park system, public. There should be no question that wildlife should be protected at all costs and national parks be kept for public use.

Correspondence ID: 10747 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please leave Cape Hatteras wild as it can be. My Dad first found this barrier island back in the 70's. It's one thing to see what the general population does just by trashing the area from their own selfish uses but to give them even more room to devastate the little bit of land that the wild animals need is an ATROCITY!!!! STOP THE ABUSE NOW. You do not need off-road vehicles. Walk or don't use the island. NO TO OFF ROAD AND ATV'S!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 10748 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect wildlife. No motorized vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 10749 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Though I understand one's needs for recreation and relaxation, and while it is imperative that we as Americans are free to choose the types of recreation that we enjoy, we must all consider the impact that our choices make on the environment. Selfish misuse and careless practices can damage wildlife habitat or destroy it completely.

Even if one has the best intentions, we all know that it only takes one or two individuals not doing the right things to mess it up for everyone else. It would be great if we could take everyone's word for it that they will safeguard restricted areas, not litter, not park where they are not supposed to, not drive in fragile areas, etc. Sometimes it is truly because someone does not know better. And in other cases, it is because they are careless, do not consider the consequences of their careless practices, and in some instances, they just don't care.

I hope you will take the steps necessary to protect these fragile wildlife areas and restrict vehicular traffic.

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: BAN THE USE OF OFF ROAD VEHICLES. THEY DO NOT BELONG IN PARK LANDS AND SHOULD NOT BE DRIVING WILD LIFE AWAY. KEEP THE 'WILD' IN WILDLIFE.

Correspondence ID: 10753 **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 oppose unrestricted off-road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 10754 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Strongly oppose allowing access for ATV's or any other motorized vehicles (excepting cases of emergencies) to drive close to shorelines anywhere in the country for reasons including but not limited to: - destruction of fragile shoreline eco-system, - further destruction of habitats for endangered species, migrating birds, etc, whose habitats have already been seriously shrinking and altered as a result of shoreline development worldwide - further pollution of the marine ecosystem, which is already severely burdened by pollution secondary to fossil fuel burning, and lack of natural buffer zones, which clean up, absorb and detoxify most pollutants - destroying recreational areas important to millions of people The latter is often neglected, as well as the relationship between the decreasing access to natural environment and the alarming increase of emotional and medical disturbances and disorders eg. stress related medical illnesses, anxiety, depression, etc. All these disorders, as well as many types of cancer can be improved if not eliminated by undisturbed CLEAN AND NATURAL environments and regular access to their calming effects. At last, our children and grandchildren are entitled to something more beautiful than the deadened, lifeless dirt scattered with rubbish. I and my patients have visited many areas, where ATV's were allowed: none of them are clean. Show us the DATA AND FACTS, which could convince us otherwise. We kindly and hopefully ask you to be responsible when you make your deliberations. Sincerely, Kleopatra Ormos, M.D. in the name of the many patients I feel responsible for

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect & defend our wildlife, at all costs. God gave us dominion over wildlife to protect and defend, not destroy...

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

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop on beach driving. Their is an imperative need to save the ocean and coastal environments.

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration. Joanna

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the destruction of our planet! This continual rape of the environment in the name of Capitalism has to stop. Save our wildlife, planet and your selves; vote your conscience, not your wallet. Say NO to the oil lobbyist and yes to save our world.

Edward J. Files

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Correspondence: It is important to ban driving our national shorelines with off road vehicles. The destruction to wildlife and plants is immeasurable.

Correspondence ID: 10764 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's time we all concern ourselves with the plight of animals and off road vehicles disturbing birds and their babies. This is a matter that needs to be addressed as these animals cannot speak out for themselves. Many thanks for this consideration. Very Sincerely, Laurie Hein

Correspondence ID: 10765 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am tired of the destruction to our environment & our wildlife for the sake of selfishness and material gain! We must protect our wildlife since we are so irresponsible!

Correspondence ID: 10766 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Recreational vehicles are lots of fun, but very destructive. I don't believe they should be allowed anywhere where is threat to disturbing wildlife and fauna. Why can't they be limited to tracks and parks that are dedicated for these activities.

Correspondence ID: 10767 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles do more harm than good. The sellers of these vehicles are unethical, greedy businesspeople who want to benefit from the profits they make rather than caring about the state of the planet and the nonhuman animals on it. Can't we ever give nonhuman animals a break? Humans are not the only important species on this planet and we have to stop acting as if they are.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: To whom it may concern.

If it is indeed quantifiable that the beach set aside for turtles and plovers, the higher the success rate of each, then I would hope we could err on the side of intelligent, wise compassion, and set additional beach aside during nesting season.

thanks.

Shawn Clotworthy

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider wildlife before Over the road vehicles. I am losing hope for our wildlife, our planet, and if it comes to it, our country. We have chosen selfishly in the past. Our wild places can't be replaced. We can do without man's destruction of quiet, beauty, animals and plants. Please consider this problem carefully.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: keep nature in mind when you consider the amount of deaths vehicles make to wild like. The noise alone bothers many visitors

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Correspondence: The proposed regulations on off-road vehicles are a step in the right direction but only a step. Please help our country move toward more protection of wildlife and a reigning in of destructive human activity.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must be responsible.

Correspondence ID: 10774 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that will threaten sea turtles, shorebirds and other vulnerable wildlife. The threatened species of piping plover which rely on the habitat along the Hatteras National Seashore for nesting and raising their young could be decimated by the introduction of off-road vehicles.

Save the Hatteras National Seashore from environmental destruction!

Thank you.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a precious 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 ORVs are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

PLEASE OPPOSE THE ORVs

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save the sea turtles its a no brainer!

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This pristine area needs to be protected for our children's use in the future. Rules need to be stipulated, such as ORV access. Protect our wildlife in the Cape Hatteras region. I hope to be there soon for a visit.

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Name: private
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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.

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Thank you for your consideration. Dr. Luisa Cappuccio

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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 very important 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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I believe more vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. National Parks should be a place to enjoy nature and not have to deal with the noise, pollution and destructive nature of Off Road Vehicles.

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Correspondence:	Since man seems to be raping the planet , and not giving anything back to it's life... why do we need to have ORV on pristine beaches? We don't! Why can't you dipshit's do the right thing? Instead of thinking about how you can fill your wallets with more \$\$\$.						

You sicken me!

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Correspondence:	Please help to protect.						

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Correspondence:	With so many humans already impacting wildlife the last thing we need is beach driving. Habitat protection for these shorebirds and turtles is far more important than our entertainment. We have plenty of places to drive. Please protect these coastal areas for the future.						

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence:	I'm a native North Carolinian living in South Carolina, and I take great pride in knowing that my children and grandchildren can and do take time to visit and enjoy the North Carolina coast that i continues to be fairly natural. In fact they spent a glorious week there this summer. My 8-year-old grandson was amazed at the sights and sounds, free of the busyness of traffic and commercial activities that he has always associated with "going to the beach" (in South Carolina). Please don't allow the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to become just another "going to the beach" place where nature has been abused and pushed out by human development exploitation.						

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Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the Na

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Sincerely, Robert E. Hatfield II 8787 Hammerly Boulevard Apt. 1224 Houston, Texas 77080-6621

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However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protection in it's proposed regulation. Please uphold the Parks' obligation under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10798 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, let's do the right thing and protect the most vital seashore habitats for wildlife! We don't need more vehicle traffic wrecking our planet and innocent species!

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.

Look at the facts: 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 will decline again.

All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it will be run over. All it takes is one ORV driving through plover nesting areas and this species (and many others) could be devastated and sent into decline to rapid extinction.

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's insane. They have enough spaces to take their loud, polluting vehicles, that aren't fragile, critical wildlife habitat. They cannot ruin the entire seashore (they don't need that space!) and I won't let them kill vital innocent species and wreck our planet!

Please! Tell the Park Service instead that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 10799 **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: 10800 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thank you for taking comments. I live in NC and have been to Cape Hatteras many times. I fully appreciate the "wildness" of the place and kindly request that every effort be made to maintain that. 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.

I am very tired of having to watch out for vehicles while I am at the beach. I sincerely hope that when I go to the beach I only have other people to look out for. ORV's are a strain on the park and the people who visit there, not to mention the wildlife.

What would be the harm to ending ORV use on the National Seashore? I only see an improved environment for visitor and wildlife and a far more pleasurable experience for all. Thanks you!

Correspondence ID: 10801 **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: I am writing to express my very strong objection to the proposal to allow off more off road vehicles onto Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This proposal should be of concern to anyone who cares about the fragile environment and unique appeal of Hatteras.

Every year, at great expense, I travel with my family all the way from the United Kingdom to enjoy the individual charm of this wonderful place. If we want to see jeeps on the beach, there are a thousand different seaside resorts to which we could go far more easily. We go for the peace and tranquility which is so abundant on Hatteras. Over the years, we have made friends from New Jersey, New York and Ohio. All these families travel great distances to visit for the same reasons we do. They do not come to drive SUV's on the beach, dodge fishing lines, and listen to the loud music which often accompany them.

But far more important is the potentially devastating effect this proposition would have on the unique and diverse wildlife of Hatteras, especially on the endangered species such as sea turtles which nest on the beach. Surely we can preserve this tiny bit of America from the nuisance of traffic? As the consultation document says, history has shown that lack of prohibitive legislation (pre 1972) regarding vehicles led to the degradation of wildlife as traffic proliferated. Walking on the dunes is (rightly) not allowed. Do we really want four wheel drive vehicles ploughing up and down these pristine beaches scattered with nests of endangered sea turtles?

Worryingly, there are no limitations to the number of permits which can be issued under this proposal. How many extra vehicles will be needed to police the ORV's to make sure they have permits? Or can it really be policed properly at all? Really, is this progress? If we want Hatteras to be like Virginia Beach or Fort Lauderdale, then this is a great way to do it. Instead, let's preserve what we have for the future.

Correspondence ID: 10802 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our precious wild life.

Correspondence ID: 10803 **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. Although I have not been to Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I do vacation on the east coast and visit many different coastal areas. I believe a balance can be identified that protects wildlife yet allows those who want to drive ORVs recreationally. 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:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

Please don't let reckless ORV drivers run over precious wildlife!! How cruel! All because of some big dummies trying to have a thrill?

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I have been interested in ecology for over 40 years. I remember from Intro to Ecology being surprised at how important the study and assessment of populations were. We need to be able to pick out the priorities from all of the things swirling around our processes and decisions mandating areas of protected animals and plants. So many times these are tourist areas or ripe for economic development. Making them a national park will set them apart from development interests. It is time to set things aside for the future generations, and quit going for the economical ticket.						

Correspondence ID:	10807	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug.31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I have lived in North Carolina for 30 years and still own a home there. As a frequent visitor to the shore, including the Outer Banks and Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I would like to see all vehicles banned from the shores. Knowing this will not happen, I urge you to remedy to omitted portions of the new regulations.						

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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.

Correspondence ID: 10808 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to urge that any use of motorized vehicles on national beaches be prohibited--except for emergency responders. I am all in favor for beaches to be preserved as places where nature can thrive without the intrusion of activities or entertainment or sports of people who rely on machines and where man-made sounds are limited to those created by voices, not motors.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 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 an

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By the Park Service omitting successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation 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 don't let off road vehicals destroy more of our breautiful coasts..their taking a beating from nature as it is!

Correspondence ID: 10812 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to take care of these creatures. Why we need off road vehicles on the beach on the seashore is beyond me. I think it should be a restful area. We need places where the shorebirds can lay there eggs and raise their young.

Correspondence ID: 10813 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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I respectfully urge your support for specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Roanne Rosenblum Saint Paul, MN

Correspondence ID:	10814	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We are not the only species on Earth and we need to take care of everything that lives. Be mindful and respect everything here, it (we) may not be here long.						

Please care! Regards; Kat =^..^=

Correspondence ID:	10815	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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. 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: It is time to do everything we can to save the environment and our ecosystem!

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. 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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORV's should NOT be allowed in this area. This is completely absurd. People go to this pristine area for peace and quiet and now they have to contend with more noise. What is to become of the wildlife and their nesting grounds? How are you going to

protect nests? Stop this bad idea before it begins.

Correspondence ID: 10822 **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 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 against opening the shore to beach driving, and I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 10823 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a U.S. citizen and represent myself.

This makes no sense at all. Vehicles should not be allowed on seashore. With the energy crisis we are facing, fuel should not be wasted to drive on the shore.

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Care for mother Earth

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 10827 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: A road going through the wilderness is bad enough. The vehicles should stick to the road or find another place to ride. we cannot allow any motor vehicle to plow through the nesting grounds & habitat of wild animals . This is their only home. Those motor vehicles can ride elsewhere.

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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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Correspondence: PLEASE KEEP THE CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE. IT'S BEAUTIFUL AND THE VISITORS LOVE IT'S BEAUTY. IT IS THE HOME OF SEALIFE AND THEY LOVE IT. DON'T TAKE AWAY SOMTHING BEAUTIFUL.

GOD BLESS

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Correspondence: The current regulations for driving on the beach and the closures for bird and turtle nests on Hatteras Island are way to restrictive. The beaches to be reopened to people to be able to use them. There are plenty of areas up and down the east coast and gulf coast that have very SMALL closure that actually do a much better job in helping the birds and turtles than what is going on on Hatteras Island. Also another issues is that they are trapping and KILLING other wildlife to protect these birds. The wildlife being killed is native to the islands and has just as much of a right to be there. The off road vehicles are NOT killing the birds or turtles. Actually the beaches are in worse shape by not allowing the visitors on them. I do vacation at the Outer Banks both Hatteras Island and the northern beaches. However, the closures are making me reconsider even bothering to go there and looking at other places instead. These are closures are extremely restrictive and need to be loosened up for the welfare of the humans who live and vacation there.

Thank you for your time.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Let nature be enjoyed simply and peacefully without being trampled on by machines.

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Wildlife protection should be a priority and should not be optional! Wildlife should never suffer for our selfish recreational

needs. Please protect the entire area.

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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:	ORV's are destroying coastal and desert dunes all over the U.S.A., there is no need for these vehicles to constantly be allowed to destroy more dune areas because there are more than enough areas open to them now. Regions of concern, like critical beaches and desert dunes protecting endangered organisms should be closed to this destruction. It is sad when pristine areas are opened to these machines of destruction simply to allow uncaring people to play with their toys. These areas belong to everyone not to just the off-roaders. Thank you, Charles Leavell Professor emeritus, Fullerton College						

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Correspondence:	I totally oppose opening of Cape Hatteras National Seashore to Unrestricted Off Road Vehicle use and instead you should implement specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle free areas for nesting!						

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Correspondence:	i favor wildlife over expansion of human activities. please restrict development in this area as much as possible.						

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Correspondence: My understanding is that "Off Road Vehicles" pose a risk to the the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It is the responsible duty of the Park service to protect the seashore from the breeding grounds of birds and turtles that use this seashore. Cape Hatteras Seashore is the natural habitat for these animals and it is well known how these ORV can interrupt the breeding cycle of these animals. Please do the right thing in protecting the natural wildlife of this area by imposing strict regulations restricting the use of ORV's in this ecologically delicate area.

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If we allow vital nesting sites such as these to be disturbed during critical times of the year, the numbers of these creatures will rapidly decline once again. So please add to your proposal a continuation of the nesting site protections during the times of year that is vital for the various beach nesting animals that depend on these beaches for survival.

A few additional weeks of not being able to drive an ORV in certain specific areas of beach front each year is a small price to pay for species survival.

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Beaches are for people and marine animals, not for noisy, dangerous, annoying ORVs usually driven by drunken idiots who don't care who or what they injure or kill as long as they can make lots of noise and leave destruction behind them. Those don't belong on a beach. I don't think they belong ANYWHERE.

We need much more space for families, and much less space for ORVs.

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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.

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.

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.

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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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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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I request that the draft plan be modified to include the provisions for measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds.

Sincerely,

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It is my understanding that the regulations that are soon to be adopted regarding beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore do not fully protect wildlife and that the plan that has protected nesting areas from ORV use may not be continued.

I urge you to give first priority to species protection. It is a much more serious purpose than motor sports recreation. We have vast amounts of land given over to vehicles and too little for wildlife

Thank you.

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Everything must be in place to protect the seabirds and turtles on our shores. If we don't who will?

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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 a special place that I have visited on family vacations. Although I live out of state, family who reside in North Carolina and who have a house nearby also care about this area and its future very much.

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Correspondence: The National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing Off Road Vehicle (ORV) use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore needs revision and leaves me quite concerned. This is because ORVs are known to be responsible for killing shoreline wildlife.

In contrast, 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.

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 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 your consideration.

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Correspondence: Off Road Vehicles don't need access to the entire beach. They should have a strictly enforced designated area for safety of beach goers and wildlife. Off limits nesting areas for shorebirds and sea turtles should be designated also. That is what we have done here and it works. Many of us go to the beach for the beauty and peaceful sound of the waves anyway and don't want to be subjected to ORV noise and exhaust!

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With sincere thanks, Hugh Ashcraft

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I support strong 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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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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Best regards, Brian McGonigle

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Wildlife need this fringe area to be safe from vehicular intrusion and it is your job to protect them. Write regulations that prevent the degradation of this seashore and others.

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Correspondence: Our precious wildlife needs to be protected by the federal gov't. love watching birds they are a miracle from God.

I want my grandchildren to see all of these birds in their life time.

Please keep protect all animals for the next generation, any longer.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Dennis Schepman

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Correspondence: Right now my husband and I are fighting the building of a electrical substation right in front of our house. We are a flaglot and if a fire should happen at this substation we would never get out of our home. Our driveway is way to close to the proposed substation to get out safely. Our state DEP approved the power company application. This will be in an historic district in a residential neighborhood. Our website: Stopthesubstation.com shows the situation quite clearly. This brings up my point, IS NOTHING SACRED? Our environment is precious and can never be replaced once ruined. If you continue to allow these vehicles to use these beaches with regulation, someday soon there will be no wildlife there. Is this what you want?

Our children and grandchildren will forgive debt because that can be fixed, they will never forgive our willful destruction of our precious environment, that can't be fixed.

Please for all our sakes, do not allow these vehicles to destroy one more environment. All life is precious not just ours.

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Wildlife protection is NOT optional! To protect the species that depend on the Seashore, the regulation must mandate specific, science-based protections such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add adequate wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. Better yet, minimize the areas where ORVs are allowed and maximize the space reserved for pedestrians and families.

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Sincerely, Robert E. Hatfield II 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.

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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GOD BLESS

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Please save wildlife!

Thank you.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. We can never get back what we give away>

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Correspondence: Please protect our wildlife forever.

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When did the mission of the National Park Service change from protecting the natural resources to protecting fossil fuel propelled vehicles? 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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Shouldn't the National Park Service be promoting sustainable practices among all of their visitors. I would require any vehicles to be powered by human power or alternative fuels such as biofuels from fry oil or human waste. Be innovative, lead the way. Your mission is to protect the natural resources.

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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: 11057 **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 off-road vehicle use of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtle and beach-nesting bird populations have made a tremendous comeback after being severely depleted by off-road and other human activity.

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 off-road vehicle users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage off-road vehicles 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 off-road vehicle uses.

As it stands, 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 off-road vehicles 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
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Correspondence: I believe vehicles should be greatly limited at Cape Hatteras National Seashore for the safety of beachgoers, as well as the protection of wildlife. Also, this vehicles prevent peaceful enjoyment of the beach because of their noise.

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: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on NPS's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

As a volunteer for NPS, 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 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.

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Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Stewards of our National Parks and Seashores,

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 frequent visitor to the Cape Cod National Seashore, and have witnessed how that unit of the NPS protects sensitive wildlife, like piping plover, while permitting designated routes and seasons for ORV use on the beach. Those seeking wilderness solitude are also able to find it on the Cape Cod Seashore.

I am very concerned that the Hatteras Seashore plan and regulations may not place sufficient emphasis on sensitive birds and other wildlife - and on finding solitude for the human visitor, all of which are fundamental to the mission of the National Parks.

Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback.

Yet, 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: It is really time that we put the concerns of our wildlife ahead of our own selfish desires. I have been to North Carolina for birding, I am just as important a tourist as a person who wants to roar with two stroke engines and thick treaded tires across habitats where nesting and feeding birds have no defense. Actually, I am more important because my enjoyment does not degrade the environment.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

-Newell Nussbaumer

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

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Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is one of our country's most precious assets. Please keep the natural environment so that animals and people can enjoy its beauty and know that man made pollution will not endanger it. 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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Correspondence: I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seven national seashores on the Atlantic Ocean represent the last vestiges of open, wild, undeveloped beach on the eastern seacoast of the United States. These nationally significant places not only protect habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered wildlife, but represent the last best places where Americans can visit wild beach environments that evoke the experiences of our predecessors who encountered the vast wild coasts of North America.

It is well-documented that ORV use impairs park resources. Examples include diminished access and increased safety hazards for pedestrian visitors, along with increased wildlife mortality and dwindling populations. On the other hand, wildlife protections work. For the past several years, the Park Service has enforced specific science-based measures like no-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks, and hatchlings, and protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. Under that temporary plan, protected species have been rebounding, with some reproducing in record numbers. For instance, under that temporary plan, threatened and endangered sea turtles laid 153 nests in 2010, compared to only 82 nests in 2007, the last season prior to the implementation of the plan.

However, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed regulation. By doing so, and specifying only those areas set aside for ORV use, the Park Service falls short in its obligations under the Organic Act "to conserve the scenery (of the seashore) and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in the regulation.

Additionally, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife. If ORV use is to be allowed within the seashore, then a minimum of half of the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be available year round for non-ORV users and wildlife.

Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service in preserving America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

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Correspondence: In the grand scheme of things, ORVs will come and go. Let's not say the same for our wonderful wildlife, at least not on our watch.

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Thank you for your consideration. Jessica Stabler

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Correspondence: Please help provide protected area's for our wildlife and birds of all species. So much destruction of forest, lagoons, area's were they need to nest. WHY ou you so greedy for all this land. Before we can blink our eyes, we will have lost something so precious that God has GIVEN US TO TAKE CARE OF. WHY IS OUR GOVENMENT SO WASTEFUL AND SELFISH TO THINK THEY OUR GOD'S TO TAKE FROM US AND FROM OUR WILDLIFE. Please take a deep breath and close youor eyes ands see our world in the future with nothing except for concect, polution and waste. No more forest, the artic, no wildlife no birds, but noise from machinery. Stop this insane thought that we humans need all this crape, lets us have our oceans, our forest, out mountain are's and live to hear and see the wildlife as is was meant to be.

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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: Please keep ATVs off wildlife areas.

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Correspondence:	Hello,						

I'm a former visitor to the beautiful wild beaches of Cape Hatteras, and have learned of pending regulations affecting this beautiful wildlife-rich area. I visited the area specifically to see birds and other wildlife.

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Best regards, Josh Stoneman

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Correspondence: There has never been any reason for vehicles to be on beaches. I don't know if the laws are still enforced but it used to be illegal for vehicles to be on the beach because of animals living under the sand. Seems to me that should cover this.

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Allowing OTVs on the beach makes no sense to me. They pollute the air, are noisy and I can't imagine why beachgoers who are trying to relax and enjoy the beach and the water would want them there. It would greatly diminish my enjoyment of a day at the beach.

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Correspondence: KEEPING IT SHORT. WILDLIFE PROTECTED AREAS ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE. THEY ARE NECESSARY FOR THE SURVIVAL OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. THERE ARE PLENTY OF PLACES FOR THRILL SEEKERS TO EXERCISE THEIR HEDONISTIC EXERCISES WITHOUT INVADING THE HABITATS OF OUR BIRDS AND OTHER WILDLIFE. DO NOT COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE. KEEP SOME AREAS GREEN, CLEAN AND AS NATURE INTENDED. THANK YOU.

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I am lucky in that I live near a national park (Sitka National Park). Quiet contemplation of wild, healthy, nature is what it is all about for all who live here. Keep our park wildlife safe and healthy.

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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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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, thanks to business and political pressures, the Park Service has omitted these buffers and other successful wildlife protections in its proposed final 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 ensure that the final regulation specifically designates all necessary protections for wildlife, such as speed limits and buffer zones to protect vulnerable nesting and roosting areas.

Please remember that these national park areas are the property of the US and foreign peoples as a whole; they are not the

private property of greedy businesses and corrupt politicians interested only in short term profits.

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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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i believe that humans and animals can live in harmony as long as we really consider our actions, and how they affect the future of our planet and not just our temporary enjoyment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: My grandson went as an ornithologist on Halloween when he was five - so my interest is for him and all my family. And 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 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.

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Correspondence: It seems to me that there are enough roads to drive on and there are special places that should require one to walk or look from a distance!

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Correspondence: I am commenting on the proposed relaxation of the rules regarding use of vehicles on the beaches Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am very concerned that the National Sea Shore will become a haven for off road vehicles at the expense of wildlife and the peace and quiet that most beach goers seek. The current regulations are already too lax. Don't destroy our beaches any further.

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to our National Seashores, I am concerned that proposed regulations of Cape Hatteras National Seashore do not set aside enough areas for people who wish to visit a natural, vehicle-free area. Such use was clearly an intention of Congress.

Further, insufficient protection is given to nesting areas of birds and turtles, and the present proposal treats protection as optional. Not only should specific, enforceable, mandatory protections be included, but where vehicles are allowed it should be mandatory to have buffers around nests and for their to be strict penalties for violators.

Outlaws and their vehicles should not be able to seize our seashores by forcing a change in policy when the majority of the public wants these areas to be friendly to citizens who are seeking natural, peaceful areas and for wildlife. Thank you.

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Correspondence:	KPlease allow the birds the right of way on our seashores. They were here long before the vehicles that threaten them.						

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I am gravely concerned that the will of people like me, people who want a natural place to enjoy without traffic, or competition for access, people who WANT to see wildlife thrive and want a way to enjoy the natural beauty and wildlife of Cape Hatteras are being so blatantly disregarded in the rules as they stand. Take the LONG view please! My voice matters and I would like to see the NPS respond to the mandate to PROTECT the seashore for the natural elements in a much better way than represented in the rules. Thank you!

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Fran Hoef-Bouchard

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Correspondence: I live near Yosemite National Park, and it is a treasure. I enjoy all aspects of the park on a regular basis. Keeping all of our parks balanced in use as far as protecting our wildlife and allowing other activities is vital.

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Please help protect this area with special regulations.

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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."

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continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. We have spent many happy moments along the National Seashore and it is imperative that we do our utmost to preserve it now and for future generations with more specific protections. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Sincerely, Pamela King-Rediger

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Correspondence: Protect all of our national seashore and its habitat for birds and sealife, cape hatteras needs your help as well as all national seashores. document id nps-2011-0005-0001

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Correspondence: Why the obsession with the rights of drivers of off road vehicles? They can drive anywhere -- but instead there is this strange emphasis on their right to destroy the peace of those who wish to experience the outdoors on foot, and to complete their destruction of the nesting sites of rare birds and other wildlife. I thought the National Park Service was supposed to to hold sites such as the Cape Hatteras National Seashore in trust for future generations, not cater to today's spoiled brats with expensive toys.

Correspondence ID: 11166 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am crazy about shorebirds. Especially plovers, extraordinary little birds that nest on beaches.

I have lived near beaches all my life, so understand the value of access and use of beaches. I feel it is imperative that we share

our natural spaces with 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.

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

Thank you very much.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Compromising the nesting area of birds and turtles with motor vehicles will only drive them away. They are endangered, so why do you want to accelerate their demise? Leave the shoreline in its natural state.

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Correspondence: I do my part by putting temporary barriers where birds are nesting on Florida public beaches. I do this as a volunteer for the FL Fish and Wildlife Commission .

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: It is very important for the nesting birds and turtles to be able to reproduce without the tearing up of off the road vehicles. Please ban them from the wild beaches of the eastern seaboard, especially Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you for considering my comments.

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

I live near the seashore in Florida and plan on visiting the Cape Hatteras area in the fall. I would like to see the sea turtles and beach-nesting birds better protected in the Cape Hatteras area.

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I grew up roaming the Hatteras area with my brothers and take my grandchildren there at least once a year so 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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Kim Montgomery

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Correspondence: I am submitting this comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I understand that the sea turtle and beach-nesting bird populations have been increasing under the current management plan. I am concerned and disturbed that the proposed regulation offers wildlife protection as an optional aspect of the management of this area. Off Road Vehicle use cannot be granted more importance than the preservation of our natural resources. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife as well as for citizens who want to enjoy the National Seashore in its natural, vehicle-free condition. It seems that the proposed plan favors ORV use over the needs and rights of the natural environment and those who wish to visit the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to walk and otherwise participate in that natural environment. The management plan can and should set aside areas for ORV use, but do so with adequate regulations protecting, as a necessity - not an option - the natural environment, wildlife, and free access for pedestrians.

To the best of my knowledge the regulations must include mandated specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests, in order to adequately protect the species that depend on the Seashore. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not damage and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you considering my comments.

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Correspondence: After another summer of taking advantage of our country's remarkable national parks (in the great mountain west, this time) I value them more than ever. From the numbers of people in the more popular spots, I know that others - particularly people with children - value and use our national parks also.

Please do everything you can to preserve the wildlife on our shorelines, mountains, prairies, and elsewhere! Our country needs these to keep our spirit of freedom and community alive. People can drive motor vehicles almost everywhere. I adamantly believe that we need to keep some places free of motor vehicles, for our own species' health, as well as others.

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Correspondence:

As a North Carolina Native, and visitor to these lovely beaches with their wildlife, I urge the regulation of vehicles which kill and damage the nesting areas of wildlife.

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Regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore are REQUIRED 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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My family and I have vacationed in Cape Hatteras. One of our favorite things to do there is to walk long distances and observe the amazing life on the beach. We are deeply concerned about the use of Off Road Vehicles and the negative impact they have on wildlife, especially bird and turtle nesting grounds. Twenty-six miles out of sixty-seven is not enough to protect these struggling species. We strongly support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Correspondence: Please limit off road vehicles in this fragile environment.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

--Michele Vaillancourt

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Currently, I live In Oregon, in the seaside town of Newport. Originally, I am from the mid-Atlantic region, and I have visited and enjoyed the National Seashore at Cape Hatteras. My sister and her young family vacation there every year. I love the coast, and I am keen to see coastal resources and wildlife protected from overuse.

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Correspondence: I've participated in multi-year scientific research projects called a Bird Atlas. Ground-nesting birds need protections and are declining everywhere man makes his presence known. From beach and off-road driving, to our domestic cats and dogs, these birds suffer huge population declines. That is why most State and National Parks require leash laws. Please protect Cape Hatteras National Seashore from the unnecessary ravages of beach driving and dune buggies. They are NOT suitable uses for such limited habitat. Thank you for keeping our parks pristine and natural.

Sincerely, Jack Schlotte

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Correspondence: I'm writing on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I've had the pleasure to visit Cape Hatteras in the past five years, and was pleased on two levels; one, to see that much of the beach area was accessible to the public for varied uses. But more importantly to me was seeing a portion of the seashore being roped off from the public to allow the safe nesting of ocean birds. The main reason I visit Hatteras is to observe these birds, and by protecting sections of the coast, other areas were able to also host the birds I had come to view.

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As a hard-working executive and loyal American, I tend to plan my vacations around domestic travel related to ecotourism; typically I make several trips per year to this end. Protecting the Hatteras National Seashore will allow me to continue to not only prioritize Hatteras as a personal destination, but to also recommend it to my many friends and colleagues who enjoy similar travel.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Correspondence: Dear Officials:

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Protecting wildlife adds enjoyment to more people than RV users. Please protect the lives of these wonderful creatures that are part of our world. Act carefully.

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Correspondence: This should be a regulation everywhere. So many animals are at risk all over fun and recreation. This should be stopped, not just by shore line but on roadside as well. I cannot tell you how many 4-wheeler's, Dirt Bikes, Golf Carts, etc. are always racing up and down ditches and road sides totally ignoring signs asking people not to do that or even mow due to species habitats and nesting. We as citizen's cannot race our Cars down a public street or country road, highway, freeway, etc. so, why should they be allowed to do this? It is all in the name of selfish lawbreaking entertainment and the lawbreaking is with no consequences. Another reason at least in my area that people drive recreational vehicles in ditches, roadsides, shore lines, etc. Is because they're totally drunk and didn't want to drive a car drunk., This should all be illegal and enforced with good consequences otherwise, no one will care.

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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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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I do not support the use of ORV's at beaches at all. I go to beaches for quiet and relaxation, and to look at the wildlife, nesting birds, etc. The sound of the engines is disturbing not only to me but to the habitat in general. Please do not change the restrictions at all. It will be like losing our sanctuaries where we as humans and also animals need to retreat to for peace and quiet, and to enjoy nature as it is intended to be. PLEASE!

Sincerely, Laurie Eisler

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Thank you,

Peggy Gheta

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The Seashore is for watching the sunrise, for kids learning about their connection to nature, for the open and safe movement of life -- wild, domesticated, as well as human. ORVs are loud and can be destructive; ORV-drivers are loud, can be destructive, and heedless of other people or animals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Correspondence: Please consider taking positive action to preserve this area for future generations to enjoy.

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Correspondence: Our natural resources need to be protected at any cost. Our future generations deserve a healthy environment. 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,

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Wildlife is a gem of our nation and we should protect it every bit as strongly as our desire for amusement.

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Seashore. I strongly urge you to continue the current management plan at the Seashore, so that the progress made in supporting the existence of sea turtles and beach-nesting birds may be sustained. I am extremely concerned and alarmed to hear of the proposed regulation which is completely inadequate to protect our unique wildlife. To allow ORVs and other vehicles to drive on the beach is outrageous!! It is clear that this would be a huge mistake, causing distress and death to precious marine life and sea birds, as well as degrading this natural area. The peaceful enjoyment of other visitors to the area, such as families or anyone wanting to rejuvenate their energy in a peaceful setting, would also be disrupted. Such visitors would then be forced to find other areas to fulfill their needs, or suffer under unpleasant and possibly dangerous (eg. for children) conditions in this area. Regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore must 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 species that depend on the Seashore should be a priority for any planning! Specific, enforceable, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests are essential. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore, to the great loss of everyone else!

Thank you for protecting our national heritage, including our precious wildlife!

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Correspondence: It is imperative that we protect these shoreline environments. I've lived in NC and in FL. I enjoyed and appreciated the birds and animals that call the shores home. For many shore birds, barrier islands and shorelines are the ONLY places they can nest. We need to protect and take care of them.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: There is absolutely no reason for people to be driving on the beach. If they want to use the beach, they should walk - perhaps they will then learn to appreciate nature and themselves.

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Correspondence: Protecting wildlife is NOT optional.

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I am a birder, have vacationed on the Outer Banks, and would really like to see the birds prosper. Please do not cause the wild life to suffer from excessive driving on the beach.

Thank you again for this opportunity to comment on these regulations.

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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: My husband and I are long time birders and support regulation to support these beautiful creatures.

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Thank you for protecting birds.

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Pplease prohibit ROV access to shorelines. there are so many vulnerable species living there. I live in the San Francisco Bay area. Theses poor animals only hope of species survival is protection. Have you heard of the salt marsh harvest mouse? This unique animal is a mouse that can process and live on salt water. Please help protect other animal from careless use of our lands. Thank you, Sincerely, Cindy Bhusari

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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 just want to comment as a private citizen. I know people love to drive their off-road vehicles everywhere, they love to drive them fast and they don't care what is under their wheels or in the sound of their motors. I understand the thrill. I am a motorcyclist myself, and used to love to go fast and make noise (in my youth).

But even then I recognized that other people have the right to enjoy their leisure time in different ways, and I tried not to inflict my noise and speed on others. That was awhile ago. People now seem less willing to consider the right of others to peaceful enjoyment of nature, when that is EXACTLY what people today need. If it requires government regulations to make sure EVERYONE has an equal chance to enjoy nature in their own way, then that is what regulation is for.

Enjoyment of nature also includes allowing nature to exist! Many species of animals and birds now rely almost totally on mankind to allow them to continue to exist. The world will lose more than we can afford to lose if we let these species die off. Our children and grandchildren deserve to have a natural world to enjoy.

THERE ARE WAYS TO SHARE THE WORLD WITH OTHER PEOPLE AND WITH OTHER ANIMALS. I look to my government to make this goal a reality. Without an overriding authority to protect the weaker species only the bullies will survive and I for one don't think they will like the world they eventually create, but it will be TOO LATE.

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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 threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners have lead the National Park Service to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. But, the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

This 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 in protections for Hatteras' wildlife has been achieved but in addition it is very necessary to put into place specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Correspondence:	Protection of wildlife is essential to our ecosystem and the health of the planet and our species.						

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Correspondence:	Regarding 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 clear 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 willy-nilly all over the beach and nesting grounds.

I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation can only protect the nesting species that 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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Thank you

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Correspondence: Hatteras is one of my favorite places to visit because of it's beauty as well as the fact that so much wildlife calls the island home. To allow riding on the entire beach will devastate Hatteras. Because of my love of Hatteras, 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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Correspondence: Thank you for taking the time to read my comments on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. As a lover of wildlife and a new resident of Virginia and the east coast overall, I am very excited to have the opportunity to experience the beautiful National Park's of the eastern seaboard. However, I am specifically concerned about allowing ORV's onto these very fragile ecosystems. I understand that there is a large constituency who enjoy motorized recreation, and I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians. I can tell you that if there is widespread use of ORV along shorelines, I will not visit those areas.

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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We are not the only ones on this planet and without "the others", we will be the ones endangered.

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Nature is not being conquered by these actions, it is being destroyed. While humans frolic with their machinery, other species are losing sacred breeding and nesting grounds. Play has no place where lives are at stake; indeed, the very survival of some species is jeopardized because we, once again, have placed non-essential recreation ahead of the needs of others.

As a wildlife rehabilitator and owner of a wildlife rescue organization, I beg you to stop the use of this seashore as an entertainment park for humans and recognize the needs of terns, turtles and others who need this special habitat to lay their eggs and raise their young. Ban vehicles from Cape Hatteras National Seashore!

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Please do not allow offroading on any more beach property. please allow wildlife some uninterrupted beach - already invaded by happy beach goers. Let people figure out how to enjoy the beach without the need ro access it via destructive motorized vehicles. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

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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.

Although I live far from Cape Hatteras, as a vacationer I value the opportunity to see wildlife at the beach, and that is one of the primary reasons I visit seashores on any coast.

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Also look at Datona Beach in Florida where two four year olds were run over in separate incidents this past year. Also adult sun bathers have been run over, one women by a lifeguard vehical. A number of law suits are being submitted and Datona is considering stopping driving on the beach. There is no reason people and wildlife have to be put in such danger !!! Also please don't forget the noise forced on those people that wanted a relaxing day at the beach.

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Correspondence: The "right of the ORV users to recreate is no greater than my right to witness the miracle of nature in peace. There are plenty of area for the ORV users to ride on they do not need to destroy nature and the environment just because "it is there".

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Correspondence: I would like to offer a few comments on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It is abundantly clear that, under the current management plan, sea turtles numbers have increased and beach-nesting shorebirds have enjoyed much greater reproductive success.

I am perplexed and astonished by the proposed regulation, which treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for people to enjoy vehicle-free beaches and, indeed, favors ORVs over people and wildlife.

I support regulations to manage ORVs at the Seashore that include 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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Respectfully submitted,

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Correspondence: No wildlife means no life. Focus needs to be on saving what we have not destroying it. Please do not neglect this most important aspect of our Country.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Please, enough loss of beauty and nature because of our need to entertain ourselves.

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I understand that ORV use is important to some; at the same time, it would be a shame to destroy our natural heritage for the short-term amusement of a single group of users.

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From 1960 to the early 21st century Ocracoke had been our vacation of choice and we spent at least two weeks of every summer there driving out to the beaches up the island and walking every morning picking up shells and just sitting and loving our closeness with the ocean and the peace and quiet. Often we passed sections carefully fenced off where nests and eggs and baby birds were all visible at certain times of the year.

Then one year suddenly we climbed the dunes to our favorite beach and discovered it was impossible to get to the water because the beach had been so badly scored by deep trenches made by ORVs. We never went back again.

In the earlier time only part of the two ends of the island had been subject to this kind of destruction. I don't know what changes took place in the management of the park but whatever it was, it needs to be reversed. Wildlife used to be a dominant consideration but apparently that is no longer considered important. WE have several friends who used to be regulars--known as summer people-- who have also moved on to more pleasant sites.

I hope the courts will do something to correct this sad and unnecessary situation.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ban all motorized vehicles from this valuable nesting area!

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Sincerely

Craig Althage

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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.

Please let's not lose the gains made so far, piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife will be impacted. More vehicle-free areas are necessary for both pedestrians and wildlife.

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 time and attention.

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Correspondence:	The National Park Service's proposed regulation for "managing" ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore makes a mockery of the current successes in protecting sea turtles and beach-nesting birds. The American people have a right to the splendors of the coastline without the loss of wildlife and the safety concerns that ORV use bring to the beach. With specific regulations that include legitimate scientific protections for the creatures and land the beaches can be conserved for us and for our grandchildren.						
	In a crowded and urbanized nation, the idea of giving ORV drivers more consideration than the pedestrians & the creatures is absurd.						
	Useful specific, science-based protections must include 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.						
	This is a vital step in the vital effort to keep land and water healthy and protected. Please act.						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect the wildlife that depends upon Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you! ~J McEvoy						
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While I did copy and paste the comments above from National Audubon, they fully reflect my feelings about allowing increased ORV on the Islands.

As an avid bird watcher, I don't understand why the NPS seems to be favoring ORV owners who damage the resource over other citizens who do not.

Please let me know what you decided to do.

Thanks!

Jason Berry

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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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. The Seashore is a vitally important nesting & breeding area for wildlife, including, especially, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds, which have made a substantial comeback under current management. It is important to ensure that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as a primary objective, and provides enough areas for visitors to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches. The rights and needs of pedestrians and wildlife ought to be paramount. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife, and for pedestrians who want to be able to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. Ideally, additional areas would be designated for these uses.						

To protect the species that rely on the Seashore for reproductive habitat, it is essential that the regulation 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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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The primarily reason for the National Park Service to even exist is to preserve and protect all endemic species and land within the National Park and monument system. I understand there needs to be a balance between preservation and recreation, but recreation show always come second and show never be considered if that recreation does damage to the native flora and fauna. Hiking into an area one thing, driving an ORV in a national park is just wrong. I go to National Parks to enjoy the beauty and wonder of nature not to hear and breath exhaust from Yahoos.

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It appeared to me that there was already more than sufficient area for off road vehicles! Thank you

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Correspondence:	please protect cape hatteras a gorgeous national treasure.						

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Thank you for your time,

Sincerely, Julia Bright

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Correspondence: Please help to protect the endangered Turtles and shorebirds nests and babies

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Correspondence: Hello, I want to ask that you work to preserve habitat for endangered species in the Cape Hattaras national seashore. I don't want to say that ORV usage should be banned, but a reasonable balance including no driving buffers in wildlife habitat areas and a balance of land available for ORV use and not available for ORV use is iimportant to the future of the park, the wildlife, and to

those who want to enjoy the natural beauty apart from ORV usage. Thanks, Robert Hicks

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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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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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SO while it is impossible for me to donate to any of these causes - I AM and WILL lend my name to any & all letters & such in order to try and make 'some' kind of a difference of helping with your causes. Thank you for allowing me to write this note - and taking the time to read it. "If" I may be of any further help - you may contact me by E-Mail, as I cannot even answer my telephone as all the calls I ever get are almost always strictly from Bill Collocotrs - Lorene Kersey Lundy

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I believe that it is the mandated purpose and mission of the Parks Service to protect America's Natural areas rather than opening them up to abuse and degradation. The parks should be for people and wildlife, not loud, dangerous and environmentally unfriendly off-road vehicles.

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ORVs have taken over so many beaches in America. We need places where people can enjoy the beauty of nature free from these destructive machines. I support regulations to exclude ORVs within the Seashore so that wildlife safety is assured and pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state can do so -- where the sound of waves isn't overpowered by the noise of machines.

For some reason ORV users, a recent phenomenon in America, feel they should be able to drive anywhere they want, regardless on the impacts on others as well as wildlife. You have the opportunity to show them otherwise.

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Mike Wolski

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Correspondence: My husband and I support the regulation of the use of Off Road Vehicles (ORV) on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. But we are afraid that sea turtles and beach-nesting birds will be harmed if the proposed regulations are just optional. The regulations should be enforceable and based on scientific and specific facts. It is the only way to protect the wild life and allow pedestrians to walk on a vehicle-free environment. The management plan should set aside other areas for vehicles to use.

Thanks for the opportunity to express our opinion.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: Dear Sir Please restrict the use of ORV's to areas that are otherwise unused. Thank You R.Hall

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Correspondence:	I support the need for more OHV riding areas. This would decrease the number of illegal riders and allow better enforcement of current regulations. What I DO NOT support is widespread destruction of critical wildlife habitat in order to allow for more OHV use. Please use a science based approach and allow OHV use only in a very limited amount of sensitive habitat.						

Thank you.

Sincerely, R. Heath Wakelee Rocklin, California (near Sacramento)

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I am much concerned, however, 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 have seen the unfortunate results of permitting ORV access to public lands within habitats, including dunes and sensitive watersheds, in the southwest. ORV users have options to use private lands. Our nation must continue to hold the bird and wildlife habitat on our public lands without degradation for future generations. These animals have no such options on private lands.

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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Please assure that the policies you have put in place and your new regulations continue to preserve habitat in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you for your work on behalf of our citizens and their resources.

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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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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.

Thank you for considering these comments and for the hard work and dedication of the National Park Service.

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I am an occasional visitor to Fire Island National Seashore, and would not want to hear recreational visitors' vehicles there.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments, and I wish you and yours health and peace..

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Correspondence: I wish to object to the use of any ORV at the Cape Hattereras National Seashore. I very much enjoy the area as a natural haven for vacation or shorter visit. There are so few undisturbed areas for quiet visiting, prisitine environment, and uninterrputed walking. Also, I know very well that the area is home, and I do mean home, to species whose nesting habits require isolation and clean air and water. Your agency is our annointed steward of such natural resources and I urge you to fulfill that mission.

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Given what we now know about the environmental "circle of life", to consider or label certain wildlife "optional" is outrageously ill-informed and must be blinded by a materialist greed influenced by the irresponsible corporate plutocracy running the USA. Such a view is the environmental equivalent to the racism and classism that has made certain of our citizens socially and economically "optional" so the ruling class can reign supreme. It is a kind of genocide.

I want you to know that I fully 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. Let us do everything possible to prevent extinction by foolish design.

Sincerely, David Dobosz

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I am VERY concerned that the NEW proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional. It provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches. There really is NO REASON Americans need to drive everywhere! We need to walk more and drive less! If it means the fishermen have to leave their coolers in the parking lot - that would be fine. The new regulation favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion/expense of pedestrians and wildlife.

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Sincerely, Eleanor Wootten

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

It is time for our critical habitats being abused by overuse from the public to be protected so the animal and plant life in these areas can survive. Please do the right thing and protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Jennifer Robins

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Correspondence: I am against opening the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to off-road vehicles. Please protect seabird and sea turtle habitats.

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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. Our family goes to the seashore quite often on vacation and appreciates the beauty of its wildlife and its natural state. It is imperative that we protect it for ever.

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I visited Hatteras National Seashore back in the early nineties and was able to stroll long stretches of beach, observe birds and collect shells, without any noisy interference. It was a wonderful experience. To me the birds and turtles, waves and sand are what is vital about Hatteras. In many parks ORVs have been proven again and again to damage wildlife habitat. They crush eggs and frighten wildlife. They tear up both the sand and grasses that grow on the dunes. They pollute with noise and exhaust.

Favoring ORV use excludes not only the wildlife who are unable to comment on their own behalf but also those of us who value

quiet time with nature. I support regulations based on specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife, such as buffers around nests and some areas designated "off-limits" to ORVs entirely.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I oppose the use of motorized vehicles anywhere but on paved roads, and urge you to establish legal regulations to restrict off road vehicle use. Life on the shores and in the water are being sickened, crowded out, and killed by unrestricted use of off road vehicles. Thank you.

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Protecting wildlife is not optional. It is necessary and is being done too little now!

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This is unacceptable and completely contrary to what a National Seashore is for, and it boggles my mind that such a regulation would even be proposed by the National Park Service.

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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Motorized vehicles do not belong on the beach. The beach is for people and wildlife to enjoy in peace.

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Correspondence:	conservation of the few remaining wild creatures on this planet is NOT an option.						

please do everything you can to preserve all living things.

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Correspondence:	Thank you for the opportunity to offer this comment. I am a long time regular visitor to the seashore, bringing my family for extended visits. I appreciate the desire for access to the beach for all of the variety of activities, including surf fishing, which may be engaged in there EXCEPT for the perceived need to drive on said beach. This perceived need is a constructed entitlement by individuals without a view of the greater good. As a naturalist, I have been pleased with the results of the current restrictions, viewing them as quite modest. An expansion of non-driving buffers would seem to be useful at and around nesting site. Regulations to manage off road vehicles should be very specific and ENFORCED. They should be based on current science, providing protection to wildlife first and foremost but also foot traffic, much of which is family oriented, desiring to experience the wonders of the banks in a vehicle-free state.						

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Correspondence: I would like to voice my support for the maximum amount of true wild area protection possible in the Cape Hatteras National seashore. I have spent many hours there and truly appreciate the beauty and serenity of the wild space.

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 there.

Howard Worzel

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Correspondence: I strongly urge that the main focus of these new regulations be science-based ecosystem and wildlife protection. Without this focus, efforts to protect what matters most will ultimately fail. That would be very sad indeed. Best of luck to you.

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Correspondence: The beach is home to many creatures....driving over them is not an option ...Drive on dirt roads or paved roads.

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enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." To remedy this flaw, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and speci

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I am very worried that because the wildlife protection is "optional" and ORV users are allowed to drive on extensive areas of the beach, these wildlife species will not be able to continue their comeback and, in fact, will decline. I support regulations that specifically confine ORVs to areas that do not endanger wildlife, and allow areas for visitors who wish to experience the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state.

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So much waste and destruction of national resources and wildlife. Can we please protect that which remains!!

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very interested in protecting animals 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.

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: Please protect wildlife on the beach by prohibiting vehicles. Thank you!

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Correspondence: I fully support National Audubon position on Cape Hatteras National Seashore regulations. Protecting our native environment as God made it is very important to me.

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Sincerely, Christina Poggio 2025 Yorkshire Pl Alameda, CA 94501-6039 United States

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As one of many, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatterus 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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ORV users are a small percentage of all users. Their uncontrolled use of sensitive beach areas is putting at risk an entire ecosystem of birds and sea life who require the beach areas they have been using for eons to be at risk for the sake of a few human fun seekers. This is the wrong priority.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. -Jacob Richman

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Correspondence: Can my government please do something for once that I actually WANT it to do? I'm asking it to please protect these birds of Cape Hatteras!!!

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Correspondence: You are making progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife, but you must adopt complete regulations for the complete protection of all the wildlife nesting areas.

ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. This is not acceptable shared use!

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

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please make wildlife recovery and protection the first most goal, it is the functioning purpose of the National Park Service. To preserve and protect. It is not the service or purpose of the national Park Service to satisfy the needs of hapless humans with their gas powered greenhouse gas ignorance agendas of personalized destruction. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

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Correspondence: Drive on paved roads or established dirt roads to protect wildlife....

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Correspondence: Please go ahead & restrict Off road vehicles to specific areas to protect wildlife!!!

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I live in Oregon, and my favorite place for relaxation and solitude is the Oregon Coast. Walking on quiet, uncluttered beaches, hunting for shells and observing native wildlife are seashore pastimes that need protection from unregulated Offroad Vehicle Usage. I believe that seashore users in the Hatteras area share these thoughts.

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Correspondence: Regarding the use of motorised vehicles on the Hatteras Seashore: we, the members of the Pelican Island Audubon Society implore you to include in your new regulations enforceable protection for wildlife and people who want to enjoy this wild place in peace.

We need buffers and other protections from ORV's in order to continue the comeback in a number of species, under current NPS management.

Respectfully,

Peter Sutherland Director

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Correspondence:	Some of my dearest memories as a child are driving to the beach down the coast from our home to see the nesting least terns in the early summer. This was in the 50's, and they were under attack from development at that time, but gradually have been protected and made a wonderful comeback in the last decade or so.						

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Ecological tourism could bring hundreds of thousands of dollars to the local area, and by protecting these amazing animals, we're protecting the future of our environment.

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Correspondence: I believe that we are the caretakers of this earth and all the beings on this earth. The animals that live here should be able to live in peace and harmony, it is their birth right. The turtles and birds who nest here, this is their home, they were here first and they have a right to be protected. Wildlife is free, wildlife is wild and they need to stay that way. It seems to me that people make all

the wrong choices, for we only seem to see and want what we think makes us feel good, whether it be buying something or taking a joy ride. Yet life is wonderful and it is up to us, for without their lives, with their destruction, we fail to see that we will be the cause of our own demise.

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I request to keep those vehicles completely out of the Seashore areas. Find some other area, not national forest or park either, for them to go to. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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The current management plan at the Seashore was implemented after seabird and turtle numbers had declined. A benefit of the current policy has been a remarkable comeback in numbers of sea turtles and beach-nesting birds.

Unfortunately this progress may be reversed, because the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional. In addition, there are few areas set aside for families to enjoy vehicle-free beaches. The new plan is tilted far too strongly to allow ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach, with resulting jeopardy to pedestrians and wildlife.

I strongly favor regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that strike a better balance. It is critical to prioritize 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: We need to presrve our land. Too many chemicals and roads through the animal's habitant is like taking away their homes! hink how everyone enjoys this world! Let's keep it that way!

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Correspondence: The proposed regulation for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

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

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

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

ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. This should not happen. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please do all you can to protect birds - protected species or otherwise. It is so sad that this is such a big national issue it should be a matter of common sense. Small tiny creatures need our care and protection, try to educate people to be sensitive to these issues - and please, please protect these birds. Helen Kirby California.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: The wild nesting birds & turtles have as much right to survival as we humans do. Let's halt the assault on wildlife or very soon all us humans will have to look at is another human & frankly we don't play all that well together

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Correspondence: The name "National Seashore" should make the priorities crystal clear. In no way are ORVs part of the natural ecosystem of any seashore. When I travel to a national park of any kind I do not travel there with the thought "Gee, I sure hope I get to see some morons riding around on ORV's today." Citizens choose to support and visit national parks because they wish to be able TO ESCAPE FROM the maddening unnatural elements of modern life like ORVs, if even for only a few hours. The plan to allow ORVs at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore will spoil that which is most precious about the seashore to the vast majority of citizens, just to appease the few who cannot envision not having an internal combustion engine in every phase of their life.

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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, William T Dwyer

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Sincerely,

Brian J. Hiller, Ph.D.

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There are fewer and fewer places to enjoy the beauty and quiet of nature free from gasoline powered noise and exhaust fumes. Shouldn't a National Seashore be one of these? There is no way to protect nesting shorebirds and egg-laying sea turtles if vehicles are allowed in the same areas.

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If you want to see a hot mess, go to Panama City Beach Florida. I used to see sea turtles there when I vacationed in the summer. It's all destroyed now

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Sincerely,

Marian M. Carter

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Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

As an educator for high school students, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I like to share my love of the environment and build sensitivity and appreciation for the delicate environmental balance needed for wildlife to flourish in pristine areas like Cape Hatteras.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles are building more nests. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are coming back. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, the endangered wildlife will likely be impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan seems geared toward protecting beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan currently sets aside less than a third of the total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use while providing for 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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I would like my grandchildren to be able to see sea turtles.

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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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Alejandra Vega

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Correspondence: Why in Heaven's name must vehicles have yet MORE places to ruin ? Can we not as a nation save something - the Cape Hatteras seashore does NOT need "beach drivers" - there are quite enough yahoos out on the main roads already. What is wrong with protecting what little wildlife and environment we have left before it is all gone. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 11634 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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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 protect the wildlife.

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Correspondence: Over the last 25 years on a relatively unknown beach in Nova Scotia, Canada, I have watched ATV traffic be a major contribution to dune erosion and cause Piping Plovers to no longer nest at this beach. These vehicles were "just" relatively small ATV's not four wheel drive SUV's and trucks. THE proposed regulations will control what happens at Cape Hatteras for decades and most likely will set a precedent for other national parks. A balanced plan should be implemented that would guarantee adequate space and protections for wildlife, while still allowing responsible on the beach driving in some designated areas thus allowing all visitors to fully enjoy this natural area.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulation fails to mandate specific, science-based protections for the wildlife that lives on the CHNS. In fact, it only insures the rights of off-road vehicle users to drive on large areas of the beach without consideration of the wildlife, it treats wildlife protection as optional, and it provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches. I strongly support management at national parks that safeguards wildlife from off-road driving and balances the needs of all user groups.

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Correspondence: Our family spent some time this summer on Cape Hatteras National Seashore where we noticed roped off areas to protect sea turtle nests and saw many families walking on the beach. We enjoyed our time there immensely.

We live near Cuyahoga Valley National Park and enjoy peaceful recreation there and at many of our National Parks

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Thank you for allowing me to offer my comments.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 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.

Leslie Ege

Correspondence ID:	11646	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Prevent Vehicle Death in Cape Hatteras						

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Correspondence ID: 11648 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I am writing to state that I oppose the allowance of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. ORV usage will increase the likelihood that bird and sea turtle nesting areas will be disturbed and/or destroyed. Many birds and other animals that nest on the beaches will be in danger of being run over and killed by ORV's. I am pleased that the government is planning on protecting part of the area from ORV's, but I feel this is insufficient and that the entire 67 mile coastline should be protected. Haven't we destroyed enough of the planet and it's inhabitants? I think protecting a tiny area such as this from gung ho meat heads who want to drink and drive on the beach is pretty feasible.

Thanks for reading my comment.

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Correspondence ID: 11650 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Your Attention Please: Hey, it is extremely important to give protection to nesting birds like this Least Tern and its chicks as well as the turtles laying eggs on beaches. For the National Park Service wildlife protection is not an option. Please heed that the alternative will change the future for all human beings.

Sincerely, Chris D. Strickwerdca

Correspondence ID: 11651 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please vote in support of this proposed rule to protect these areas. Off-road vehicles have no reason to drive on our beautiful beaches, damaging the habitat for many birds and other wildlife. There are plenty of other appropriate locations for this type of entertainment.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: It is bad enough for humans to trample on seashore breeding beaches. But to also have vehicles compress the sandy soil, increase the bulk density of soils (thus harming root proliferation of stabilizing grasses and animal food), and finally promoting the erosion of beach structure, that is a travesty. We have so little of our natural environment left! Protect it.

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Lisa Frey

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have a responsibility to safeguard our life-support system. Since ours is connected to everybody else's, it's readily apparent that damaging the ecosystem to the point that it can no longer support migratory animals is not in the best interests of humans. The only reason to not protect these areas is to pander to high-stakes political operatives. The shame will tarnish our nation perpetually. You have the responsibility to circumvent this self-destructive lunacy. Please do your jobs. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 11656 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not permit off road vehicles to use huge portions of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore; piping plovers nests and chicks could be disturbed, it threatens sea turtles and other 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,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: The Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure. It should be preserved for years to come. ORV use in this special natural area could destroy the seashore environment for habitat and nature lovers. Please save the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and the creatures that live there for our children and grandchildren in the years to come.

Thank you, Virginia Holmes Menlo Park, CA

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Sincerely,

Susanna S. Clason, Ph.D.

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I know there are many other beaches where vehicles are not allowed in certain areas or times of the year when the wildlife will be affected. The Cape Hatteras National Seashore should also be one of those beaches. There are too many species that are becoming extinct because of the disregard of habitat by man. Please don't allow this to happen at Cape Hatteras.

Thank you for your time.

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Correspondence: Wildlife and the environment have suffered oil spills, hurricanes & human traffic for too long. Please allow areas to recover unmolested by Orv, and others free of phuman intrusion of any kind!

Decades of unregulated beach driving have pushed the birds at Cape Hatteras National Seashore - a globally significant Important Bird Area - to the brink. Populations of waterbirds that nest on the Seashore's beaches, like Least Terns and Black Skimmers, plummeted 84% in just ten years from 1997 to 2007. Rare sea turtles were also suffering alarming declines. Audubon and other conservation groups successfully pushed for a temporary science-based management plan, which, in just four years, has allowed these birds and turtles to make a comeback.

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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I am an 86-year old American citizen and veteran. I was raised on the New Jersey shore, on Long Beach Island. In addition, I have spent recent years in Florida, where I have been active in wildlife rescue. I am writing from personal experience.

In New Jersey, off road vehicles -- beach buggies -- nearly destroyed Long Beach Island, by driving across the dune line, and killing the sea-oats, beach grape, and other living plants that held the dunes in place. Without these rooted grasses, the dunes were quickly washed away.

I have seen the same results along the Atlantic coast of Florida. Without strict laws, ORVs will destroy our beaches.

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Correspondence: I strongly oppose unrestricted offroad vehicle use. This damages NATURE. Please use common sense and respect our earth. We as a people have a history of destruction and this is one more blow to the fragile earth we live in. Please use common sense.

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Such an area attracts both wildlife and people--people who enjoy a variety of pursuits ranging from finding a serene quiet location or birdwatching, to running motorized vehicles across the sand. In a place of such beauty and fragility it would be wise to consider the negative impact that ORV use can have.

As someone who would travel to this region, I would come to escape the insanity of the NJ shore and look for quiet and for wildlife -- NOT to ride recreational vehicles (or have to listen to them).

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Correspondence: Dear Gentlepersons:

I came to this country as a young child and thanks to my parents I began my journey through life with the utmost appreciation for our National Parks and Nature in its purest form. Now I am a great-grandmother and have continued this tradition with my family, supporting our natural resources in every respect, teaching my family the importance of our surroundings. Financially, I continue to support the Audubon Society, National Parks, Ocean Conservancy, and many other organizations to ensure our prosperity without impeding the world of nature. Please take the higher road with actioning the the proper laws and regulations to ensure our future on this earth.

Many Thanks, Danielle E. Cossu-Ferrara

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Correspondence: I'm in favor of stopping the off road use of vehicles to protect the wildlife.

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Correspondence: I am a big fan of the National Park Service and it's role in protecting various natural areas as national treasures. The presence of the bison of the shield of the Service is an emblem of the Services duty to protect wildlife.

That is why I feel compelled 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.

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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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Name: private

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Correspondence: 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 very good recovery but I'm unhappy 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.

Thanks for reviewing these comments.

Correspondence ID: 11696 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

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Correspondence: Shorebirds and sea turtles and other wildlife need all possible protection in fragile shore areas such as those on Cape Hatteras. Please close the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to off road vehicles in order to offer protections for nesting and safety to the birds and wildlife.

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Name: private

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Correspondence: As a biologist with many thousands of miles of ORV driving experience, I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the NPS'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 frankly appalled 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 a small minority of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion - and disturbance - 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, as they have done in so many other natural habitats. Why must cars dominate every part of our lives?

Thank you for reading these comments.

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Correspondence: 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 need to do a better job at protecting all birds.

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Correspondence ID: 11700 **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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Correspondence ID: 11703 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I believe in the preservation of our wildlife and the natural beauty of the world around us. It is for this reason, among others, that I support regulations of off-road vehicles along shorelines and other damaged areas.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. It truly is imperative to protect these pristine areas and imperiled wildlife for future generations!

Correspondence ID: 11707 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore is unfairly imbalanced in favor of vehicular use over the needs of passive recreation and the protection of wildlife. Beach-nesting birds and sea turtles have made a tremendous comeback under the current plan and could suffer tremendous setbacks under the new proposals. 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 recognize that ORV users have rights as well, and I support manageable regulations that enable shared use 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.

Correspondence ID: 11717 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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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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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: As a California licensed veterinary technician and wildlife biologist concerned with beach habitat conservation, I am alarmed and greatly opposed to the proposed regulations that will increase Off Road Vehicle (ORV) use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. ORVs constitute a destructive recreational use of pristine beach habitat that sets an ominous precedent for other seashore parklands and even desert parks where ORV enthusiasts constantly push for more access to fragile ecosystems. ORV special interests are well organized and very vocal; however, their destructive, non-pastoral recreation on fragile beach ecosystems should not be approved. There is no sufficient mitigation for noisy, damaging ORVs driving across fragile beaches, destroying nests and scattering birds, compacting sand (thereby killing small invertebrate and crustacean species living under the sand) and adversely impacting sea turtles. In addition, ORVs greatly disturb human visitors who enjoy the park for its beauty, for bird-watching, solitude and so forth.

The current National Park Service Management Plan for ORV access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore has enabled vulnerable, beach-nesting sea bird species, such as Least Terns and Black Skimmers, to recover from decimation to nests, eggs,

and nestlings caused by vehicles and other human intrusions. Sea turtles are also protected under the current plan. Please extend and enhance, the existing protections.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore belongs to all citizens, and to the creatures that depend upon its resources for their survival, not to ORV enthusiasts. The Park Service should act to appease ORV users. There are other, already damaged lands, where those who wish to operate ORVs can go to recreate. Please keep strong protective regulations in place to preserve the wildlife as well as the peace and beauty of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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Marc Hanneman

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Correspondence: Why does every inch of this country have to be some type of roadway? So that a few individuals on vehicles can have "fun", to hell with what their behavior does to the environment, right?!

People in this country - starting with our elected officials and govt. groups - have got to start looking beyond their immediate gratification, at a much bigger picture.

Bigger than what I want right now? You bet!

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Regards, Lindsay Nerad

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Piping Plovers on Plum island were restored from the brink of extinction by closing beaches--including ORVs--during nesting season. CHOOSE LIFE AND HELP SAVE THE SEA BIRDS AND TURTLES ENDANGERED WORLDLWIDE.

"But ask now the animals, and they shall teach you; and the birds of the sky, they will tell you. Or speak to the earth and it will teach you; and the fishes of the sea shall inform you." (--Job 12:7-8)

Thank yo.!

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I am one of I hope millions of Americans who greatly value our natural world, its beauty and its inhabitants, be they plant or animal. I have also valued the idea that we have a National Park System that protects and maintains these values. PLEASE amend your current plans to extend greater protection...I would say NO DRIVING on the beaches or extended boundaries is not unreasonable. Cars can go almost anywhere, so why must they be allowed to infringe on life in these tiny areas?? It isn't depriving the drivers of the beach. They are free to get out and walk. What is not fair is for you to allow a minority of car drivers to destroy a natural environment for animals, birds especially, that can never be replaced. Please keep the faith!!

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As a nature and bird lover, I beg you to make stricter laws for the use of our beaches in the U.S. We do enough damage to sanctuaries as it is because of human errors. Lets have more respect for what the Lord has blessed us with. Sincerely, Sue Turner

Correspondence ID: 11731 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Correspondence: Please PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 11737 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Shoaf, Richard C
Received: Aug.25,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: My family and I began coming to Hatteras Island in 1969. My daughter was three years old and my son was only eighteen months. We vacationed on Hatteras Island every year since 1969 except for one year. My children have grown up there and now my grandchildren are enjoying the same pleasures and experiences that their Mother and Father did as children. My wife and I became property owners in 1972 and built our home in Salvo on Hatteras Island in 1992. My wife and I retired in 2000 and now spend much of our time at our home in Salvo. My wife is handicapped and the only way she can get to enjoy the beaches is by ORV. We have seen many changes in the last forty-four (42) years. Some good, some bad. The closing of access to popular

areas of the park and restrictions to ORV access to the beaches by the National Park Service, in my opinion is a bad change. The original owners, with the understanding that the beaches would remain free and open to the public, donated the land to the Park Service. This understanding should be honored.

I would like to submit the following comments and suggestions for your consideration on the above proposal (RIN 1024-AD85) Part 7 - Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System: 7.58 Cape Hatteras National Seashore

7.58 (2) OVR Permits: Fees charged for ORV permits should only be used to recover NPS administrative cost of implementing the ORV plan and maintaining the ORV routes, construction of new and maintenance of existing ramps for ORV access to the beaches. This fee should not finance construction of new parking areas because they are of no use to ORV users. No moneys from these fees should go into any general fund for other park services or maintenance.

7.58 (2) (iv) Annual ORV Permits: The permit fee should be kept at an affordable cost that the general public can afford. Annual permits should be available on a pro-rated basis from month to month (ex: Jan. - full rate; July - 1/2; Oct 1/4 etc). Perhaps this could be set up on a quarterly bases. Residents and property owners, with proof of ownership (ex. county tax receipt), should be given a reduced rate on annual permits.

7.58 (2) (v) Obtaining a Permit: Permits should be obtainable on line, similar to the salt water fishing licenses. The permit holder could watch a video and answer test questions on a web site before applying for a permit. This would eliminate park service man power and weekend confusion of the applicant appearing in person.

7.58 (2) (v) Obtaining a Permit: Continued: Residents or property owners could apply by including their county tax customer number and parcel number. They could also apply in person, with proof of ownership, if so desired. Once a permit is issued, a person should not have to go through the complete process in following years. They should only need to submit their permit number from the previous year.

7.58 (7) (iii) Transportation of Impaired Individuals: ORVs transporting impaired individuals should be permitted to stay with those individuals. This is a safety issue. In the event an impaired person would need immediate transportation from the beach, the ORV needs to be in close vicinity. This could be an issue of life or death. The NPS could provide a form, which the impaired person has filled out by their doctor stating the person's condition. After review of the form by the NPS, a special permit could be issued.

7.58 (9) ORV Routes: Hatteras Island - Designated Routes: Year Round 1.5 miles south of ramp 23 to ramp 27. Ramp 23 should be kept open both south to ramp 30 and north based on seasonal closures. The 1.5 miles south of ramp 23 is a prime beach area for CHNSS visitors. The beach at 1.5 to 2 miles south of ramp 23 is usually very narrow and becomes impassable at high tide. The sand in this area is also very soft and deep and the dune very steep. ORV Routes.... access to ocean beaches: indicates a ramp at 25.5 miles. At the present time, a ramp at 25.5 miles does not exist. A ramp at 25.5 will enter the beach area where the beach is narrow and sand is soft. This area will be a problem for ORVs. In any event, ramp 23 should not be closed until ramp 25.5 is constructed, maintained and open to ORVs.

I would also like to suggest that the NPS provide a ramp in the Rodanthe area to service the north end of the tri-village beaches during the off-season.

I would like to thank the National Park Service and Superintendent Murry for the opportunity to submit my comments and suggestions and hope that you consider them in your final decisions. Richard C. Shoaf 608 DeBaldo Dr. West Mifflin, Pa. 15122 Ph. # 412-466-3405 Cell # 412-527-2326 E-mail hatteras22@verizon.net

Correspondence ID:	11738	Project:	10641	Document:	41993
Name:	Fisher, Carl M				
Received:	Aug,30,2011 00:00:00				
Correspondence Type:	Letter				
Correspondence:	Gentleman,				

I have been visiting Outer Banks Seashore since the early 70's.

I am not in favor of restricting beach driving. I have always enjoyed surf fishing and the free access to the beaches.

I feel the environmental groups are using wildlife protection as an excuse to close the beaches. Most sportsmen that use the beaches are not against protecting all forms of wild life.

Closing the point is sure sad for the view and the fishing. Is it true you can't even walk on this beach when closed?

It seems our rights (Nat. Park owners) are disappearing. Many times minority groups seem to make the rules. Hope you can keep our rights alive for us and future generations.

Sincerely, Carl M. Fisher

Correspondence ID: 11739 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Price, Janet F
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: Please accept my comments as a United States citizen, avid fisherman and nature lover: (c) (2) ORV Permits, While I do not support permits/fees, we all have to pay for everything these days, I would limit their cost to a minimal amount that would be affordable by the average citizen. A visitor to this Seashore should not have to consider the high cost of a permit when budgeting his/her family vacation. The \$100-\$200 permit costs is excessive for this Recreational area. A permit should be readily available on via the Internet; the NPS could not possibly process the volume of visitors arriving in mid-summer. (c) (9) ORV Routes The table of DESIGNATED ROUTES will limit access to my favorite areas whether it is fishing, swimming or just plain old family time. Why would the National Park Service want to do this? Hatteras islander's livelihood's are at stake with these decisions. I do not understand the chart referencing ramps 2.5, 32.5, 47.5, 59.5 and several interior roads, there is no mention is made of how or when these routes will be constructed. Nothing should be closed unless or until these infrastructures are in place and usable. Vehicle Free Areas should be permanently designated areas. Any rule imposed should give the Superintendent to adapt and/or 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. Please, please do not fix the dates for winter season. It should be determined annually by the Superintendent, the North Carolina DOT, Dare County officials and Hyde County officials. (c) (12) Night Driving Restrictions. Best fishing time ever, the only reported incident of a turtle death, was when night driving restrictions already in place. Please consider my comments in making your final decision. More decision making by the Superintendent would eliminate many bad decisionS years later. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Janet F. Price 11630 Winterpock Rd Chesterfield VA 23838

Correspondence ID: 11740 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Hagy, Rhonda
Received: Aug.30,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: Reference: ORV Proposed Rule (RIN 1024-AD85) Superintendent, National Park Service ORV RULE (36 CFR Part 7 - SPECIAL REGULATIONS, AREAS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM, paragraph 7.58 Cape Hatteras National Seashore).

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I have personally visited these sites over the years and continue to do so. I constantly witness and shake my head in frustration at the naiveté of people abusing this natural environment with and without vehicles, even to the point of not filling back in holes created by "sand castles", in which turtles can fall into and die. Please give these animals a chance.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Though my permanent address is in Illinois, I have recently moved to the East Coast for grad school. I am studying marine policy, and I have a great appreciation for all measures to protect coastal wildlife.

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I do not like those noise polluting vehicles. They cause environmental destruction and pollution. 20 acres out of 60 is not fair to the environment or people like me who want to enjoy nature. I don't want to take a walk to see tire tracks and dead wild life. Protect what is most precious.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles are intruders on our seashores. They are noisy, smelly and do great damage. They must be banned.						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	I have committed my life to painting birds. I find them enchanting. They embody both a sense of intimacy and wildness. As one that cherishes both our National Parks and wildlife I am very much against the use of motorized vehicles on such delicate territory. These areas are set aside to be protected and there is nothing non-toxic about these vehicles. Nor do they tread lightly.						

I am also disabled with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity. Anywhere that allows ORV's would exclude me from being to walk and work at these locations!!!!!!

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save the native habitat and wildlife. Go drive your vehicles over your momma.

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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.

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There are other places for ORV'S. They don't need to be anywhere near the wildlife that need the beaches to continue breeding and thriving. We've done enough damage and losing many different wildlife. They are needed in our lives and I want to see these lives continue for my grandchildren and on. Please, do not make this an option. This needs to be mandatory.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

God Bless, Rev. Elizabeth S. Arsenault

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Greetings Please do the right thing and do not expand the areas for ORV use. Our wildlife needs these areas. Thank you

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Please take into account protections for wildlife & pedestrians here at this beautiful coastline!

Correspondence ID: 11761 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep cape hatteras and other national parks pristine and free from pollution of all kinds. That includes noise and ga pollution from vehicles on it's virgin soils. People should most definitely be able to walk along God's earth and revel in nature's bounties, without worry. Also the migrating creatures who rely on a safe pathway deserve to have it. And walking is healthy for people anyway!

Thanks!

Correspondence ID: 11762 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Because of the disturbance of driving cars upon birds and their habitat, I urge the National Park Service of Cape Hatteras to ban and curb vehicle abuse on birds there future is dim and must be improved.

Correspondence ID: 11763 **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 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.

Please, I urge you to protect wildlife. Support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I respectfully request that you please limit vehicle transportation along the shoreline of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Our sea birds need to be protected from the thoughtless actions of drivers. Thank you very much. Linda M. Estep

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles should not be allowed at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Turtles and birds have enough problems from the oil spill and other environmental problems without this additional assault on their habitat. These vehicles also prevent the quiet enjoyment of the seashore and just annoying.

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Sincerely,

Howard Friedman

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Thank you for listening,

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Thank you for your consideration. Virginia Holman

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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:	Thank you allowing me the opportunity to comment on the regulations re: beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Wildlife is amazing in that given protections, they can cope, and even recover, with an ever changing world. I value the vehicle-free beaches to walk in peace and enjoy nature. 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 off road vehicles within the Seashore to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I have witnessed first hand the destruction these off road vehicles have done to the seashore and in all honesty, if some folks had to carry their gear/food/beverages a few more yards, the exercise would do them good :-). Although this is observational data, I do know that 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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Corey Parker

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

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

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Correspondence ID: 11786 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is not enough protection for wildlife, e.g. turtles, and quiet recreation. There is too much beach open for ORVs, which are both noisy and damaging to wildlife.

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I cannot believe that these insensitive yahoos are allowed to ride motorized toys up and down a beach and kill wildlife. Change the laws!! Make it illegal. Lets have some respect for the natural world that we are a part of.

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our birds, sea turtles, other creatures and natural resources as well as the beauty of our beautiful places.

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Correspondence ID: 11799 **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 was a resident of North Carolina for 9 years, and spent many vacations there. Frankly, I see little need for recreational beach access, but recognizing that this world accommodates diversity, there are sensible science-based guidelines for determining appropriate access.

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 surely 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.

I urge you to implement specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 11800 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am requesting that strong consideration be given to saving the wildlife and environment of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 11801 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. Finally birds and wildlife got a reprieve from the constant aggressive roving ORVs. 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 a select group of self serving 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. I would favor banning OVR use in the area, but recognize that the management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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continue to aggressively dominate and degrade the 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.at the Seashore.

Since sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback under the current management plan, 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: It would seem one would learn that Off Road Vehicles, four wheelers, possibly motorcycles and wildlife are not compatible. I believe that was demonstrated quite sufficiently and yet you are considering it again? Are you trying to finish them off? Please, there are plenty of places that can be used for ORVs and 4 wheelers. Are the 4 wheeler crowd the only ones you cater to? I am a

birder and I would prefer to see a live creatures than only have my recordings and photographs to remind me of what we let go.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Parks should be used to see and hear nature. Recreational vehicles don't allow one to do that. Curtail em!

Correspondence ID: 11809 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Not only should unrestricted off-road vehicle use not be allowed on any national seashore, but use of off-road vehicles should be banned from all national seashores.

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Our parks are so beautiful and for most people, the only place that we can go to and see different wildlife and spectacular views. Why ruin this for ORVs? Why ruin things on such a large scale for a few?

Please consider my thoughts, Sincerely Deb Schick

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Correspondence: lets provide a safe haven for these shore birds to reproduce and hunt for food. There are other places to drive these off road vehicles other than an area that provides sanctuary for for them

please take into consideration the safety for them

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Correspondence: Please protect Cape Hatteras' wildlife from the destruction of off road vehicles. It is a beautiful area and we should be proud to protect and preserve it. Endangered and threatened species nest and live in this area and what would this area be without the diverse wildlife that we take for granted. Thank You for caring

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Off-roaders have plenty of other areas where they can ride, and they should not be able to ruin a pristine area that protects wildlife.

Please, please do the right thing! Thank you.

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I am very concerned, however, 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.

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Recreational vehicles DO NOT BELONG IN THESE AREAS. That is my opinion and I am stuck with it!

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Dee Wilder

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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 Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Vehicles other than Park vehicles should not be allowed on any National Seashore. Period!

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Save the wildlife by banning off road vehicles!

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Correspondence: ALL life must be treasured, or we will all fail, and die, together.

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Correspondence: The National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for 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 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. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife.

Thank you for your time.

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To me ORV's and wildlife do not mix. Let there be areas for wildlife and people who want and need peace and quiet and other areas of ORV's.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

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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, the Park Service needs to designate science-based protections.

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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.

My family and I have enjoyed and vacationed on the shore many times.

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.

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Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

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Name: private
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Our National Parks are important as continuing natural resources. These resources are disappearing in many parts of our country. They must be saved for our grandchildren -- not used as entertainment for this generation.

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I would add that while I currently live in CA I am a native of NC and know the incredible beauty of this area personally. Please do the right thing for nature, the creatures are dependent upon us for their protection

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Correspondence: There is plenty of land area for us to play with our machines. Why do we have to trample the very edge of our country where species that are already in precipitous declines due to our many other impacts are completely vulnerable? Please use this as an opportunity to educate the public that not only do these special status species warrant a little space, but that it does our own selves good for there not to be traffic on every inch of our beautiful coastlines!

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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

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Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	Dear Park Service,						

I don't feel off-road vehicles should be allowed near beaches that are vital to the breeding and recovery of endangered or threatened species. I don't believe they should be allowed near any nesting grounds where vulnerable babies and eggs are trying to grow. These babies and eggs can't get out of the way of clumsy vehicles and can be run over if the driver is not bothering to pay attention to what is in front of them.

Since humans are the visitors and animals the residents shouldn't rules be made to the benefit of the residents? I don't see why people need to drive into these areas. It should be pedestrian only. Pedestrians can take care of where they step and avoid tragedy.

If people are visiting it is to see the beautiful land and the wonderful animals. Off-road vehicles chase animals away and damage the land with tire marks and smashed plant life and unfortunate animals. For those who hike it, the vehicles are an offense to what they want to see. So please regulate off-road vehicles for the sake of the animals, the plants, the land and the people who came to get away from the modern world and to see the park's beauty.

Thank you! Erika Higley

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Name:	private						
Received:	Aug,31,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	It's terrible there is no regulations surrounding the use of ORVs. Our world should be RESPECTED, and protected for all to enjoy it's delicate balance.						

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Name: private
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: This area where the Terns (Least Terns) that have there nest on the beach should have protection from TRAFFIC of all kinds but what has to be done here keep the CARS & TRUCKS OFF THE BEACH .

Out here in California (my home State) NO CARS or TRUCKS are allowed on the Beach .

Sincerley

Gary S Meredith

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. It is especially important after the damage of Hurricane Irene that the sea turtles and beach-nesting birds are protected.

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

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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,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear People,

You will no doubt notice that I already submitted a comment since another organization that I belong to had notified me that you were open to comments on the use plan for Cape Hatteras.

I don't believe that protecting wildlife is optional. I believe that we have a responsibility to protect the creatures who rely on the beaches of Cape Hatteras from the depredations of people on all terrain vehicles.

Please, please forbid the use of these vehicles in this place.

Thank you.

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Off road vehicles have absolutely no beneficial recreational use. They hurt the environment and the animals and plants that live in that environment. Except for emergency use by government officials, off road vehicles should be outlawed from use by the general public.

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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 have worked with birds and sea turtles for many years. Since the implementation of the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback.

However, it is not clear that they will be permitted to see continued success, as the proposed regulation fails to provide adequate attention to the needs of the Seashore's natural resources, as well as the needs of visitors who are not ORV users. Absent from the proposal are any specific, science-based protections for wildlife or for visitors who wish to visit a natural beach without ORVs.

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 and define the habitat needs of nesting birds and sea turtles (birds will not initiate nesting in areas receiving regular disturbance, and it seems from the proposal ORVs would be allowed on the beach until nesting begins, a Catch-22 for beach-nesting birds). Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. Please also include targets for nesting success and measurements of the plan's success so that management shortcomings or failures could be addressed clearly and promptly.

Finally, my father visited the Seashore as a boy in the 1950s. His family walked to where they wanted to fish and enjoyed themselves so much they returned when I was ten. I have seen countless families enjoy nesting birds and sea turtles in my time on barrier islands, and families are robbed of this opportunity when only one lobby is heeded.

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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.

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" Therefore, the Park Service must designate both ORV routes and specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians in

the regulation.

Also, the regulation does not set aside adequate vehicle-free areas. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year-round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of seashore beach. This does not represent a fair balance for other users and wildlife.

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

Correspondence ID: 11935 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the Cape Hatteras Seashore. The special regulations needed to protect the nesting birds is already in place. I urge you to pass it and save what is left of the wildlife in this area. 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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Correspondence ID: 11938 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep off road vehicles off our beaches.

Correspondence ID: 11939 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a remarkable comeback. This, after a decline of over 80% among beach nesting birds from 1997 to 2007. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as secondary, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy the 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, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural 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: Cape Hatteras is a rare and unusual environment. Allowing ATVs or other vehicles on such an area is at the least irresponsible. The action is most likely to endanger many species and does not provide a necessary recreation. The costs to habitat far outweigh the temporary pleasure of a ride on a beach. Please construct the regulations to prohibit all vehicles from the beaches. There are plenty of other places for vehicles without spoiling territory for both humans and animals. thank youf or your consideration of this request.

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I enjoy vacationing at the Seashore and love the peaceful recreation found at all our National Parks. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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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.

Regards, Shannon Van Wert

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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

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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. When I go for a walk on the beach I don't want to see tire tracks or hear off-road vehicles roaring over dunes and through the water. All protected wildlife nesting areas should absolutely be restricted from off-road use. Please help preserve these animals for our grandchildren to see them in their natural habitat.

Correspondence ID: 11953 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00

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Correspondence: I have been to Cape Hatteras National Seashore and see it a national treasure. It is visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, 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 am writing to say that I am opposed to all ORV on 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 attention to my comments.

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Correspondence: The Park Service should do all it can to protect wildlife in all its territory. Cape Hatteras is a sensitive area and it would seem that humans can find other places to play with their gas powered vehicles on other trails that avoid areas that are nesting grounds for birds and turtles! I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please do all you can for the turtles and birds who share our planet. thank you!

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Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Temporary protections have helped nesting birds like this Least Tern and its chicks. Wildlife protection is not optional.

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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.

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
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Correspondence: I believe that there is no valid reason that vehicles need to be on a beach. People can walk. Let's save the birds from this horrible event.

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plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

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Thanks for your help in this most important matter.

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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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Correspondence: Whereas I believe that people have a right to the recreation of their choice, I do not believe that those rights should be at the expense of our wildlife. Beaches that are used for the turtles to reproduce, and for other wildlife to exist should not be open for such activity as off road vehicles or ATVs. The vehicles are definitely a menace to these animals and birds.

This dangerous activity must be stopped. The wildlife are not the only thing at risk. People who go to see the wildlife are also at risk of being hit by these vehicles.

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Correspondence: Why are we letting people ruin ecological niches and shoreline wildlife? For the sake of fun? So people can ride their atv/orvs wherever they please? This is unacceptable, I love visiting Cape Hatteras and seeing the piping plover, I am an avid bird watcher and visit each year. If this continues to happen I will no longer visit and dump my money into the local economy that is supported by Cape Hatteras visitors.

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Correspondence: I am respectfully submitting comments on the Cape Hatteras Sea Shore regulations. Though the beach is definitely recreational, it is also a breeding ground and nurturing place for many sea birds and sea turtles. Please provide buffering around the nesting spots for these beautiful and valuable wildlife. They are a part of the tapestry of our world and part of what brings people to the beach.

Thank you for reading my comments.

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Correspondence: We need to protect the birds that nest a Cape Hatteras National Seashore! If we do not they will be "driven" into extinction! Please keep the beaches safe for birds and turtles by implementing a balanced plan that allows safe areas for wildlife and allow for responsible beach driving. This is the moral thing to do! I personally don't understand why someone would go to a beach to drive on it; we go to sunbath and enjoy a calm day at the beach. It would not be calm and relaxing if people we driving recreational vehicles around me and my grandchildren! And there are safety issues involved for both humans and wildlife!!

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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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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.

In light of the damage from Hurricane Irene, it is even more imperative that protection in the Seashore be pushed for birds, turtles, wildlife, and for people to enjoy without having ORVs ruining their visit with noise, pollution, and even kicking up sand all over people. If I had my way, ORVs would only be allowed on private property or be banned altogether, as I see no sensible use for them at all.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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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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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely, Michelle Nevers

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Correspondence: It is my understanding that the current rules on off-road vehicles is inadequate to protect the wildlife of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Please take steps to ensure that all wildlife is protected for its own sake, and for those who wish to enjoy Nature as it should be, on foot.

Thank you.

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