

Correspondence ID: 21000 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles (ORVs) have no place in a wild area that is home to endangered and threatened species.

The National Park Service proposed regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore do little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

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

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

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , Let's not lose ground to please people who just want to guzzle gas and rip up the beach with careless speed.

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

Correspondence ID: 21001 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save the birds - God is said to have put us in charge of protecting all of his creatures. It's not nice to go again God's wishes, now is it!

Correspondence ID: 21002 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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. Responsible use of ORV can coexist with wildlife, but I believe we should focus on preservation rather than recreation.

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.

Sincerely,

John Knight

Correspondence ID: 21003 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No off-road vehicles, please!

Correspondence ID:	21004	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Everything is being pushed further to extinction as the human masses expand. Unless someone has a crystal ball as to what is going to be important for designing things, discovering cures or drugs, or studying behaviors etc., we need to preserve as much diversity as possible.						
Correspondence ID:	21005	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect Hatteras's beautiful land and the many species it hosts. The beaches are not meant to be trampled over by off-road vehicles.						
Correspondence ID:	21006	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Save them!						
Correspondence ID:	21007	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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 (O.R.V.) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.						
	<p>I am writing to oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.</p> <p>This proposal only sets aside areas for O.R.V.'s 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.</p> <p>In recent years, a temporary plan that limits O.R.V. 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.</p> <p>All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.</p> <p>I believe the Park Service should support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention and consideration in this important matter.</p>						
Correspondence ID:	21008	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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:	21009	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please initiate legislature to ban off road vehicles to protect endangered wildlife in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	21010	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	"If the extension of your compassion does not include all living beings, then you will be unable to find peace for yourself" -- Albert Schweitzer.... We simply cannot ignore the needs of our wildlife and its habitat. Failure to care for all living creatures could eventually lead to their extinction, and even our own. Please consider our eco system when making decisions about the						

off-road rules.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's very obvious that wildlife being killed by 'partiers' probably drunk half the time means nothing to you. You have no feeling for the innocent wildlife whatsoever. How does it feel to be heartless? I wouldn't know see because I have one and I do care. We can see right through you.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I urge you not to allow off road vehicles to roam about on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Too much valuable habitat has already been lost to off road vehicles among other things. We must protect the nesting area of the shore birds and turtles to keep those species alive in their natural habitat.

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Please realize that once these animals are gone, that is the point of no return. What makes places so beautiful is not only the sand and sun, it is the experience of enjoying some of nature's greatest treasures... the wildlife.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
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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.

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Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: are you kidding. bikes aren't allowed anywhere on the beach; there impact is minimal; so why would heavy tired vehicles be allowed at all.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I feel very strongly that ever effort should be made to protect the wildlife (birds, turtles etc.) of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Off-road vehicles have done a tremendous amount of damage to wild areas, and it is time that was stopped. There are many many more people concerned about wildlife than there are off-road enthusiasts, who care nothing for the environment but to drive like crazy people, destroying everything in their path. Let's protect beautiful places and wildlife, and let off-roaders stay on race tracks especially designed for their activities where they can only hurt themselves.

Correspondence ID: 21018 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's horrible that you would even consider putting ATVs and beach driving before our precious wildlife. They can drive somewhere else, but wildlife such as birds and turtles cannot nest elsewhere. I hope that you'll end up with specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting instead of caving to special interests. Thank you for your time and please know that I'll be paying close attention to what you do.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please leave the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to the critters already living there. Off Road vehicles have no place there with their noise and destructive wheels. Those who must have there thrills on these noisy and noisome toys should take them elsewhere, or, better yet, leave them at home and ride them in their back yards.

Just because they exist and utilitarian tools for certain folks like park rangers and others who need them for patrol and emergencies does not mean that the general public should be allowed to ride roughshod through sensitive areas "just for fun."

We have done far too much damage to our world already. enough is enough.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am truly 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, Sincerely, Leila Jackson

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

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.

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: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop destroying the environment in this instance Cape Hatteras. "What goes around comes around" I hope it is not too late before you realize this.

Correspondence ID: 21026 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Is there nothing in nature that is worth protecting? Our government should return to its old mandates....Teddy Roosevelt started the national park system because he valued nature. There is much less left than in Roosevelt's day, which makes it even more important to protect what we have.

Please do the right thing!!

Correspondence ID: 21027 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very troubled about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing off-road vehicle use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in 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 year-round or seasonal beach driving allowed. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	"The most important thing we can do to help the snowy plover population rebound is to improve plovers' reproductive success, which means keeping the eggs safe and the hatched birds alive until they can fly. Then we will have a much better chance of seeing larger increases in the adult numbers."						

By restricting the areas, we can hope to limit disturbances from people, dogs and recreational vehicles that they believe have contributed to the birds' demise.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	When making any decision that will affect the natural beauty of our country, the wildlife or the environment, please consider the effect it will have on what we are or are not leaving for our grandchildren, yours, mine and theirs.						

Off-road vehicles may be great fun for some people, but too many of them do not seem to have sufficient concern for the damage they can do by not staying on indicated routes. Why should a small percentage of the population be allowed to spoil our public lands depriving other the ability of the rest of us to enjoy parts of our natural lands without having to look at messed up spots?

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Too many birds are killed due to these vehicles and needs to stop!

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Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The use of atvs is a great opportunity to get out in nature, but the cost to the nature you are enjoying is often too much to justify. This is why I urge you to conserve the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and keep it atv free! There are many other places for enthusiasts to enjoy their toys. Thank you for your consideration. ~Brian A. Moreno

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Correspondence: Leave the wildlife alone! There are plenty of other places to destroy with off-road vehicles that are already available.

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Correspondence:	I was born and grew up on the east coast and spent some 40 years visiting and fishing on the NC Outer Banks, built and owned a cottage in Hatteras, and kept an offshore boat at Hatteras marina for 10 years. So I feel very qualified to make a comment on what the beaches used to be like with all their abundant wildlife and what I saw happening with unrestricted vehicles crowding the beaches and destroying nesting sites and generally tearing up the seashore. There must be some restrictions placed on when and where 4-wheel drive vehicles can drive and limit the number of vehicles allowed on the beaches. This includes both ocean side as well as a sound side. On Ocracoke some 30 years ago there was protection placed for black skimmers nesting areas and I think I remember that it was a success but more must be done before its too late.						

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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: 21041 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I do not support the continual use of this valuable shoreline/ ecosystem as a driveway, highway, or parking lot. The coastline needs to be better protected from harm caused by these automobiles. There should be mass transit to the beach with a trained observer looking out for nesting and active wildlife in the area. There are more than enough places to drive a automobile if one needs to that aren't near a wildlife habitat. The national beach is being degraded, polluted and causing harm to non-motorized beings. Please rollback the permitted use of motorized vehicles in this area. Save our wildlife and beach! Thank you. Scott Species

Correspondence ID: 21042 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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I visit and use an orv but do not want to cause damage to threatened or endangered wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21043 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. ORVs can inflict immeasurable damage on the beach wildlife habitat. Turtles and crabs can be smashed, their nests or dwelling places destroyed. This is a high price to pay just so that some "yahoos" can kick up sand with the beach with their vehicle's tires.

Correspondence ID: 21044 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles are a ridiculous use of beautiful natural environment. there is so little pristine seaside area left around the US, that it would be a terrible shame to desecrate it with recreational and useless terrain destroying gas-guzzling toys!

we need to preserve these areas for all the flora and fauna that cling to it since it is their only home and they are specially

adapted to it. to allow off-road vehicles is dangerous, offensive and damaging to all forms of life on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Any damage would definitely be irreparable and the future generations will never gain a glimpse of some of these species, and all because somebody felt like playing with their life-size Tonka trucks? Authorize them to go somewhere else where they will do far less damage -build them special playgrounds like they did in the 70's for the skateboarders.

Correspondence ID: 21045 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLEASE, severely limit or better yet BAN off road-vehicles in Cape Hatteras National Seashore, as they greatly endanger already endangered animals and wildlife, such a turtles, & birds. There is no compelling need for off road vehicles that would justify the harm they cause.

Correspondence ID: 21046 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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. That would be horrible.

Instead, I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please do everything in your power to make this happen. Thank you.

John Bayer

Correspondence ID: 21047 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please regulate vehicles to protect all wildlife. Thanks

Correspondence ID: 21048 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife habitat should not be destroyed for a little human fun! This should be a no-brainer!

Correspondence ID: 21049 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I regularly visit sea turtle rehabilitation facilities in Florida and hatcheries in Mexico. I have seen the effects of human actions on their health and populations. They seem to be losing. I love sea turtles and want to protect their home and nesting grounds. In addition, I value and cherish other wildlife living and nesting in these areas. I have always thought that motorized vehicles do not belong on our shores and are a crude invasion of sensitive shorelines. I would like to see ORV use minimized and would really like to see all 67 miles vehicle-free. That being said, I would like to see hard required explicit protection of the shores and

the wildlife using them for life and nesting and the vehicle-free mileage maximized. These precious, vulnerable and important creatures deserve and rely upon our protection. I care deeply about this issue. Please help those who cannot help themselves.

Thank you for your response in this important manner.

Correspondence ID:	21050	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	All lives are precious.						
Correspondence ID:	21051	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	One can only surmise about the reason why this had to take so long!						
Correspondence ID:	21052	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	It is unconscionable to allow polluting, thunderous vehicles on the shores of Cape Hatteras. There are plenty of man made tracks where the sport enthusiasts can have their fun. Nature once destroyed will never be replenished in its pristine state.						
	Save the dwindling areas of nature from the rapacity of selfish, self-centered humans.						
Correspondence ID:	21053	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I know its terrible for the people and animals,too.Help them for what they need and for the animals help to get out of the flooding areas to keep safe place plus birds mostly from the Atlantic oceans and from the Hurricanes. I hate that kind of weathers so bad. I have cousins that lives in New York and New Jersey.						
Correspondence ID:	21054	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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.						
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	In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.						
	In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.						
Correspondence ID:	21055	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please increase the rigidity of the rules on off-road vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, as well as all Federal seashores.						
Correspondence ID:	21056	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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: 21057 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. You may need to provide a place not too far from the coast for those who need to grow still and recognize the value of nature and the rights of animals to live on our planet without fear.

Correspondence ID: 21058 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: for a few to destroy ecosystems for their "recreation" robs all people of our inheritance of a balanced and sustainable world

Correspondence ID: 21059 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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 save birds and wilderness. stop this

Correspondence ID: 21060 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles pose serious threats to the environment and especially birds and other wildlife that make Cape Hatteras their habitat. These vehicles , often driven by very irresponsible individuals, destroy nesting places of these birds. They also bring fumes and pollution to the air. They should be banned.

Correspondence ID: 21061 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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. Sincerely,

Jana Harker 22741 1/2 Ventura Blvd. Woodland Hills, CA 91364 1366 contactjh2000@yahoo.com

Correspondence ID: 21062 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am highly 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 time & consideration.

Regards, Alan Haggard San Diego, CA

Correspondence ID: 21063 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORVs are dangerous to people let alone the wildlife they destroy. Please stop these machines or restrict them to areas away from where wildlife is known to live or make nests.

Correspondence ID: 21064 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: if the nesting grounds are destroyed, then where can they reproduce?? also, the eggs and the babies are in danger as well as the adults.

Correspondence ID: 21065 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration

Correspondence ID: 21066 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As someone who has visited Cape Hatteras several times and plans to return I am opposed to the unrestricted off-road vehicle traffic. One of the main reasons for my visits is to enjoy the beautiful natural environment that is attributed to Cape Hatteras. We need some regulation of the important wildlife areas in order to protect them.

Correspondence ID: 21067 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore should restrict off-road vehicles. It's obvious to any intelligent person why. Because they either kill, or injure, wildlife such as shore birds, sea turtles and other creatures. In other words, they put wildlife in jeopardy. As if they weren't massively challenged already.....

Correspondence ID: 21068 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Let the animals live on the shore undisturbed. People can go anywhere they want, so they can go somewhere else. Wildlife is irreplaceable. Have some respect for the innocent and leave natural habitat alone!

Correspondence ID: 21069 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21070 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop off road vehicles from using cape hatteras national seashore As a playground.

Wild life is being disturbed, their lives disrupted.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 21071 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is safe for wildlife, which has to be conserved

JP

Correspondence ID: 21072 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please be kind to the birds. Say yes to pedestrians and no to cars.

Correspondence ID: 21073 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As a nearby SE Virginia resident, 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:	21074	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Yes to pedestrians no to cars.						

Correspondence ID:	21075	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please reduce -- or eliminate -- the amount of seashore available for driving and add enforceable protections for more of the wildlife and habitat. The desire for recreational driving areas is of vastly less importance than the protection of dwindling wildlife and habitat. National seashores need to be protected as seashores: the natural places where land and sea meet, and all of the natural life that needs this special niche to survive.						

Thank you for considering my input.

Correspondence ID:	21076	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect the wildlife by prohibiting motorized vehicles on the shore at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						

Correspondence ID:	21077	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration. Daniela Onel

Correspondence ID:	21078	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Correspondence ID:	21079	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	you are right						

Correspondence ID:	21080	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I want to support limitation on ORV on Cape Hatteras. Animals that have been using this shoreline for living and reproduction need to be able to continue to do so. I want science based decisions to be made to protect these animals and nesting sites for future generation. This is an area that can be protected, that is part of the NPS. There are other areas where ORV aren't and can't be regulated, where animals and there nesting sites aren't protected. Unlimited ORV can ruin the whole of Hatteras for all of us that enjoy a natural landscape and the plants and animals that live there.						

Correspondence ID:	21081	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Correspondence ID:	21082	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please stop this destructive activity. steve lanusse						

Correspondence ID:	21083	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Don't destroy the wildlife in Cape Hatteras. If you do that you will end up destroying human life as well.						

Correspondence ID: 21084 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please manage your off-road vehicles in a more responsible manner and not to the detriment of the environment.

Correspondence ID: 21085 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please save the nature !!!! We need our nature and our animales and we have to care for them !!!

Correspondence ID: 21086 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: what do i need to say. look around at our planet we're destroying it. Are you some kind of moron?

Correspondence ID: 21087 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is simply time to take care of our planet. We have wasted so much time on our own wants and needs as a nation without realizing that it is in our best interest to nurture our habitat.

Correspondence ID: 21088 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose the use of off road vehicles in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I support the natural environment and its creatures.

Correspondence ID: 21089 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have plovers in my town too, only western snowy plovers. They are so little and hard to see. Our state parks has made special arrangements to monitor them here.

In the south of my county we have a beach RV riding area. It kills many things including people and plovers. They may have to start protecting the little birds.

Please portect your plovers.

Correspondence ID: 21090 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21091 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a private citizen, I believe that no vehicle should be permitted on a beach that is capable of injuring any beach wildlife in any way.

Correspondence ID: 21092 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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 stop this and protect these priceless treasures.

Correspondence ID: 21093 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please try to protect some animals as human aren't all there is. some day we will need them more than they need us. joel

Correspondence ID: 21094 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan as now proposed 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 considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 21095 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles ruin the quality of life for wildlife, humans and the environment. I am totally against allowing this at all, ever, anywhere.

Correspondence ID: 21096 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21098 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't have a problem with people using these fragile shoreline areas.

But you don't SEE anything from an off-road vehicle. The idea is to drive fast, race your friends and raise hell.

I say go do that somewhere ugly where the damage that you leave in your wake isn't so permanent and sad.

ORVs have no place in these fragile ecozones.

Rosemary

Correspondence ID: 21099 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cars should remain on roads, not on shores. This is the purpose of roads, isn't it? Humans threaten wildlife on all fronts. Enough! Leave the Cape Hatteras National Seashore free of vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 21100 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow ORV to disturb, and possibly destroy, flora and fauna along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21101 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unlimited or unregulated off-road vehicle use is a bad idea in any of our national parks. I can't say it any more plainly than that.

Correspondence ID: 21102 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ensure the safety of the world's wildlife!!

Correspondence ID: 21103 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: keep all vehicles off the beaches and land where the plovers are nesting - how can anyone be so selfish to destroy breeding grounds and habitat of any bird. stop killing the animals and bird life.

Correspondence ID: 21104 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Stop the insanity!!!

Correspondence ID: 21105 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 21106 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Surely future generations deserve to enjoy these beautiful birds, we do NOT have the right to deprive them of that, we have become far too selfish & arrogant. I too own a 4WD but would NEVER use it where it was destroying the environment or endangering ANY species. There is NO decision to be made, nature MUST be put first ! People can play anywhere & need to be reminded about any damage they make & prosecuted if they don't comply. Kind regards Graeme

Correspondence ID: 21107 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All life is sentient and conscience. All life deserves respect. Please respect the marine life.

Correspondence ID: 21108 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Jean Colombo

Correspondence ID: 21109 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

The Cape Hatteras National Seashore is an ecological treasure that should not be subject to the destructive forces of offroad vehicles. The destruction of habitat within such a protected area should be considered as damage to federal and public property, and therefore unacceptable.

In California, I have personally witnessed the destruction of desert habitat and wildlife within the Mojave Desert by offroad vehicles, wherein complete eco-systems have all but disappeared from some areas. I urge you to highly restrict this indiscriminate activity.

Regards,

David Chisholm

Correspondence ID: 21110 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21111 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop off road vehicular use on our National Seashores and National Parks.

Correspondence ID: 21112 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21113 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off road vehicles on beaches where they will endanger the native birds and other wildlife. Once done, it is extremely difficult to restore what is lost.

Correspondence ID: 21114 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No off road vehicles should be allowed at Cape Hatteras National Seashore! They have no place in most of our National Parks and should be allowed on a park by park basis only. This is one where it should not be allowed. Yours suzanne Gilbert

Correspondence ID: 21115 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save Cape Hatteras Wildlife Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

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Correspondence ID: 21116 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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.

EVEN IN GERMANY WE ARE INTERESTED IN A GOOD SOLUTION FOR THIS PROBLEM! WE LIVE IN *ONE* WORLD!

Greetings Monika

Correspondence ID: 21117 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: care about the environment and wildlife

Correspondence ID: 21118 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles are destructive, and should NOT be allowed on fragile beaches of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I have seen the destruction along forest roads in the Northwest and the Dunes of the Oregon Coast. These people have no regard for the damage they do.

Correspondence ID: 21119 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens, turtles, seabirds, shorebirds and other wildlife at the national treasure, Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Stringent, diligent management of beach drivers is required immediately.

Correspondence ID:	21120	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please stop off road vehicles on the beaches period!!!!						
Correspondence ID:	21121	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I support specific, scientific support for nesting birds and turtles and restrictions on vehicles that drive on the beaches.						
Correspondence ID:	21122	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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. Therefore, I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						
Correspondence ID:	21123	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect seashore wildlife and peace by banning off road vehicles from the beaches. Discourage the destruction of beaches and ecosystems along with the living beings who inhabit them. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	21124	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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:	21125	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Prevent Vehicle Death in Cape Hatteras						
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Correspondence ID:	21126	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	as a citizen of nc and a supporter of defenders of wildlife i think more thought should be given to the problem of otvs and wildlife on the hatteras seashore we need our wildlife more than we need more room for driving around wasting gas						
Correspondence ID:	21127	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please keep ORV off Hatteras' shores. I know they are fun to drive, and people who have them are no friend of the environment. They are so destructive! And as is so often the case, so are the people driving them! Their knowledge runs to things that are mechanical and move, not things that are not mechanical and move. I can hear their thoughts now- it's just a damn turtle, or a damn bird, whatever. The unique beauty that is our National shoreline needs to be preserved because of its unique beauty, not as an amusement park. there are other places to drive ORVs and ATVs and dirt bikes. I can't go to the beach and not see someone that just has to pull up some sea oats by hand, just because. I can only imagine that person's destructive rampage on an ORV. ORV really do not belong on the beach. save the beauty of our beaches from these menaces. Thank you from someone who has seen these often intoxicated drivers tearing up the beach in their ignorant "fun".						
Correspondence ID:	21128	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Signed and noted that Cape Hatteras needs to protect the innocent and vulnerable of wildlife! Thank you!!

Correspondence ID: 21129 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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

Not surprisingly, ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving, no matter what the impact on wildlife. To protect these animals, I support specific and enforceable vehicle-free areas for nesting larger than you have initially proposed to ensure threatened and endangered animals on public lands are protected for future generations. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21130 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: protection of wildlife is vitally important, please keep your wonderful wildlife safe

Correspondence ID: 21131 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: vehicles destroy wildlife, so ban the use of them

Correspondence ID: 21132 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. This is a very bad idea. Instead, I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 21133 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21134 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: we are the chosen to be the custodian of the planet ----we must prevent the instinction of further species -----unlimited use of off rode vehicles at cape HATERIS----no no no----would mess up the current eco friendliness=====

Correspondence ID: 21135 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Prevent Vehicle Death in Cape Hatteras In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

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Correspondence ID: 21136 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Prevent Vehicle Death in Cape Hatteras

I visit this are annually and have done so for many years. 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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Name: private
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Correspondence ID:	21138	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	This proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. Also, 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.

Please protect more of the beach for the wildlife that relies on those beaches for survival.

Thank you,

Jessica Belknap

Correspondence ID:	21139	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect wildlife from people who just want to be able to drive on the sand. The wild life is much more important!						

Correspondence ID:	21140	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21141 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We, U.S. People, have tried to keep certain wildlife beaches asway from man and his vehicles.

gas and oil, trash, and hot rodding near nesting areas can kill.

Let's develop a beach/recreation area for just off the road vehicles.

Make laws, and stand by them that protect the wildlife areas.

Correspondence ID: 21142 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If we have learned anything killing wildlife that is important to the balance of nature which also effects us shouldn't be taken lightly. What else can we do to protect our wildlife? Banned this destructive "sport" and let those that think it is ok have large fines and even jail time.

Correspondence ID: 21143 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife needs to be explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

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

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

Correspondence ID: 21144 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific enforceable science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. We are to many taking over every coner in this world,but animal have the right to have some space too,they also count,so let them to have the space they need it,so they can do what God order them to do,so the next generation can see and enjoy the wildlife. Thank you so much,and have a wonderful day.

Correspondence ID: 21145 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: the wildlife at Cape Hatteras rely on your protection and this means to keep ORV's off the beaches. Please ensure that there is more Vehicle free arears for piper plovers and sea turtles to enjoy there natural habitat without being killed. thank you

Correspondence ID: 21146 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence:

for years this has been an issue. almost this entire nation is accessible to vehicles. there needs to be places where it is not. there are wilderness areas where vehicles are not allowed. there needs to be areas of beaches where they are not allowed either. other beings other than us have the right to live. we need to be more humble about our own self-centered needs and how we get those needs met.

Correspondence ID: 21149 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off road vehicle on the Cape Hatteras National seashore. This will not be at all positive for the wild life, fauna or flora. Please

Correspondence ID: 21150 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please save this area and protect it.

Correspondence ID: 21151 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21152 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is a shame that vehicle use takes precedence over natural life, pedestrians, and is allowed to contaminate our air and water.

Correspondence ID: 21153 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ensure that wildlife on your beaches is completely safe from off road drivers.

The wild life were there long before we were and it is imporant for their survival that their habitat remains safe at all times.

Respectfully Yours

Jan. Yarker

Correspondence ID: 21154 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly support regulation of ORVs at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The proposed Park Service plan sets aside only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for wildlife and pedestrian use with the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians, to protect wildlife and prevent it's decline.

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Correspondence ID: 21155 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please save this natural habitat.

Correspondence ID: 21156 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If people were respectful and not so self centered then these types of laws would not have to be put into effect. The people who want unlimited ORV use have no consideration for animals or the environment and must be supervised like little children to make sure they don't cause any trouble. The animals are innocent and defenseless and need our help to survive. I have lived here for many years without having to drive on the beach; I walk! I think the only vehicles allowed on the beach should be ocean rescue and park service. Everyone else should have to walk; I am sure they could use the exercise.

Correspondence ID: 21157 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off roading will kill off the birds. Destroying nests and the birds habitat is not good for the enviroment just so people can ride all over the beach.

Correspondence ID: 21158 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protecting animal life should have priority over having fun riding on the beach with vehicles that can kill.

If vehicle use is permitted, warnings should be placed so that animals are protected or vehicles should only be allowed in areas where the threat to animal life is nonexistent.

Correspondence ID: 21159 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Animals must in no case be damaged by "fun" races. Please respect the order of priority!

Correspondence ID: 21160 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please re-consider your proposed regulations and preserve more land for endangered birds and animals. Limit driving of vehicles on the beach.

Correspondence ID: 21161 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I find it impossible to believe that anyone can absorb any benefit from this ecology over the roar of an Off-Road vehicle. Never have I had such vehicles pass by on a trail by my house without making a load noise that affects the wildlife in my immediate vicinity.

Correspondence ID: 21162 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support tightening the restrictions on off-road vehicles on Hatteras National Seashore. The impact on wildlife, particularly nesting birds and turtles is unavoidable unless protections are in place that set aside areas where such vehicles cannot be driven.

In addition to the wildlife, I am concerned about the dangers to humans using the beaches. About years ago, my brother rented a summer home on the Outer Banks. They were appalled to find that any trip to the beach involved the noise, the exhaust and the dangers of off road vehicles being driven at high rates of speed with no apparent concern for those on foot, sitting or lying on the beach. They called friends who were coming down to visit and told them not to bother. The remainder of the week was spent in the pool and they cut their vacation short because of their deep disappointment. They've never gone back--too dangerous to try to recreate amidst the madness created by off-roaders.

If humans are stressed and negatively impacted to such an extent, what must the impact be on the wildlife that cannot flee to their house and pool?

There need to be restrictions in place that keep the majority of the beaches, especially known nesting areas, free from beach drivers of off road vehicles

Correspondence ID: 21163 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep ALL motorized (except emergency vehicles driven by trained personal) vehicle OUT of ALL public parks, seashores, monuments, historic sites and any place nature is trying to rebuild.

Correspondence ID: 21164 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Isn't protecting wildlife more important than letting people drive on a beach?

Correspondence ID: 21165 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID:	21166	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect Cape Hateras Seashore and do not allow off road vehicles unrestricted use.						
Correspondence ID:	21167	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Hello, I live in Massachusetts. We protect plovers on many of our beaches. We care about nature's diversity. I think it is the government's job to help protect species when communities do not do so on their own. I would encourage regulations that keep off road vehicle restrictions in place. There are other areas for off road vehicles. We have to share the space we have judiciously. If we do not protect plovers for example then it is a slippery slope in protecting other species. It matters. Thank you, Suzanne Kuffler						
Correspondence ID:	21168	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I believe that allowing these vehicles on the beach would endanger wildlife, the beauty of the area and thne peace. It would not be a benefit the the shore.						
Correspondence ID:	21169	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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I don't understand why our "FUN & RECREATION" comes before the rights & "LIVES" of all other creatures on this earth. I can see sharing these places but we lose more lives to "VEHICLES" than any other activity we can do so please consider this

when making these decisions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Correspondence ID: 21170 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am so grateful that the National Park Service is ready to adopt regulations limiting 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, the temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working well to protect wildlife and the number of sea turtles nesting on the shore has increased. But if wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you so much. Sincerely,

Peter Dryden

Correspondence ID: 21171 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As you are aware, 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 beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The new management scheme is a step in the right direction but the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving. Thus I would like to support, in addition to the proposed regulation further scientific, enforceable, protection for wildlife in the area and additional vehicle-free areas.

Correspondence ID: 21172 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is now necessary to protect wildlife, before they become nonexistent.

Correspondence ID: 21173 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: protect wildlife

Correspondence ID: 21174 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Make the people WALK not Ride the seashore. Protect wildlife and human health. Encourage exercise and peaceful co-existence with the wild life.

Correspondence ID: 21175 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to stop treating nature like it is an amusement park. Respect for nature and wildlife ought to be the norm and, unfortunately, the yahoos and idiots who want to go joyriding through the dunes have no respect at all. There ought to be meaningful consequences for those actions and any vehicle entering protected areas should need to be bonded. Additionally, there should be clearly demarcated areas for those destructive activities. Just because something has been done for years doesn't make it right. And vehicles in protected areas ought not to be permitted at all.

Correspondence ID:	21176	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Save the endangered birds and wildlife of Cape Hatteras, NC. Outlaw Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) from it's shoreline.						
Correspondence ID:	21177	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	A number of years back my wife and I visited CHNS and enjoyed it greatly. Why there are vehicles on the beach was a mystery to us. They are noisy, distracting, and distructive to both people and wildlife. On one occasion, my wife was almost hit by a women who "didn't see her" laying near the shore. We see NO REASON why any vehicle should be on the beach except in an emergency.						
	If they MUST be there, give them a mile!!!						
	Kent and Penny Scott						
Correspondence ID:	21178	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We must take steps to preserve our natural resources and precious wildlife!						
Correspondence ID:	21179	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please stop off road vehicle from driving on OUR shores. They devastate the habitat of sea turtles, shore birds and other wild life. Not to mention all of the green house gases these vehicles put into the air.						
	Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	21180	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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 protect them.						
Correspondence ID:	21181	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Ah come on guys, there's currently enough damage to shore environments taking place; you folks can do something about it before it's gone beyond the point of no-return. Sincerely, Robert F. Bolland, Ph.D.						
Correspondence ID:	21182	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Unrestricted off-road vehicle access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore would be a huge mistake. Speaking strictly for myself, I will not visit a vacation destination that allows ORV's anywhere! They destroy the peace and tranquility that are the very reasons for choosing a site in the first place. To sacrifice the endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches would be entirely counter productive. I go to see the beauty of nature, the wildlife, not to watch some yahoo despoil it with loud noise and disgusting exhaust fumes. No to off-road vehicles!						
Correspondence ID:	21183	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Is there no place on earth where there can be peace and quiet and you can just sit and enjoy the view without someone roaring around in a dune buggy or off road vehicle?						
Correspondence ID:	21184	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						

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

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Thank you for your time.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: people must protect these creatures that cannot protect themselves. They are just trying to survive.

Correspondence ID: 21187 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Allowing off road vehicles is unnessary and endangers the wildlife. the national park service should be protecting wildlife and this area for future generations Please protect this area. Stefanie Bekenstein

Correspondence ID: 21188 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect sentient beings against machines !

Correspondence ID: 21189 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles have their place, but certainly not in an area that holds sensitive species' breeding grounds.

Correspondence ID: 21190 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Yours sincerely

Nick Stockbridge

Correspondence ID: 21191 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow these small defenseless shore birds and their nesting young be destroyed by off road use that does not have to occur in this location. In Michigan we are fighting to save the few remaining pairs we have of piping plovers.

Correspondence ID: 21192 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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As a former resident of North Carolina, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21193 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow unrestricted Off Road Vehicle use in this area.

Correspondence ID: 21194 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID:	21195	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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:	21196	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	DON'T KILL THE BIRDS!!!!						

Correspondence ID:	21197	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras National Seashore is 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.						

After years of advocacy and litigation, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. With this great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife, I am in support of specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting and oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use.

Correspondence ID:	21198	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 21200 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save the seashore and all living things.

Correspondence ID: 21201 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21202 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles should not be allowed AT ALL on the Dape Hatteras National Seashore! Let them play somewhere else where they will not endanger wildlife and damage the fragile landscape. Besides that, it's a waste of fuel.

Correspondence ID: 21203 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

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

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	21204	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	This is an ancient issue. I remember dealing with the destructive practices of off-road vehicles on our shores back in the 1970s. Why is this still even an issue? Off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore should be regulated strictly to protect the nesting areas of bird that use the seashore. They are unprotected and at risk. This is a comment on Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0800. It has been over 40 years now since this became an issue and it should have been put to rest with strict protection measures back then. I can appreciate the fun of off-roading as much as anyone but responsibility dictates that it has to yield to wildlife protection.						

Correspondence ID:	21205	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Correspondence ID:	21206	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Correspondence ID:	21207	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I urge you to adopt specific, enforceable, science-based protections for the wildlife on Cape Hatteras. These regulations should also include vehicle-free nesting areas. The regulations should be enforced throughout the year. Individuals' "fun" with off-road vehicles should not come at the cost of losing more wildlife.						
Correspondence ID:	21208	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please keep unrestricted off-road vehicles off Hatteras. Do it for the innocent wildlife.						
Correspondence ID:	21209	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Stop the insanity of off road vehicles allowed everywhere in our pars. They are loud, leave marks on the sands, kill the bird eggs or not up to EPA standards of clean air emissions on cars						
Correspondence ID:	21210	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	the Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a gem in the NC outer banks area. off-road vehicles should NOT BE ALLOWED on such a sensitive area. most tourists do not understand the impact such transportation can have on the wildlife that depend on the grasses and dunes of this area. be responsible and do not allow ORV on this National Seashore						
Correspondence ID:	21211	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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.						
	Please protect the wildlife. Stop off road vehicles.						
Correspondence ID:	21212	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We need to care for all of our blessing of wildlife. Protect all even those wild ones who live on or near the beaches and do NOT let these vehicles have access.						

Humans and THEIR WANTS....NOT needs do not supersede the lives and needs of GOD's creation.

Act now. It is your responsibility.

Thank you for listening.

Terry Sullivan

Correspondence ID:	21213	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Is it too much to ask to sacrifice a tiny amount of our pleasures (unrestricted driving in certain places) in order to preserve defenceless wildlife? Take a moment to think about our selfish behaviour and hopefully most of us will see reason.						
Correspondence ID:	21214	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Ok così...						
Correspondence ID:	21215	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The conservation of this environment for the native animals it supports is important for conservation, bio-diversity and future generations of Americana						
Correspondence ID:	21216	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Keep the damn gas guzzlers from running down the wildlife. Is that so damn hard? A National Seashore is not supposed to be a sandbox for crazy drunks and reckless boneheads. Let them buy their own land so they can crash into each other or flip over and crush themselves to death. The people of the United States should not fold to an industry that preys on selling their dangerous product to irresponsible imbecile thrill seekers who are too lazy to get up off their fat asses to enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of nature and end up ruining the experience for everyone else.						
Correspondence ID:	21217	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	NO VEHICLES ON BEACHES DURING NESTING TIMES, AND THEN ONLY UNDER STRICT RULES WHEN BIRDS ARE NOT NESTING..						
Correspondence ID:	21218	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect our wildlife and stop off road vehicles from using the beaches that the sea animals need to survive. If people want to use their off road vehicles let them purchase their own private land to destroy not something that belongs to everyone.						
Thank You							
Correspondence ID:	21219	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 21220 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hello, I am writing because I oppose the entire Cape Hatteras National Seashore being open to beach driving. Instead I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore in 2007, and 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 considering my comments, Kelcie Walters

Correspondence ID: 21221 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep the cars on the road and feet on the sand !

Correspondence ID: 21222 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing in support of specific and stringent regulations for Off Shore Driving on protected beaches. We cannot expect the drivers of these pleasure seeking vehicles to be focused on nearby wildlife nesting. As their guardians, I implore the park service to be very complete in their writings.

These beaches are the only resource for this wildlife to maintain their species. Please help preserve the ecological environment which is the foundation of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore for all of us to enjoy for the present and the future.

Thank you.

Corinne Brady

Correspondence ID: 21223 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly support the Park Service attempt to preserve and protect the national Seashore at Cape Hatteras. However, the regulations provide more protection for drivers than for the wildlife and pedestrians Please review and reconsider your regulations to be more than lip service. Provide true protection for the entire coastline.

thank you

Kathy L aRue

Correspondence ID: 21224 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep unrestricted off-road vehicle use off Hatteras. The death of so many innocent animals compels you to take some action.

Correspondence ID: 21225 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly urge you to restrict Off-Road Vehicle traffic on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore should give highest priority to protecting wildlife nesting areas.

Although I do not live near Cape Hatteras, I have spent a total of many months and a considerable amount of money vacationing

on the Texas coast. The attraction is the beauty of the beach and the opportunity to see the wildlife unique to the seashore. There are lots of other places to drive fast.

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. These creatures, not ATVs and motorbikes, are what draw tourists to this area.

Lack of protection for nesting sites will eventually turn the beaches into a moonscape barren of all the wildlife that draws nature lovers and birdwatchers, along with other tourists who are looking for a refuge from the noise and noxious fumes that are part of our motor-driven society.

There are plenty of places for motor-sports enthusiasts. Please preserve the seashores for the wildlife and the rest of those who love them. The shorebirds and turtles don't pay taxes, but the rest of us who treasure their sanctuary do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	21226	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please consider the needs of the birds and sea life over humanity. Humanity is having no problem getting ahead and we have a responsibility to protect the earth including her creatures. Thank you for your time.						

Correspondence ID:	21227	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Stop the off road vehicles that are killing our wildlife						

Correspondence ID:	21228	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Sincerely,

Randi E. Klein

Correspondence ID:	21229	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	HELP TO PROTECT OUR NATURAL BEAUTY AND RESOURCES. WE WILL SORELY MISS THEM WHEN THEY ARE GONE.						

Correspondence ID:	21230	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We ned to ban all unnssary vehicles from all of our beaches to preserve them

Correspondence ID: 21231 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like to comment about the need for restricting off-road vehicle access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

In my opinion, such traffic should be highly restricted to a very limited area, or eliminated on the National Seashores. Not only does that traffic present hazards to the nesting shore birds and sea turtles, it greatly diminishes the quiet enjoyment of such areas for human visitors.

Thank you for considering this perspective. I am a member of the Defenders of Wildlife, and they alerted me to this issue. I feel strongly that we need to cherish, enjoy and respect the Wild creatures and wild spaces.

Sincerely,

Eileen McIlhinney

Correspondence ID: 21232 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 21235 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am concerned about the impacts that unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

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

Correspondence ID: 21236 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't understand why humans think that they can just take over everything, and it doesn't matter what is destroyed or killed along the way! I guess we should be able to do anything we want to do for fun, at any cost. What have we become??

Correspondence ID: 21237 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

Cape Hatteras National Seashore is one of America's treasures. I was very worried to hear that the use of unrestricted off-road vehicle is threatening its nesting birds and turtles.

If you do not protect your precious wildlife, it will disappear. All it takes is for a small bird to take a false step, or lay its eggs in a "false" place, and it will be run over.

Please ensure that the wildlife is properly protected, by specific, enforceable and science-based measures, and allow for special vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Sincerely, Roksolana Chraniuk

Correspondence ID: 21238 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, no vehicles on any of the beaches.

Correspondence ID: 21239 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We oppose unrestricted off-road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 21240 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras is a fragile ecosystem. It's battered shores move and change with the weather and tides. It's ability to sustain life for so many of nature's creatures needs further study and protection.

Off-road vehicles are not a natural or necessary part of this ecosystem and threaten the balance of so many creatures. With all the places humans already do go and can go, we need to protect the National Seashore and carefully manage where off-road vehicles can and can't go.

It is the special nature of Hatteras and the Outer Banks that draws so many visitors. Please don't let the perceived needs of so few out weigh the good of the many inhabitants, people and creatures, that live there.

Correspondence ID: 21241 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

Please oppose unrestricted ORV use in Cape Hatteras. There are too many species at risk. It's just not worth it.

Thank you, Stacey Mead

Correspondence ID: 21242 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards, Marli Garcia Cucharero

Correspondence ID: 21243 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Prevent WILDLIFE Deaths on Highway. BAN ORV

Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	21244	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect endangered species against a polluting, disruptive, and loud "entertainment." We should have more respect for our co-inhabitants on this planet.						

Correspondence ID:	21245	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Give the wildlife a chance. Stop off-road vehicles from ruining habitat of seabirds and turtles...Thank you						

Correspondence ID:	21246	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please support legislation that will protect wildlife along the seashore. It is time for humans to stop thinking only of themselves and to start taking care of the wildlife who share this planet with us.						

Correspondence ID:	21247	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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

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Thank you for your consideration

Correspondence ID:	21248	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Our environment needs to be protected, for the future of our country.						

Correspondence ID:	21249	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is important to protect the Atlantic coast as it is home and breeding to many species of threatened and endangered species and is one of a few beautiful natural areas we still have the chance to take care of.

Correspondence ID: 21250 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't see any need to allow powered vehicles to run up and down hard sand packed beaches in any area of the country.

Correspondence ID: 21251 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21252 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help save the lives of birds, turtles and other wildlife by supporting specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 21253 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not further the destruction of our seashore by allowing off-road vehicles on the beaches. Our beaches are already eroding due to natural causes and recent storms have furthered the erosion. Our beaches our homes to a host of wildlife that will be destroyed by off-road vehicles. As people we need a place we can go to get AWAY from the noise of motors, the seashore is a place to enjoy the sounds of nature - waves crashing, birds calling, wind, etc. For all of the above reasons, please protect our shorelines and our beaches from the destructive force of off-road vehicles. Thank you Robin Preston

Correspondence ID: 21254 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly urge you to carefully consider protecting the wildlife of Cape Hatteras from damage by careless use of ATV's. This land belongs to all Americans and should not become the playground of off road riders at the expense of the wildlife who call it home and the visitors who appreciate that very wildlife.

Turtles, shore dwellers and sea birds need to be protected from humans as they don't have the ability to protect themselves. They are important to the balance of the seas and once destroyed cannot be replaced.

ATV use should be limited to a small portion of this national treasure where they can do the least harm. Our shore life does not have a voice to ask for help and protection but there are many of us common citizens who want to beg you to protect them. I hope you will make the right moral decision.

Correspondence ID: 21255 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Government Regulations Staff: I fervently believe that having off road vehicles on seashore territory has a negative effect to all concerned. Humans breathe in exhaust fumes and noise is loud. Animal territories are invaded with no sense of being allowed to exist in their own territory for fear of death or injury. Cape Hateras doesn't need this type of recreational activity where birds and humans are in the same space. The seashore whether one likes it or not has to be a place that humans and animals can coexist. We (humans) are invading what really is wildlife territory and have no business invading their small underground nesting areas and feeding areas if we can't do that then depart from the beaches and other areas where wildlife congregates and let by gones be by gones to be angered or distressed by birds whose home are the seashore then depart from

ocean views and ocean recreational activity ie kite flying, fishing, boating,swimming. Retreat to lakes, ponds , where wildlife isn't such a common seen or to one's backyard pool and leave the whole wildlife seashore alone altogether. They have a right to exist just like any other living being with out threats to their well being. Sincerely, judy wisboro PS IF you want to do off road vehicle recreation pick a vacant lot or park where you and your friends can congregate without harm to others wildlife or other person's using the beach or seashore

Correspondence ID: 21256 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is so much of nature that is unprotected and abused. Our parks become more and more of a treasure as time marches on... Keeping vehicles, recreational or whatever kind, out of our parks protects this treasure. The more we protect these treasures, the more valuable they become, the more protection they need.

Help protect our treasures that only become more and more valuable.

Correspondence ID: 21257 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep Cape hatteras safe-NO VEHICLES OF ANY SORT ON THE BEACHES. leave beaches for the birds and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 21258 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am strongly opposed to unrestricted off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas, such as mandating specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers.

Unrestricted use by off-road vehicles could have a devastating impact on species that use the seashore for nesting. This disturbance could seriously impact birds (such as plovers) and sea turtles, and their ability and need to build nests there. And then, if they do succeed in building nests, once chicks and baby turtles hatch, they too will be at risk.

The temporary protections put in place were working....let's not move backwards!

I support and encourage you to put in place specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 21259 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Kathleen Hurley

Correspondence ID: 21260 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unfortunately, wildlife does not look at the beach and say " Those humans are there. We probably shouldn't build our nests there." They see a bush or a stretch of sandy beach and say " Hey, this spot looks good."

It only makes sense to give these creatures their beach back. Dirty trucks on the beach have no purpose other than human instant gratification. I think we can make do without. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21261 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

Being an avid bird watcher and one who visits Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am distressed that the regulations covering all Off-Road-Vehicles are so lax. I truly believe all facts should be taken into consideration, not just the loudest voices, when creating regulations for access to the seashore.

Please look at the scientific information when making these important decisions. Please make a solid effort to come up with regulations that do not put local wildlife in danger - all for the pleasure of a personal pastime.

I trust you will hear my voice and make a fair and appropriate decision policy.

Thank you, Tonni R Schulz

Correspondence ID: 21262 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Superintendent Murray,

As a great supporter of the Cape Hatteras area, I am quite concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area under the current interim plan. The sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. It is reported that piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. I believe that if you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

therefore, 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.

It appears that as it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise 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: 21263 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is important to save the wildlife at Cape Hatteras Seashore. Please do not allow vehicles to drive there.

Correspondence ID: 21264 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-Road Vehicle Management: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0800) Save the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Habitat for Shorebirds and other wildlife and not for the reckless pleasure of people with Off-Road Vehicles. It's a no brainer.

Correspondence ID: 21265 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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. I have visited Hatteras several times and know how beautiful and fragile this environment is. With so many people visiting our shorelines we must do everything we can to protect the wildlife there. If laws are not in place to protect our wildlife, then who is going to do it? It is not the world if someone can't drive their vehicle into the protected areas. They will live, but if allowed to do so, the wildlife will not! Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21266 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21267 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21268 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: what those republican need to do is close some of there golf course, if they need something to do.

Correspondence ID: 21269 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I feel that the resulting protections for nesting shorebirds and sea turtles in this plan would be inadequate. Adopting a plan that keeps vehicles out of nesting habitat during the breeding season is critical in managing barrier beach habitat. Please consider adjusting this plan to incorporate nesting habitat protections that protect all potential habitat on the beaches, when occupied, protects them throughout the entirety of the season, considers the degradation of habitat during off-season ORV use, and results in an off-road vehicle management plan that considers wildlife to be of at least equal importance to vehicle access.

Thank you for the ability to comment.

Correspondence ID: 21270 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is horrific to destroy the precious natural beauty where our amazing wildlife depend on so much for their crucial survival, a place they thrive, & call their home for such senseless, & ridiculous purposes or for that matter any reason at all. Off road vehicles should have their own area to ride instead of the home of our beautiful wildlife. It is shameful, & absolutely unconscionable. Please leave this habitat for our creatures only to have a home to live, & always come home to at the end of their day, & leave the natural beauty of our planet alone, the way God created it, & intends it to be, natural, & beautiful, & breathtaking, for his precious, special, & beautiful wildlife, for it is a sin to destroy, & disrespect all the creatures, & creations of God. It is cold hearted, & cruel to deplete our natural beauty, & bring stress, & misery to our wonderful creatures.

Correspondence ID: 21271 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict use of off froad vehicle traffic on Cape Hatteras. Cece DeLisi

Correspondence ID: 21272 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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Thank you for your consideration

Correspondence ID: 21273 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a 60 year old woman who has been returning to the Outer Banks since I was first introduced to what would become my "heaven on earth" when I was a high school student in NJ. No vacation at OBX was complete without a visit to Cape Hatteras, climbing to the top of the lighthouse to take in the magnificent view, and enjoying the peace and solitude of the pristine beaches. Although I have visited many varied destinations both in the United States and in Europe, the Outer Banks remain my favorite place on the planet. The strict management of off-road vehicles is more than an environmental issue. It affects the quality of life of all its' residents; human and creatures alike. Please preserve this area in its natural state as it is one of a dwindling number of locations so protected. Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 21274 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This is very stupid to ride there where someone is living.

Correspondence ID: 21275 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect our wildlife, for they cannot protect themselves.

Correspondence ID: 21276 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please enough roads. Save the turtles, the beach is the only land they NEED, let them have it.

Correspondence ID: 21277 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep the animals safe.

Correspondence ID: 21278 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please be aware of Greenpeace's advice and follow them carefully before it is too late !

Correspondence ID: 21279 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As someone who has seen the devastation that beach drivers can cause, 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. However, if you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife would 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 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.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Kathleen Teague McGuire

Correspondence ID: 21281 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I grew up in North Carolina, and this area of the state is a treasure that needs to be protected. With the threat of hurricanes there is already a very good reason for additional protection for these animals and birds. Please give them a chance to live as nature meant it to be, by supporting science-based protections for wildlife and more vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 21282 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife and beauty of North Carolina's coast by not allowing off-road vehicles. We vacation every year at the coast. Than you, Margie Huggins

Correspondence ID: 21283 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do more to protect wildlife from off-road vehicles!

Correspondence ID: 21284 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 21285 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My wife and I love vacationing at the seashore. Like hundreds of thousands of other Americans we love it for the natural beauty there -- sea and sand and seaside vegetation and marshlands and the wildlife and birdlife that thrive there. Off-road vehicles destroy this beauty and should not be allowed free access to fragile seaside environments. That would be terribly irresponsible stewardship of our natural heritage.

Correspondence ID: 21286 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must do all we can to save our environment upon which all life depends.

Correspondence ID: 21287 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please regulate ORVs at the Seashore to include more of the 67 miles of Seashore year round for the Piping plovers and the Sea turtles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Please revise the plan to include more seashore and protection for the wildlife. Thank you for your assistance, Bev Garner Tourist at Cape Hatteras

Correspondence ID: 21288 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please prohibit vehicular driving on beaches. they destroy wildlife and nesting areas there is absolutely no need for and no reason for people to be driving on the beaches this is nuts.

Correspondence ID: 21289 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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, 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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This is unacceptable! Off road vehicles have been shown in study after study to seriously degrade, and even destroy, the environments where they are operated.

The proposed regulation must be strengthened to severely limit the areas where ORVs are allowed, and to provide much more area dedicated to the native wildlife that use the seashore for nesting.

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Name: private
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There are many places for drivers of ORVs to enjoy their vehicles. To sacrifice a unique stretch of habitat for wildlife, and the peace of those who are fortunate enough to spend time there, is unacceptable. It is not only wildlife that is impacted by the noise and disruption.

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Correspondence ID: 21292 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: With the overabundance of vehicles everywhere I see absolutely no reason why ORV's should need to drive on the beach too particularly with the serious concern for the wildlife that nests on the beaches. It seems so careless, cruel, inconsiderate and irresponsible to allow vehicles on the beaches at all. It is time for people to live up to the responsibility that we have been given as the caretakers of the planet.

Thank you,

Nancy Friedman

Correspondence ID: 21293 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Outer beach nesting species have been decimated due to human activities. Hatteras is a place that these species can and should be protected. All areas that are used for nesting should be off limits, as should areas used for resting. Your current proposal is inadequate to protect these species as the birds and turtles don't read signs. The areas protected must be flexible based on usage by wildlife and not limited to only 26 miles of the total area. Thanks

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Katherine Hinson

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Correspondence ID: 21297 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern: 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.

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

Thank you. DiPrima Family

Correspondence ID: 21298 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no reason for off-road vehicles to use the sea shore and endanger the wildlife and disturb other users and the peace. They do so in plenty of other places, please leave this one off limits. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21299 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I urge you not to allow the entire beach for use of ORV's. The shore animals depend on those shores for nesting. As a long, long time fan and frequent visitor to these great beaches, I would love to tell you all that the wildlife in this area is just one of many great things to experience while there. Please leave the proposed 26 miles so that these precious animals don't disappear from this incredible area of your state.

Correspondence ID: 21300 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why are we allowing a small group of people to destroy what the majority of us love about the National Seashore. I want to enjoy the sound of the water and birds - not the sounds I hear everyday from other vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 21301 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop vehicle deaths. No animal should have to die by the instruments of mankind. It's not natural.

Correspondence ID: 21302 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As stewards, the Park Service should do their best to protect and preserve, not exploit and destroy. Please don't allow motorized vehicles to endanger wildlife in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 21303 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose any legislation that will endanger wildlife on the Cape Hatteras Seashore or any other government-owned nature preserve. The sea turtles and many shore bird species are threatened by extinction, and off-road vehicles will destroy their nests, fledglings, and even adult animals. Off-road vehicles will also destroy the unique natural beauty of the Seashore, which has been and is treasured by its millions of visitors. There are many appropriate sites for off-road vehicles operation, where their owners may enjoy the activity. In this area there are many specific snowmobile trails and legislation restricts snowmobile use to these sites. Please preserve the Cape Hatteras Seashore forever for the millions more who have yet to experience its beauty.

Correspondence ID: 21304 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please adopt regulations limiting off road vehicle use. As a Jeep owner I have a lot of fun driving off the beaten path. However, I don't want my fun to hurt the animals that live there. If an area is sensitive to vehicles let me know so I can stay away. I can always walk instead.

Thank you,

Joshua

Correspondence ID: 21305 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife on Cape Hatteras needs explicit protection.

The proposal only sets aside areas for off-road vehicles (ORV) 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.

The impacts of unrestricted ORV use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

I respectfully request that a plan be implemented to provide specific protections for wildlife on Cape Hatteras.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21306 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	21307	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Damage at everyone's expense. Is it possible to lead and make healthy national policy or are you in D.C. just to hear yourself talk?						

Correspondence ID:	21308	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration. Tim Gabbert

Correspondence ID:	21309	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. 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 keep these considerations in mind when finalizing this regulation, and strengthen its impact to protect the endangered wildlife that live in the area. Thank you.						

Correspondence ID:	21310	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I have read of your proposed regulations for ORV management at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and I am commenting as a resident of a Massachusetts beach area that has long been undergoing a similar struggle. But our pro-ORV faction has gotten themselves elected to town government, and so they are running rampant over wildlife safety and the rights of those who disagree with destroying our beaches for the sake of a few who put their own amusement ahead of our natural resources. The results are dismal, and our property values and the reputation of our town reflects those types of choices. If you must view the situation from a human-centered perspective, then consider, please, that wildlife exist for all, while ORV driving exists only for						

a few, so to fail to protect wildlife and its habitat is not to govern for the popular good. I urge you please to act to protect Cape Hatteras wildlife rather than to put ORV's first.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns. Those of us in our town who oppose the powerful few intent on running over our wildlife and fouling our beach environment are looking to you to set a better example and to give us hope.

Maureen Lilla Plymouth, MA

Correspondence ID: 21311 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore: Please protect wildlife here. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 21312 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If you want yo see the beauty get ot of your car and WALK.

Correspondence ID: 21313 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No off roaders.

Correspondence ID: 21314 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose ANY use of off road vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 21315 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Carissa Longo

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

Correspondence ID: 21317 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Please ban all motorized vehicles from the beaches in North Carolina.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 21319 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's time to decide whether humans should have total rights to run roughshod over anywhere on the planet they choose, or to protect the planet for this generation and succeeding ones.

What you decide now will definitely decide the future of the planet.

I suggest making it livable now and into the future, rather than destroying it now! If people can't use their toys wherever they want, maybe they can find something less destructive to do with their free time.

Correspondence ID: 21320 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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P.s. - although I am using the pre-written statement (above), this issue is close to my heart. I grew up in Vrigina Beach and my family spent our summers on the Outer Banks, so I know what a pristine and low-impact area it once was. I have been back since and seen the development there. Although, the 'quaint-ness' of the islands (as in human culture) is pretty much gone, what always made it a special place for visitors was the natural element - the closeness to birds and sea life, the clean air and morning mist as one walked onto the clean beaches, and the lack of mechanical noise. I realize that, as citizens, we have to allow for the freedom of others to use land as they wish. Nevertheless, the damage caused to nature by that encroachment is irreversible and should - by all means - be regulated.

Correspondence ID:	21321	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please consider all aspects						
Correspondence ID:	21322	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	ORV should NOT be permitted in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. There are many alternative places for ORV not as ecologically fragile as CHNS. The Cape belongs to all Americans, no small group of thoughtless individuals has the right to destroy it.						
	Otto Gutenson						
Correspondence ID:	21323	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles need to be restricted from areas that affect wildlife and fishing areas. The vehicles interrupt the laying and hatching of birds and other wildlife and fish.						
Correspondence ID:	21324	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
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Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Off road vehicle drivers are a small portion of those that visit Cape Hatteras National Seashore each year, but they are among the most vocal. I want to speak up for all of the piping plovers, sea turtles, sea and shore birds and all the other wildlife that relies on this region.

Correspondence ID: 21326 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect wildlife along the beaches in Cape Hatteras by restricting ORVs. They need all the help they can get, as they are threatened by multiple man-made obstacles.

Correspondence ID: 21327 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect these unfortunate birds.

Correspondence ID: 21328 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras is an extremely sensitive environment that constantly deals with natural threats.

Please don't make the wildlife there have to deal with man-made threats too.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21329 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save something!

Correspondence ID: 21330 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I love Cape Hatteras and have spent a lot of time there. It's a unique and special place that needs to be protected and preserved. Please prohibit unrestricted off-road vehicle use.

Correspondence ID: 21331 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Those fat-assed fishermen/women need to lose weight; let them WALK the beach!

Correspondence ID: 21332 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the 67 miles of seashore on Cape Hatteras National Seashore from off-road vehicle (ORV) use. There are plenty of other less vulnerable places that are not as crucial to the livelihood of endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that people can use to drive their ORVs on. It is not necessary for this area to be open to ORVs. People visit the National and State Parks to enjoy nature and see animals that depend on natural ecosystems, not to see their own species driving ORVs or to ride ORVs themselves. There are more appropriate locations for this type of activity if that is what they are looking for.

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

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Anna Schrad

Correspondence ID: 21333 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21334 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is so discouraging that such a small segment of the population engaged in the thrill of ORV riding can not be educated to the necessity of community benefiting conservation. When will we learn to take responsibility for the longterm impacts of our behavior on all of our communities?

Correspondence ID: 21335 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.

Please enhance this policy and enable greater protections for sensitive areas. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21336 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: n/a

Correspondence ID: 21337 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Not only will allowing off road vehicles be damaging to the environment, but I live in Florida where some beaches allow that and there have been numerous accidents, including fatalities to small children. Please keep vehicles off the beach, they just do not belong there. They damage the environment and put the lives of both human and animal visitors in danger.

Correspondence ID: 21338 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Keep all motorized vehicles off of the beaches. They are annoying and dangerous to the people who walk the beaches as well as to the wildlife nesting there. ALL of us can enjoy the peace of the ocean side more completely without the presence of motorized vehicles of any kind. But, of course, it is absolutely essential to keep ORVs away from the nesting sites of the piping plover, and the sea turtle. It has been my experience that with any allowed use of an ORV, the riders will take it upon themselves to go anywhere that they choose. Best if none are allowed.

Correspondence ID: 21339 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife in the Cape Hatteras area must be protected, especially endangered species. Therefore, driving on Cape Hatteras' beaches should be banned.

Correspondence ID: 21340 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21341 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Just because there are so many people that want to race up and down the dunes and the seashore does not make it right or OK. The endangered and non-endangered species that have been using these beaches for thousands of years have the right of way forever!

Correspondence ID: 21342 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Let the birds alive

Correspondence ID: 21343 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Congratulations--you are well on your way to single handedly destroying generations of tradition in the Outer Banks as well as the economic prosperity of the year round (not the trust fund summer home folks) residents of the island.

I pass more dead wildlife (including many birds) on the bridges that cross onto the islands than I have ever seen on the beach due to ORVs.

These proposed changes are moronic and an outrage.

Correspondence ID: 21344 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: stop the madness...protect our wildlife!!!

Correspondence ID: 21345 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please protect wildlife from beach drivers of the seashores. Only 26 miles of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

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

Correspondence ID: 21346 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I feel people should be able to walk on beaches, but NOT DRIVE. We need to protect our wildlife!!

Correspondence ID: 21347 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: What true benefit does allowing off road vehicles run over the nations beaches. The only benefit is to give pleasure to a few who have nothing better to do then to rip up the sand and show off. The Beaches are best described as a natural area for wild life to propagate. Who in their right mind would condone beaches for vehicular traffic of any kind. Those with money that wage war against nature are against God. There has to be some common sense among those who have eyes and can see the damage that allowing vehicles on beaches can do to the natural order of things.

I speak for my whole family as well as myself. I am a 65 year old retired police officer. I worked part of my career in a sector which patrolled the beaches of Stonybrook, Setauket and Port Jefferson in Suffolk County New York. The only thing observed when vehicles were used on the beach besides the tell tale track marks by the waters edge, was ripped up natural habitat for birds, turtles and other wildlife not very far from the high tide mark.

I urge you to consider hard restrictions to protect the beaches of Cape Hatteras and all beaches of the National Seashores.

Correspondence ID: 21348 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Offroad vehicles need to share the road with wildlife by supporting wildlife management regulations.

Correspondence ID: 21349 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21350 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray:

I beleive more of the beach should be off-limits to vehicles. The safety of the fragile beach ecosystem outweighs the convenience of being able to drive on the beach. I am a surf fisherman, so I know the issues, but I beleive walking is just fine way of getting where you need to go; something that also helps out with out national weight problem.

Ray Savarda

Correspondence ID: 21351 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. This is totally unacceptable. You need to ask yourself, what advantages does the OBX area gain from letting people run amok on the beach? If you look at it that way, there is little to gain and much to lose. If they damage the dunes and tear them up, then there goes your natural defense from the ocean. Weigh the facts and you will have no choice but to make the right decision. Protect the beach and the wildlife. I am a frequent visitor to the OBX and I will be watching the outcome of this very closely.

Correspondence ID: 21352 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our wildlife and don't permit off road vehicles to destroy their habitats.

Correspondence ID: 21353 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please take stronger measures to protect wildlife from the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle use. Many threatened species use Capte Hatteras as a Sanctuary and I feel that those that visit the park will appreciate seeing the native wildlife even if it means some restrictions on the use of off-road vehicles. I am sure a reasonable compromise can be reached. Thanks you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 21354 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It really is simple. Stop driving on the beach, any beach.

Correspondence ID: 21355 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21356 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Madam, dear Sir, 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. This is the reason why I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. The impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches. The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, the numbers of nests could easily decline. Instead of the entire seashore open to beach driving, I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please protect wildlife, please protect the earth for us all. Thank you very much, Sincerely.

Correspondence ID: 21357 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am writing because I am concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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

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Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21358 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I highly oppose unrestricted off road vehicles use that threatens and endangers the well being of the animals such as sea turtles, shorebirds, and other precious creatures.

Correspondence ID: 21359 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21360 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife and nature needs better help.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 21361 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 21362 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21363 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I urge you to prohibit the use of off-road vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

These vehicles are harmful to the environment. They would endanger nesting areas for endangered shorebirds and sea turtles.

Correspondence ID: 21364 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: offroad veh. destroy!!

Correspondence ID: 21365 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21366 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am against off road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 21367 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I grew up in Florida and have been to most of the beaches the state has to offer. My favorites would have to be Ft. Lauderdale and Dania beaches. My least favorite is Daytona beach. I feel that this beach is ruined due to the fact that people are allowed to drive on it. Not only are car fumes a disgusting smell, but now you have to worry about your children being run over as well as drowning. Then there's the wildlife; there is no wildlife to speak of on Daytona Beach.

Please don't ruin another beach. I've never been to Cape Hatteras but I've seen pictures and would love to see it in person

without vehicles driving up and down.

Thank you for considering my comments and please do the right thing.

Kind regards Ann Sikes

Correspondence ID: 21368 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21369 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep the wildlife safe on Cape Hatteras. Do not allow unrestricted vehicle access.

Correspondence ID: 21370 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do whatever is needed to save wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 21371 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21372 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't allow vehicles on Cape hatteras beaches as they are a national treasure and too precious to lose.wildlife depend on the shoreline and dune habitat and people will have a better experience of this special area by walking or observing from afar or from nature films made by professionals. Save this precious are for our future.

Correspondence ID: 21373 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support a ban on off-road vehicles along Cape Hatteras National Seashore. There are other, more health ways to enjoy the region and definitely less destructive ones to the wildlife that inhabits the area.

Correspondence ID: 21374 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Some important protections for Hatteras' wildlife have made a difference for them. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. I do not think that it's necessary to open the entire seashore to beach driving. Without boundaries, drivers of ORV's can easily dessimate the natural life that is there.This will create an imbalance in the seashore eco- system.

Correspondence ID: 21375 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I have written to you about this before, 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. Should not the NPS be protecting wildlife first, and not noisy, polluting, and destructing ORVs?

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise 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: 21376 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Must we destroy everything? Our stewardship should put species survival above the desire to play. There is no need for off road vehickes in this area. If people wish to see it, hike in, leave no garbage or damage behind, truly live with the environment.

Correspondence ID: 21377 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All animals are a necessary part of life. We need to be aware of the importance of maintaining their natural grounds.

Off-Road play through important nesting grounds is destroying valuable nesting sites.

The off road vehicles are also diminshing the natural sounds of the earth. It is disconcerting to humans as well as animals to be constantly barraged with loud mechanical noises. It interferes with hearing not only for the animals but the humans as well.

We need sanctuaries for animals and for humans.

Correspondence ID: 21378 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21379 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles have many other areas to roar around. Lets keep this area for the birds.

Correspondence ID: 21380 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free area for nesting in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Vehicle-free areas are critical for the continued nesting success of protected sea turtles.

Please keep vehicle-free areas, and if possible add more vehicle-free areas.

Thank you, Melissa Thomas

Correspondence ID: 21381 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Decision Makers:

I know it's fun to drive on the beach - I grew up in Florida when you could still drive on Daytona Beach - but I think that safety concerns, both for people and for wildlife, need to take priority over recreational activity options. Surely, there are other places where recreational vehicles can romp.

Please take action to protect our wildlife and wilderness areas from careless destruction.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my comments.

Correspondence ID: 21382 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendant Murray,

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

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

Seashore.

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Correspondence ID: 21383 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. In 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153.

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

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

ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. The Park Service should instead support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 21384 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 and that can not be allowed.

Thank you, Sue Chard

Correspondence ID: 21385 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: help the birds

Correspondence ID: 21386 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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.

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

Correspondence ID: 21387 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21388 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: How can a hobby as destructive as off-road driving be more important than wildlife?

Correspondence ID: 21389 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles should not be allowed on a beach and especially Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Many of us go to the seashore to escape stress and enjoy the beauty of the seashore. Part of that beauty and magic is the animal and bird life that we find there. It will be a tragedy to have nesting birds disturbed or killed. Our bird population faces continued stresses every year and I for one would feel a terrible loss if yet another species is diminished. There must be another place that would offer less damage to our wildlife that the off-road drivers could use to have their fun. I think of the turtles, crabs, birds, grasses that offer erosion control, as well as ruining the atmosphere of peace and pleasure that beach goers will lose if off road vehicles are allowed use of the seashore.

Sincerely, D.J. O'Steen

Correspondence ID: 21390 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is essential that threatened wildlife species be given every consideration and protection. Our willingness to run roughshod over our environment is at great cost to us and to future generations.

We must have specific, enforceable, protections based on current science that protects our wildlife. The number of vehicle free

areas must be increased for nesting birds and turtles.

Our desire for recreation at the expense of our wildlife is not acceptable.

Correspondence ID: 21391 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21392 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do not allow off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 21393 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: When the wildlife is all extinct, guess who is next- US!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 21394 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 21395 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have been traveling to Cape Hatteras for years. Having traveled to many other beaches, there is no comparison when it comes to Hatteras. I even took my son there for the first time to camp this summer and he loved it. It pains me to think that the incredible wildlife is in danger.

Correspondence ID: 21396 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I do hope that the State of North Carolina can see its way clear to at least forbid driving on the National Seashore line of Cape Hatteras where the nesting of the Piping Plover's are. We have a lot of coastline available for off road use and the nesting bird's only have particular areas they use. I don't see what the big deal is! It seems that the prevention of illminating a species would be the main cause here instead of making sure people can have a good time. Please help these endangered birds!

Correspondence ID: 21397 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras should not be opened for motorized vehicles. It should be left for walkers and nature.

There is key habitat for endangered species that need protection.

Besides that, motorized vehicles are loud and do not make for a peaceful visit to the area.

Correspondence ID: 21398 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't allow off-road vehicles to drive directly on the sea-shore in the interest of preserving the bird population on these shores. These birds don't otherwise have a chance of keeping up their populations, thereby making the area eventually much less interesting for tourists as well.

Correspondence ID: 21399 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the off road vehicles from killing our nesting wildlife on Cape Hatteras. They need the seashore for their fragile nests. Thanks

Correspondence ID: 21400 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do anybody really need to be joy riding in a nature reserve?

Correspondence ID: 21401 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, more attention for Cape Hatteras National Seashore's Fauna, Flora and Habitats ! Be much more restrictive on off-road vehicles, and other kind of harming devices. Nature's Conservation is not a touristic optional. Sincerely, Carlo Zucchi (Italy)

Correspondence ID: 21402 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 21403 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't allow off road vehicles on Cape Hatteras-I have been vacation on the outer banks for years-generally stating in Duck I've gone off road to see the horse. So people can go off road on the out banks already-there is no need to open Cape Hatteras up to that and it threatens the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 21404 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. PROTECT wildlife from these ORV beach drivers! Instead, support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

From early childhood on, I have loved and savored the sounds and antics of the birds on our beaches as much as the waves washing on shore. SAVE AND PROTECT THEM!

Correspondence ID: 21405 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please mandate specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers unrestricted off-road vehicle. Particularly, provide protection for the nesting areas of sea birds (ie. piping plovers) and sea turtles. In recent years thanks to temporary restrictions these animals have increased in numbers. If their nesting areas are left unprotected there numbers will most certainly decline significantly.

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

Protecting the existing wildlife should not be considered "optional" but mandatory.

Sincerely, Jane Walsh

Correspondence ID: 21406 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict off-road vehicle traffic at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. There are many areas there that off-road vehicles can use while not threatening the INCREDIABLY DELICATE ECOSYSTEM. Hurricane IRENE showed how fragile this area is--breaching the highway in several places. While we can't control that kind of damage, we MUST control what we can.

Correspondence ID: 21407 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am concerned about the Park's proposed new regulations to allow ORV use on the seashore at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. According to reports, turtles and birds are beginning to recover under the current policy and this would be threatened with more traffic. Protecting wildlife should take precedence over recreation in this area. Thank you. Jodie Capell

Correspondence ID: 21408 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please!

NO offroad vehicles, ever!!!

Correspondence ID: 21409 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live on the Outer Banks and I support the work the NPS is doing to protect the environment. I believe all beach driving should be banned. There is no good reason for it and the reasons business owners give for allowing it are fallacious at best. The proponents of beach driving are the most vocal and loud; I do not believe they are the majority.

BAnn beach driving, protect the environment. There is only one earth and too many darn people.

Kathryn

Correspondence ID: 21410 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21411 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We were recently on the OuterBanks of N.C. and were shocked to see all types of vehicles on the beach riding up and down, right near the wild horses. What should have been a pristine, natural wildlife area was turned into a busy family day at the beach and a car path. Please protect our wildlife and nesting areas from vehicles and save the beauty of unspoiled areas for the reat of us.

Correspondence ID: 21412 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21413 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dr. Supt. 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 nests almost doubled between 2007 to 2010, and Piping Plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. To expand ORV use across the Seashore will have a terrible impact on endangered wildlife.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects mainly beach drivers and not 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. Many more vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife as "optional" -- which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife, such as the Sea Turtles and Piping Plovers that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Although we reside in California, we have a stake and family in beautiful North Carolina, where we spent part of our growing up years. This past summer we all enjoyed the seashore of the southernmost outer islands. It would be a shame if the National Park Service does not protect the jewel that is the Cape Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Wendy Lynch

Correspondence ID: 21414 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21415 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence:

As a fisherman, hunter and outdoorsman I believe we should have access to the places that allow the best opportunities for these activities. The Hatteras shore is one of the premier surf fishing spots in the US, if not in the world. I know that a large majority of fisherman treat the beaches and access areas with respect. They come, fish, and when the leave, you never know they were there. They stay out of restricted areas and follow the rules that are currently in place.

Restricting access to this area for ORVs would be detrimental to the many hotels, restaurants, tackle shops and other stores in and around Hatteras that rely on the fisherman for business. As well as, decreasing opportunities for fisherman to enjoy a long lived

tradition.

Correspondence ID: 21416 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please don't allow the unnecessary need to drive dirty 4 wheel vehicles on our beautiful beaches distrust our animals and wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 21417 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21418 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Defenders of Wildlife sent me a request for comment which contained the following "In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife."

It seems to me that continuation of this plan, which protects wildlife like the plover, makes more sense than to remove protections and allow the possible elimination of nesting grounds for this bird (and other wildlife).

Please use common sense to protect our heritage and the diversity of life on Planet Earth.

Correspondence ID: 21419 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

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

Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21420 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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. AND I drive a Jeep and love the freedom of driving it along the beach as I have done on the Outer Banks. But if I have to give up that privilege for the greater good of the environment then I am willing to do that. Please revise this plan to protect more of the Hatteras Seashore and the wildlife that make it their home.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise 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: 21421 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am writing about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for Off-Road Vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I believe the regulation should make protection of wildlife mandatory and should restrict more areas within the National Seashore from ORV use.

I frequently vacation with my family in the area, and over the course of my lifetime I have noticed the decrease in wildlife on the seashore. The high number of off-road drivers has made this area less appealing to me as a vacation destination.

Aside from my personal objection, protecting this National Seashore should be a much higher priority than the interests of off-road vehicle drivers.

Regards,

Matthew Goetz

Correspondence ID: 21422 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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 love to travel to beautiful areas of the country and observe wildlife, and with a name like Robin, you know I especially love to watch birds. Please consider their habitat.

Correspondence ID: 21423 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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 TOTALLY support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 21424 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Re: Off road vehicle management. Please think of our at risk wildlife that depend on our beaches for raising young, feeding and mating. I don;t trust just taping off sections, I have seen tire tracks on the other side, just to see what a few can destroy for the fun of it. In your decisions lately, you seem to be bowing to the large groups and not considering that our fragile wildlife needs more help not less.

Please please help the birds, etc trying to raise their families. Thank You A long time supporter of NPCA and also have made arrangements to include you in my will.

Linda Headley-parrotheadley@aol.com

Correspondence ID: 21425 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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.

My family and I always vacation yearly at the Outer Banks. One of the things we enjoy most when we come to visit is the beautiful landscape and the wildlife. Without them, the visit wouldn't be the same. We need to make sure the wildlife on the beaches are protected.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21426 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21427 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, keep our National Heritage just that. We should not compromise this most treasured natural land any more, and keep it as pristine as possible. To who's benefit will this "off-road" vehicle use be? The value in any new revenue generated by approving it does NOT offset the lost value in it's destruction, or loss of habitat, by allowing such gross use of these unnecessary

vehicles. This IS NOT an area to be used as if it is a private, anything goes area. That is why it was made to be a protected area, right?

Thank you for your diligence in making good decisions based on what is in the public's best interest, natural conservation, preservation and stewardship.

Sincerely, Hannah Kohlsaas-Sweitzer Asheville, N.C.

Correspondence ID: 21428 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21429 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The many natural treasures of the Cape Hatteras Seashore will be seriously endangered, if not wiped out, by allowing off-road vehicles to tear up the seashore. The operators of off-road vehicles do not drive slowly along the beach, but rather compete to see who is the fastest and loudest of them all.

These vehicles tear up dirt roads, let alone sandy beaches. We know that the drivers get their thrills from destroying everything in their paths--from vegetation to road surfaces.

Piping Plovers are particularly at risk, and their fragile existence would disappear from the Cape Hatteras Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 21430 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray:

While I strong support reguation of ORV's at Cape Hatteras National Shoreline, I am very concerned about the proposed plan which seems as if it will protect beach drivers rather than wildlife.

This plan would set aside only 26 of the 67 miles of the seashore for year-round wildlife protection. I would rather see less area for vehicles and a greater area for wildlife and pedestrians.

Thank you for time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21431 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose any off-road vehicle use on the seashore and vicinity, since it threatens all kinds of wildlife, in addition to being a general nuisance. ORV use also further contributes to our reliance on fossil fuels, many of which come from hostile countries

overseas.

At the very least the regulations need to be specific, enforceable, and science-based protections for wildlife with additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you!

Soeren Johnson

Correspondence ID: 21432 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please save Cape Hatteras National seashore from ORV"s by limiting thier use. thank you

Correspondence ID: 21433 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ban off road vehicles

Correspondence ID: 21434 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Christopher Kirchwey

Correspondence ID: 21435 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

I have just returned from Glacier National Park where they do not allow mountain biking or ATVs in the Park. What a difference. The trails were beautiful, there was no habitat destruction. We could really tell the difference. Please do not allow ATV's on your beautiful National Seashore. Follow Glacier's example!!!

Correspondence ID: 21436 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to make my voice heard for protection of wild life in Cape Hatteras. The question of sport vehicles in this area should be regulated. There is no justification of endangering species for the thrill of riding sport vehicles especially when there are alternate places for such vehicles.

Sincerely yours, Nancy Currier

Correspondence ID: 21437 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens wildlife and support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. The current proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

Wildlife protection should not be optional. Please revise the regulation to provide buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21438 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

I oppose off road vehicle use because it threatens too many species habitats.

Correspondence ID: 21439 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 21440 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

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

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.

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

Sincerely,

Leslie Babson Morris IL 60450

Correspondence ID: 21441 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do all you can to protect wildlife on Cape Hatteras and environs! The Piping Plover are already endangered and allowing vehicles to drive around at random is rash and dangerous. Our children deserve to enjoy the very special wildlife that now call the Outer Banks home. To tell them that the previous generation wiped out such and such a species because they just didn't care would be very regrettable.

Please do what you can to ensure the survival of the birds and turtles, etc. that called the Outer Banks home long before humans set out to interfere!

Thank you!

Mary Maxine Biddle

Correspondence ID: 21442 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have witnessed first hand the devastation done by ATVs and other off-road vehicles; sand dunes criss crossed with deep ruts and dead vegetation, noise and noxious ordors, scenic foot paths reduced to impassable muddy ruts and the litter left by uncaring ATV owners and riders. I simply stopped going to places where these vehicles are allowed.

Even worse, ATVs are not equipped with the pollution control devices found on automobiles and the result is more pollution in what was once a mostly natural environment. The noise produced by off road vehicles is so loud that they can be heard quiet far away, disrupting the tranquility visitors to national parks expect to find.

The disruption to wildlife, devastation of environment and the loss of a national treasure is not worth allowing ATV in Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 21443 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-Road Vehicle Management: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0800)

Off shore vehicles should be eliminated from these areas, they are an attack on the wildlife and the area, people go there for a fun quiet time!

Correspondence ID: 21444 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21445 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Any plan that provides MORE miles of beach for motorized recreation, than for non-motorized, is unacceptable. Please revise the plan to allow greater wildlife protection and peace of mind for those visitors who don't like noise pollution interfering with their recreation. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21446 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep all motorized vehicles off of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The 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.

Keep wild areas wild with limited intrusion of people!

Correspondence ID: 21447 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Superintendent Murray,

As an environmentalist, and lover of all things wild, I am concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. The proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is not how it should be. Please revise 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 of my comments.

Correspondence ID: 21448 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21449 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am writing today as an environmental engineer with experience in natural resources management. I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. As you know, coastal systems are under extreme pressures from both man-made and natural causes, including climate change. Therefore, we must ensure that our management plans increase the resiliency of the Seashore by providing strong protection for wildlife and native vegetation.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21450 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please do not allow off road vehicles in this area!

Correspondence ID: 21451 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Animals can't take care of themselves so we have to do it for them.

Correspondence ID: 21452 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I implore all involved to consider the needs of the majority rather than the minority in making this decision.

Most of us who love wildlands and nature abhor the distraction of the noise, pollution, and destruction of critical habitat of ORV.

"One man's freedom ends where another's begins" should be your guiding principle at all times in this process.

It's time we begin again to think of future generations instead of letting the juvenile desires of the few chip away at them now.

Please, please, preserve the beauty, sanctity, and biological health of this remarkable place for present and future generations.

Reign in the desires of the few who want to tear around creating noise and pollution while simultaneously destroying the places that are precious to all wild organisms and to us, their human beneficiaries as well.

Not to do so would be a profound moral failure for years to come.

Correspondence ID: 21453 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed ORV 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.

We need to protect the wildlife on Cape Hatteras...please help!

Correspondence ID: 21454 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please put an end to the unrestricted vehicle use which is a threat to sea turtles and other animals.

Correspondence ID: 21455 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: stop the insanity!!!

Correspondence ID: 21456 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21457 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: the measures taken must be specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 21458 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Bryan Petrusis

Correspondence ID: 21459 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ban off-road vehicles at cape hatteras national seashore as they kill wildlife and are disruptive to quiet.

Correspondence ID: 21460 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like to encourage you to adopt this measure to limit off-road access. While death is a part of life, unnecessary death is simply tragic. Since the migrations and movements of wildlife are predictable through the seasons, it should be relatively easy to devise a plan that provides optimum safety for wildlife at those times of the year when they are the most active and vulnerable, while still providing humans access to this very special place in America.

I believe that most people do obey laws and rules, but there will always be some that won't, so even under this law, some wildlife will still be killed by vehicles in restricted areas at restricted times. But I believe we can minimize those deaths with this law, so it is an excellent idea for people and animals.

Please adopt this measure to protect the wildlife that contribute to the beauty and uniqueness that is Cape Hatteras.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21461 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our family has been vacationing at Cape Hatteras since the 1950s. We come for the wild life and great fishing. We do not want to see traffic on the beautiful wild, windswept beaches. If people feel strongly about their right to drive on the beach, they can go to NJ! Many merchants seem to support the right to drive on the beach, but they need to remember many tourist dollars will be lost when these fragile beaches are denigrated. Please protect this irreplaceable natural resource! Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21462 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off road vehicles on the shore line of Cape Hatteras National Seashores.

Correspondence ID: 21463 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 21464 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am having a difficult time believing that there are people who want to put machines on this beach and totally ruin the experience of this gorgeous park. There are plenty of other places for these yahoos to drive there 4 wheelers. Cape Hatteras is not one of them. There is too much damage to be done y these vehicles in terms of fuel and noise pollution. I do not want to find myself lying on the beeach, contemplating nature and enjoying the sound of the waves and then have a smelly, noisy machine come racing by my beach blanket. I strongly object to any motorized vehicles on this beach.

Correspondence ID: 21465 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 21466 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

In recent years, a TEMPORARY PLAN that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas HAS BEEN WORKING to protect wildlife.

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

I have seen the devastation ORVs can cause on tortoise habit when I lived in California. These habitats are unique and are already under a lot pressure and change from nature. Man does not need to make it more difficult.

Please make the Temporary Plan the law and save these animals!

Correspondence ID: 21467 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our national treasures for my children.

Correspondence ID: 21468 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21469 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ATVs do not belong in wildlife preservation areas. These are not people who appreciate wildlife or wilderness and they should go elsewhere.

Correspondence ID: 21470 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are enough noise and other pollutants in our life and environment. Why do we feel we feel a need to intrude on a natural environment with more of the same, simultaneously destroying habitat of creatures we will eventually drive to extinction. Please get some perspective of both the short and long term damage from allowing ORVs at Cape Hatteras!

Correspondence ID: 21471 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21472 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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'm opposed to opening large areas of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to off-road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 21473 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As someone from Michigan with our mile and miles of beautiful beach, I understand the importance of keeping the beaches safe and healthy for wildlife, like shorebirds. Off road vehicles should be banned from sea shores, esp. in our public areas.

Correspondence ID: 21474 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider the visitors who also enjoy the National Cape Hatteras Seashore. We do treasure the pristine beach front and it's wildlife, there is no fair and considerate reason to allow unlimited access to Off Road Vehicles.

My experience is on both sides of this issue. Although, these vehicles are fun and offer another type of recreational experience, they are often accompanied with humans behaving badly. I have a friend who became paralyzed when his 4 wheeler overturned. He was a Science teacher

I have no problem limiting the time and areas for these vehicles. Pedestrians, wildlife enthusiasts, and the wildlife itself should in my opinion be given priority in National Parks. This is why we travel there; to enjoy, the peace and beauty and know that our country treasures it's parks and the flora and fauna distinctive to it's parks.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Dr. Judith Brandon

Correspondence ID: 21475 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am completely against any changes to ORV rules for Hatteris National Seashore. ORV activity does not threaten the seashore in anyway...if so prove it with data. Thus, there is no reason to take this freedom away. I vote, and I will make my voice heard.

Thank you,

Richard Moore Raleigh, North Carolina

Correspondence ID: 21476 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife 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.

Sincerely, Thomas Carothers, MD

Correspondence ID: 21477 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have vacationed in thais beautiful area and want to again.

The most important question to my family in choosing vacation spots is whether wildlife is protected there.

Correspondence ID: 21478 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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. Having previously lived for 23 years in a beach area where protections were never put in place, I unfortunately witnessed the destruction and loss of wildlife that can occur without the proper management of human activities. The fragility of a beach environment makes it almost impossible to correct damage once it has occurred; therefore, it is crucial to take steps to prevent damage before it happens.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	21480	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	21481	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please save Cape Hatteras wildlife from the dangers of human iencroachment on their habitat. Thank you for your consideration.						

Correspondence ID:	21482	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Do not allow Off road vehiclces to disrupt nature. People are drinking sometimes in theeses trucks and have no regard for wildlife and also endanger human life.						

Correspondence ID:	21483	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I'm writing in support of stricter regulations of off road vehicles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. My husband and I vacationed there some years ago and loved it, and it breaks my heart to think of injured seabirds or dwindling numbers of sea turtles. I don't understand why gas burning vehicles need to be on a supposedly protected beach at all. In Colorado we have special dirty, dusty trails for these things, and that's all you'll have left of your pristine, fecund beaches if you don't take great care.						

Correspondence ID:	21484	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep annoying, wilderness wrecking off-road vehicles out of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This seems like a 'no-brainer' to me.

Correspondence ID: 21485 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please limit the access of off-road vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. There is no reason to permit the devastation of turtles, seabirds, and other species in the name of individual recreation.

Correspondence ID: 21486 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I have been traveling to the outer banks every year for the last 30 years and 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: 21487 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORV "rights" should NEVER trump the rights and needs of our wild lands to be allowed to stay wild and be safe from human intrusion.

Correspondence ID: 21488 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles should not be tolerated in an area where people want to enjoy wildlife. off road vehicles are a detriment to wildlife and people.

Correspondence ID: 21489 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21490 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road Vehicle (and People) Management should be at the top of the list of things that our Federal Government provides in the new regulations and enforcement programs. The attractions of the National Seashores ARE simply that they are "natural habitats!" The people that access these areas for recreation purposes are not thinking about the rest of God's creatures who need your protection from them. They tend to run "roughshod" over the "area." If you've provided access, you have created a "responsibility for the care of the inhabitants...and their "habitat." It is your task to control access, regulate usage, and enforce the rules. Primary to that task should be the guideline of the physician, "DO NO HARM!" I know that it's a vast area, and ONLY about a third of it is to be "PROTECTED!".... but if it can't be protected, and rules enforced, natures' needs should trump the "outings" in ORV's. Pick your level carefully, and do what "NEEDS to be done!"

Correspondence ID: 21491 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am NOT in support of any more government regulations regarding off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras. These excessive regulations not only harm visitors to the seashore but also local businesses that depend on tourists. Cape Hatteras is a beautiful destination and the struggling economy will not survive with any more government interference that keeps people from wanting to visit the area. I love all animals but we also has to be moderation between animals and humans. Also, fishermen depend on fishing for their livelihood. Believe it or not, God is still in charge of the universe - not the government!!

Correspondence ID: 21492 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, My name is Rev. Andrew Bear. 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.

Rev. Andrew Bear

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21494 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing in support of specific and enforceable regulations for off-road vehicles that will protect the wildlife and vital wildlife habitat on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It is important that science-based protections for wildlife are part of the management plan along with additional vehicle free areas for nesting. This seashore is an important habitat for a variety of wildlife and an area needed for safely raising their young.

Cape Hatteras and its wildlife are national treasures and are deserving of protection.

Thank you for the consideration of my comments.

Correspondence ID: 21495 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please spare all wildlife. Thank you. ~Jean McEvoy

Correspondence ID: 21496 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21497 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please act to protect the environmentally crucial Cape Hatteras National Seashore from the intrusion of unrestricted ORV use.

Correspondence ID: 21498 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop the proliferation of off-road vehicles! Every day I see the damage off road vehicles do to the National Forest near my home. I can't imagine the damage it does to fragile shore environments. Obviously the industry that sells off road vehicles is behind this push. Who else? Why isn't the Park Service doing its job to protect land and habitat? I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and total vehicle-free areas for nesting. The Park Service should too!

Correspondence ID: 21499 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Both animals and dunes will be severely harmed if off-road vehicles are allowed to drive across, around and through the dunes. I owned property in Nags Head for years and you could immediately see the damage caused by off-roaders. As more and more of our national parks, seashores, etc. are opened to the development and destruction there will be less and less to see and enjoy and fewer habitats saved to prevent extinction.

Correspondence ID: 21500 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please provide the maximum protection from ORVs that you can. So little area remains for wildlife and the native flora that anchor and protect the seashore.

With sincere thanks for your service,

Kathy Smith

Correspondence ID: 21501 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like to add my voice to those interested in protecting the wildlife existing as well as, to protect the possibility of future wildlife inhabiting and/or nesting at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. To limit beach driving and extend the amount of miles protected, designated for wildlife and pedestrians. We need to take active strides to once again be an admirable country, in the way we protect and preserve our natural gifts. Please take the appropriate steps to prevent off-road driving in this beautiful part of our country.

Thank you for your efforts and your ear,

Shannon Ciaravella

Correspondence ID: 21502 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect, value and save our wildlife, as once we damage their habitat and their lives, it can become irreversible, or more expensive in the long run to protect and rehabilitate them & their existence. Our choices can affect their future existence!!!!

Correspondence ID: 21503 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This must be stopped...The wildlife is too precious to destroy.

Correspondence ID: 21504 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21505 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Bianca Carrasco Fort Worth, TX

Correspondence ID: 21506 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

The ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore is dangerous to the wildlife that lives there. We are the guardians of this earth and must preserve nature's bounty for future generations.

I urge you to limit the area of seashore available to ORV use. The park service plan should NOT protect beach drivers more than wildlife. As I understand it the proposed plan only sets aside 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use. It is very disturbing to think that the quiet beauty that is the natural world is less important to the National Park Service than the lobbyists for the ORV users.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore. Wildlife protection should NOT be optional!

Correspondence ID: 21507 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unrestricted use of offroad vehicles are destroying our wildlife areas throughout our country! Please take a stand for your natural areas by restricting the use of such vehicles for the sake of noise pollution, the solitary quietness of a walk by those who enjoy such and for the safety of your wildlife and the preservation of our countryside.

Their abuse is rampant and needless. Please do this!

Correspondence ID: 21508 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21509 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a resident of Volusia County, Florida, I am well aware that vehicle driving on beaches DOES NOT mix with wildlife protection. This should not be an afterthought, but a real and measurable plan to protect wildlife. Driving on a beach is not an inherent right of anyone. The natural world, wildlife and quiet enjoyment of natural areas come first. Please support expanded areas for wildlife protection that are VEHICLE-FREE!

Correspondence ID: 21510 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Please help!

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21511 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, please stop this!!

Correspondence ID: 21512 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This threatens the wildlife, esp. endangered sea turtles at risk with their eggs, as well as contributes to noise pollution, when one is trying to relax/walk on the beach. It also contributes to pollution, studies have shown, beaches that have allowed ATVs/vehicles have more trash.

Correspondence ID: 21513 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise 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: 21514 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow vehicles (ORV or other) access to seashore areas. This is very dangerous for birds, turtles, and other beach dwelling animals, as they do not understand when we designate certain beach areas for "vehicles use" and "animals use"; they just pick a good spot and nest. It is our use of the beaches that should be restricted, not the animals

Correspondence ID: 21515 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please prohibit ORV's from driving on Hatteras. There are living things there which are much more important than recreational driving for humans.

Correspondence ID: 21516 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As an additional comment, the National Park Service exists for the protection of our parks, not to cater to the whims of those endeavors which destroy the natural order and wonder of these limited and beautiful resources.

With this in mind, review what has happened to many other national park areas when the rules were optional and open to personal "freedom" without responsibility.

Thank you,

Correspondence ID: 21517 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: stop please!

Correspondence ID: 21518 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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. Ofcourse I do not live in the area, but I am still concerned for the protection of the wildlife in this area and preserving it for the future. After all, they were there first. That is their home and it should remain that way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary B. Koehn

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Name: private
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Name: private
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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Correspondence ID: 21521 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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

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

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

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

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

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: 21522 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have an obligation to protect our environment and all what lives in it. Our world isn't created for humans only, to use it anyway they can think of and eventually destroy it. We as the highest developed living beings of this planet (sometimes I find that absolutely doubtful) should be aware of our responsibilities and act accordingly.

Correspondence ID: 21523 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 21524 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: YOU WOULD INTENTIONALLY, DELIBERATELY, KNOWINGLY, ALLOW TEENAGERS AND ADULTS TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO SQUASH AND MUTILATE THE NEXT GENERATION OF THESE SPECIES??????????????????

FOR-----WHAT'S THE REASON? TO PLACATE THEIR BOREDOM? TO SHOW OFF THEIR PROWESS? DISPLAY THEIR TOYS? IMPRESS THEIR GIRL? THESE SPECIES SHOULD PAY YOUR PRICE? SOMEONE NEEDS TO BE TAKEN TO THE WOOD SHED, JUST FOR THE "THOUGHT". WHERE ARE OUR VALUES, OUR PRINCIPLES? GONE; LIKE CLEAN AIR, THE HOUSING, THE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS , OUR JOBS. TAKE A STAND FOR JUSTICE !!

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Correspondence ID: 21526 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our environment and that of all species. Our world is going to treat us as we treat it. Think of future generations. The time is now, we cannot wait to turn back the devastation we have done to our planet. Thank you for supporting life on our planet.

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Correspondence ID: 21528 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

Please give them a chance to survive. They need our help to conserve Cape Hatterass National Seashore. They deserve it.
Sincerely, Maria Aminger

Correspondence ID: 21529 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our beaches and their wildlife are national treasures that are our responsibility to protect. Off-the-road vehicles should be banned from Cape Hatteras. Please do the right thing!

Correspondence ID: 21530 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our vulnerable sea birds and wet land species from irresponsible off track vehicle decimation. It is ridiculous to allow these vehicles on our beaches and wetlands. What are you thinking?

Correspondence ID: 21531 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: You all know what impacts are made to our precious home by humans just doing the things they need to do to survive and it is getting worse through overconsumption and a huge population getting huger with mostly no thought to how to manage it. Goods are made from new materials and they are made to fail within a short period compared to the quality (made to last) in the mid 20th century, just so more people can be employed somewhere. (They should go back to farming). So here we are saying that it is even debatable whether to allow more offroad recreation on diminishing wilderness. To be responsible or not... hmm? I would love to be able to understand how the people of this country decided because America is 'the land of the free' that they have an absolute right to reject their obligation to the land. The earth will give it up until the end for her children. But it WILL be our end, with nothing left of our birthright.

Correspondence ID: 21532 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: THIS SHOULD NOT BE HAPPING,THERE HAS TO BE SOME KIND OF RULES.

Correspondence ID: 21533 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This area has been a refuge for so many species for so long. Why do you want to ruin it? I ask that you safeguard this area.

Correspondence ID: 21534 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: wild life and off road vehicles don't mix well. please let wildlife have a little bit of land left for them. Off road vehicles would destroy their habitat.

Thank you,

the birds

Correspondence ID: 21535 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly oppose the use of off road vehicles along the beaches of cape hatteras. They are destructive to wildlife nesting birds and turtles and detract from a serene environment

Correspondence ID: 21536 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please reconsider allowing off road vehicles to intrude in the habitat of these birds. Nesting birds and turtles won't stand a chance. Our ecosystems are precious, please take a stand in defending them.

Correspondence ID: 21537 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have local destruction of wildlife habitat because of un-checked use by BMXers and motorcyclists. The environmental consequences are awful and harmful to downstream home owners. I would imagine this type of harm would be even worse to the residents of the Cape Hatteras area.

Correspondence ID: 21538 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: we need to try and protect the portion of the world that we have yet to destroy.

Correspondence ID: 21539 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect wildlife from off-road vehicle endangerment. Wildlife will not always be with us, we must preserve it.

Correspondence ID: 21540 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration. Cindy Aber

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Correspondence ID: 21543 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect this important land by preventing off-road vehicles from destroying the land. Thank you. Off road vehicles have plenty of other areas they can go that are not as critical to the ecosystem. So please do not allow them in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21544 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles are noisy and destructive of wild life - birds, small animals and plants.

They have no place in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 21545 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop off road vehicles on our lovely beaches. They are a danger to people and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 21546 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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I've never had the privilege of visiting Cape Hatteras National Seashore, but when I am able to get there one day, I hope there is an abundance of wildlife to be seen and a large area of the shoreline I can use. If you don't protect more shoreline for wildlife there may not be much to see. Wildlife is just one of the things that makes going to the shore wonderful, along with having an abundance of shoreline to wander. A larger area of the shoreline should be available to pedestrians and wildlife so those of us who don't use ORV's can enjoy the beauty of the shoreline and the wildlife and don't have to worry about being run over. Please consider protecting humans and wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration. Janine Hering

Correspondence ID:	21547	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting along the shoreline of Cape Hatteras						
Correspondence ID:	21548	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I strongly oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Without appropriate restrictions, ORV can do unforeseeable damage to the wildlife that uses the Seashore for nesting and breeding grounds.						
Correspondence ID:	21549	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The birds are an essential part of beach life and the ecosystem. We must protect them.						
Correspondence ID:	21550	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Manage off road vehicle traffic and it effects to our worlds habitat, many species only have these few places to call home.						
Correspondence ID:	21551	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Let these species "nest" in peace!!!						
Correspondence ID:	21552	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Stop killing our wildlife!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!						
Correspondence ID:	21553	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Yes It's a pity that Cape Hatteras National Seashore and it's Seashore Birds and Sea Turtles being threatend by unrestriced off road vechicle (ORV) and I for 1 would like to see it stop.

Correspondence ID: 21554 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21555 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect habitat and ground nesting birds by preventing damage and harassment by ORVs in our national parks!

Correspondence ID: 21556 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 21557 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a former wildlife rehabilitator, I know that the #1 reason bird species decline is habitat destruction. Please keep off-road vehicles OFF of fragile nesting areas. Wildlife is a precious resource that helps balance eco-systems.

Correspondence ID: 21558 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Extinct is forever. Remember the passenger pigeon and the many other extinct and at risk of extinction sentient beings who died owing to our irresponsibility.

Correspondence ID: 21559 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: off road vehicles are both noisy and damage vegetation, along with creating dust when weather is dry. off road vehicle use should be restricted to private property and should not be allowed in public places, such as parks and wild areas. the vehicles are both destructive and create noise and air pollution. public park entities may also end up being held liable for any off road accidents and injuries that occur on public property.

karen bedics springfield twosnhp supervisor

Correspondence ID: 21560 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom This May Concern;

We appose use of motor vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore in areas that will negatively impact wildlife habitat and breeding grounds.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 21561 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop killing the birds! Be more conscious of what you are doing!!

Correspondence ID: 21562 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles can be the most devastating for rural areas, both environmentally and against animal life there. I believe they should not be allowed in these areas.

Correspondence ID: 21563 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21564 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I cannot condone the unrestricted use of Off Road Vehicles on public land. Their chemical and acoustic pollution of these areas together with their wonton destruction of fragile ground cover and the multiple species that depend upon it are not within their rights.

At the very least they should be limited by areas that they can access and they should pay for time sensitive permits that will cover the repair inevitable damage that they will cause.

Correspondence ID: 21565 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need protection for wildlife being killed by vehicles! This is so insane and can be prevented!

Correspondence ID: 21566 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles are loud,destructive,and obtrusive,and have no place on fragile beaches and shorelines.Areas,such as rv trails,should be designated for these vehicles,and their use should be restricted to these areas.

Correspondence ID: 21567 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21568 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please expand your proposal to provide additional protections for wildlife. Your proposal is currently inadequate .

Correspondence ID: 21569 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: unlimited off road vehicle use is NEVER in the public interest in our parks, wilderness areas or other natural reserves. These areas to celebrate nature's beauty and magic and not have our experiences ruined by noisy, destructive off road vehicles. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21570 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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Correspondence ID: 21571 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's very important for wildlife on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore be protected from things like off-road vehicles. The whole purpose of the space is to keep it safe for wildlife, not for vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 21572 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the animals on our coastal areas.

Correspondence ID: 21573 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration. We did this a few years ago with Clam Beach in Northern California-- it's made a significant and positive impact-- drivers have other places to drive, but the beach area is the animals' *home*.

Correspondence ID: 21574 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National seashore is an iconic treasure. Off road vehicles should not be permitted on the sand dunes that offer nesting and protection to wildlife. These vehicles should not be allowed in an area where they can do inestimable damage to a fragile ecology.

Correspondence ID: 21575 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: please severely limit off road use

Correspondence ID: 21576 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21578 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Proposed regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

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

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

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

I participate in sea turtle patrols during nesting months.

Correspondence ID:	21579	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I don't know how driving on the beach was ever allowed, because it is totally incongruous with why most people visit the ocean's edge. Along with everyone I know, I go to the beach to swim, sun, surf, boogie or skim board, fish, walk, run, enjoy the waves and the peaceful sound of the ocean lapping the shore. Driving on the beach should be banned! It is not a "right" guaranteed by the Constitution, and federally protected seashore should be managed for the majority of us who use it for "quiet enjoyment" which is a protected "right"!						
Correspondence ID:	21580	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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:	21581	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please llimit Off Road Vehicle use.						
Correspondence ID:	21582	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I see no reason why off-road vehicles should be allowed on beaches or, for that matter, anywhere. We have roads for powered vehicles and that should suffice. We know well that vehicles on beaches are extremely destructive. I know of no right to drive wherever it suits the driver, and I, a driver and a citizen, object to our government bowing to the whims of drivers and the will of off-road vehicle manufacturers.						
	Let us for once respect the natural world and refuse to let destructive hobbies prevail.						
Correspondence ID:	21583	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Tell the Park Service instead that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						
Correspondence ID:	21584	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am a native of North Carolina and before joining the Coast Guard lived there all my life. We all know that the Outer Banks are eroding into the sea so why on earth would we allow unrestricted ORV use on our precious resource and our precious wildlife? The only reason I can think of is that the regulators do not believe this area has any value. As a native, I can tell you that it has tremendous value far beyond meager dollars. Humankind may be facing the greatest challenges in the coming century from climate change so I think it's time we "grow up" and stop treating our natural resources like they came from Wal Mart. Thank you						
Correspondence ID:	21585	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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: 21586 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Humans are killing animals for no reason! Stop this from happening now! We are ALL Gods creatures! Help to save lives! To ignore is to be an accomplice!

Correspondence ID: 21587 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No more off road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 21588 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21589 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop the off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Shore.

Correspondence ID: 21590 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please take the time to help these animals. We've lost enough through our complacency already.

Correspondence ID: 21591 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21592 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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.

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

Correspondence ID: 21593 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is beyond reason why the beach at Hatteras should be given over to off road vehicles at the expense of wildlife. We need to save our wildlife and severely restrict where the off road vehicles can go on the beach. Were it up to me I would forbid the land to any off road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 21594 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

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

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I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please amend your proposal to include these valuable, common-sense protections, and let's stop damaging our environment.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21595 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect Cape Hatteras National Seashore from vehicle traffic. Let it remain unspoiled. Thank you. C.O Harshman

Correspondence ID: 21596 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I'm concerned over 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 Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches. While I am pleased you have shown concern

over this issue as well by proposing a new regulation, I am still disappointed because it does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

Correspondence ID:	21597	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Places like the Cape Hatteras National Seashore have been set aside for the protection of wildlife and the recreational needs of all Americans. We need to stop allowing a small number of individuals who seem to be unable to enjoy a place without the use of a polluting and potentially dangerous vehicle imperil not only other users but the very place itself.						

Correspondence ID:	21598	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off-Road vehicles should not endanger any creature, person or animal. We have to be responsible for all our actions!						

Correspondence ID:	21599	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Hello,						

Please designate safe areas where off-roading won't hurt any animals in this area. Or restrict it during the months certain animals use the area for reproduction, etc. thank you

Correspondence ID:	21600	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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 seashore's beaches.						

Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and 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.

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

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Name:	private						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Sir or Ma'am, Please use your influence to ensure protection for our precious wildlife- wherever it is threatened. Thank you. Sincerely, Wendy Prather						

Correspondence ID:	21604	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	There are more appropriate places for loud smelly vehicles, and the rowdy nature that generally goes with them.. Most of the people enjoying such activities tend not to care how it impacts others. Wildlife protection is important, but more important I think is the negative impact it will have on tourism revenues . I enjoy the sound of the surf, and the wildlife that lives there. I go to the beach to relax. I most certainly do not go to be run down by the boorish behavior that so often goes with the ATV crowd.						

Correspondence ID:	21605	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras National Seashore for regulations for beach driving Dear Superintendent Murray, 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. 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						

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I believe that the National Park Service has an obligation to preserving our nation's natural resources (including wildlife) for the benefit of current and future generations. Although the agency's dual mission (preservation & recreation) accommodates OHV recreation, I believe that any recreational activity that jeopardizes the goals of preservation--particularly, threatened and endangered species--should not take precedence regardless of past use. Given the opportunity to redesignate areas for OHV use in the proposed plan, I urge you to reconsider the priority you've given to OHV use over wildlife preservation.

I encourage you to be bold in your actions to preserve our natural resources, as uncertainties abound in both the quantity and quality of our future natural resources. Please revise your current plan and ensure ample protection for wildlife, such as buffers from recreational uses (especially OHV use) and more habitat that is free from potential disturbance or destruction from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Erin Seekamp

Correspondence ID: 21608 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: WE MUST PRESERVE LAND FOR NATURE AND ITS CREATURES, MAN HAS TAKEN OVER ENOUGH OF IT. WE NEED SOME KIND OF BALANCE BEFORE ITS TOO LATE. WE ARE BULLDOZING OUR WAY TO A MAD MAXX KIND OF WORLD SOON WHERE IT WILL BE NOTHING BUT A BIG DUST BOWL, BARREN OF ALL IT'S BEAUTY.

PLEASE HAVE INTEGRITY AND DO THE RIGHT THING FOR THIS PLANET AND THE CREATURES WE SHARE IT WITH. MAN HAS ENOUGH ALREADY, PUT THIS LAND ASIDE PLEASE!!!

Correspondence ID: 21609 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I'm writing to urge limitations on beach driving on Cape Hatteras Seashores. I, as a North Carolinian, would love to protect the wildlife that has come to also call N.C. home. If people are permitted to drive unrestricted on our seashores, our wildlife number will definitely go down! I was reading on Defender's of Wildlife website... In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on

the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. Please do all that is necessary to provide protected areas for wildlife. Having only 26 miles of seashore protected, out of a total of 67 miles, is simply not enough. There should be many more restrictions on beach driving. Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Correspondence ID: 21610 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Once they're gone, theta won't be back. Wake up!!!!

Correspondence ID: 21611 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: People can drive motorized vehicles almos t anywhere in the US. Wildlife has very small, very specific areas in which to exist. OUR national parks are some of the very few areas left where specific, enforceable, science-based protections can be implemented and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting can be provided. Don't give in to special interests, but do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 21612 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Having been to Cape Hatteras many times, I can see what damage is done by ORV's. I live in AK and ORV's tear up ecosystems here; they are ruined and take years to recover.I would urge you to not allow ORV's in such a tender area that is loaded with seashore life, bird nesting, and pristine beauty.

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

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Anna Tangi

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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I strongly support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Restricting Off-Road vehicle access is critical to protecting the biological diversity of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						
Correspondence ID:	21619	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Everything possible should be done to protect the wildlife of Cape Hatteras Seashore.						
Correspondence ID:	21620	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We must stop riding the ORV's on the beach. We need to respect nature. This shoreline is the HOME of many birds, turtles and other wildlife. The earth is not just for people, we must share with all the beautiful creatures that live on this planet. People that ride the ORV's would not let someone ride on their property, let's not ride in their home. We must protect!!!!						
Correspondence ID:	21621	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The regulations proposed do not go far enough to protect wildlife. With the additional strains put on birds with changing climate, we need to do all we can to afford wildlife protection from noise and other ill effects of humans as they follow their migration and raise their young.						
Correspondence ID:	21622	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles and their drivers destroy habitat - please protect the environment for future generations. thank you						
Correspondence ID:	21623	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	In my opinion and from what I've witnessed, off the road vehicles are a nuisance, period, and should be absolutely illegal except in very specific, designated tracts.						
Correspondence ID:	21624	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a treasure that people should not disturb. Wildlife should always take precedence over people driving off-road vehicles that do extensive damage to this area. They should not be allowed at this location at all.

Correspondence ID: 21628 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict off road vehicles in order to protect the habitat and lives of sea life, e.g. turtles, plovers, etc. We must be responsible in our use of this wonderful ecosystem to share it with beings who were here long before us and in fact increase our enjoyment of the area

Correspondence ID: 21630 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have hiked for years in this beautiful country. Therefore I have firsthand seen the degradation caused by ATV usage. This would include watching ATVs drag downed trees for firewood, digging huge ruts at a campsite in Wyoming, being passed, full-speed, on a trail in New Mexico with dust being thrown in hiker's faces, now I find deep ruts, crushed shells and trash thrown around in a wilderness campground on the Gulf in Florida. Why are these things being encouraged by increasing the miles available to ATVs? When does the environment take precedence?

Correspondence ID: 21631 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop off road vehicles in order to protect the beautiful shore and wildlife. This is one of the most beautiful places on earth due to the landscape and wildlife. Thanks, Mrs. Claudia Garoutte

Correspondence ID: 21632 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am opposed to any vehicle traffic on public beaches!!

Correspondence ID: 21633 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please take care of GOD'S created wildlife. Who are you to allow them to be dead.						

Correspondence ID:	21635	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	HI,						

I am asking that you extend protections along the shoreline.

Off road vehicle drivers are a small portion of those who visit Cape Hatteras National Seashore each year, but they are among the most vocal.

In order to speak up for all of the piping plovers, sea turtles, sea and shore birds and all of the other wildlife that relies on this region, I am asking that you please consider engangered specias like the piping plover, who ares struggling even here in Maine.

Reserving 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, is just plain bad policy. Please consider wildlife and those who visit to see and experience the animals and plants.

Correspondence ID:	21636	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Regulators, I an writing to voice my opposition to unrestricted off-road vehicle usage along the Cape Hatteras national seashore. Such unrestricted usage endangers the local wildlife populations and erodes and damages this wilderness area. Yours sincerely, Lisa Adams						

Correspondence ID:	21637	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please make off road vehicle ban on Cape Hatteras Seashore. U know today kids are crazy. Please help save birds nesting and turtle nesting. we respect their habitats. just make a law for off road vehicles off seashores. BAN off road vehicles on seashores NOW! Save these birds and turtles nesting and their lives. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 21639 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21640 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our passing whimsy or enjoyment for driving fast should not come at the expense of a species.

Correspondence ID: 21641 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21642 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

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

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

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

The Cape Hatteras National Seashore should be protected as a haven for wildlife, not or ORV's.

Correspondence ID: 21643 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Good Day!

I am writing you today to help speak out for wildlife. Cape Hatteras National Seashore is visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty of the park. Unfortunately, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline have taken an impact because of this. Impacts because of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered sea turtles horebirds and that nest on the seashore's beaches. We need to protect these creatures.

I definitely oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. This should be a no-brainer. We need to look out for these animals NOW.

Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. How can we protect these fragile eco-systems and animals if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore?! The nests of these beautiful birds and their chicks are in danger NOW of being destroyed and killed. We need to stop this NOW.

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

Thank you for your time, and here's to protecting these animals and nature NOW,

Maria Bolton-Joubert

Correspondence ID: 21644 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sir/Madame

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

Nature needs a little help here. Please make the right decision and give these animals a helping hand.

There are other places that people can have fun without destruction being part of the activity.

Thank you, for consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Judith E. Wecker

Correspondence ID: 21645 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles are killing the seashore and animals that live there. Stay Off!

Correspondence ID: 21646 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off-road vehicles at Cape Hatteras. I go there frequently and know it to be full of wild life that will suffer greatly. It will also disturb the peace in general there.

Thank you for your consideration, Vernon Horn Fairfax, VA

Correspondence ID: 21647 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, protect the wildlife of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore by forbidding off-road vehicles!

Correspondence ID: 21648 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am writing because I find that the National Park Service's proposed regulations for ORV use on Cape Hatteras does not protect wildlife sufficiently.

Expanded ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

More vehicle-free areas are essential for wildlife and pedestrians and wildlife protection areas should be mandatory, not optional. The proposed regulations lean much too far in favor of ORV's areas: the plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving.

I urge that the plan be rebised 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: 21649 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off Road Vehicles - Stay off the beach! Stop killing animals that live there!

Correspondence ID: 21650 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: 67 miles of shoreline are the area in question. Off road vehicle use does not mean life or death the people using these vehicles - but it means exactly that to the wildlife and ecosytem of this 67 miles. It appears reckless and short sighted to allow the area to be used by ORV. Please use some common sense. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 21651 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Aren't there enough roads? We have taken away too much natural habitat from creatures. Why take more?

Correspondence ID: 21652 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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:	21653	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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

Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife 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.

Please revise 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:	21654	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	It is a shame that people can't enjoy nature and all the creatures that inhabit it without having to employ machinery that destroys the environment and animals that live there.						

Correspondence ID:	21655	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please restrict and/or eliminate any, or all off-road vehicles from this national seashore. Cape Hatteras, and other seashore areas, are vital nesting sites and resting places for wildlife.						

This practice of driving on the beaches, is one that should be stopped. All of our beaches should be off-limits to this activity. The argument, by groups that want to drive in these areas..."it's public land, we are the public, we should be able to drive on land our tax money pays for," is a false argument. It is everyone's land, not just us humans, and we should look at what's best for everyone, not just the few whose actions harm these places.

We need to take care of our wild and natural areas...keep invasive plants, animals and machines out of these areas.

Thank you for your consideration, Wanda Crawford Washington State

Correspondence ID:	21656	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I worked two seasons as a resource management specialist at Assateague Island National Seashore. I saw firsthand the critical need to protect shorebird and sea turtle nesting beaches from ORV traffic. Surely there are other places to drive these vehicles,						

and surely national seashores should be places where wildlife habitat is a value that guides management practices. Please uphold the values that define Cape Hatteras NS and keep ORV's off its beaches, for the benefit of wildlife and the people who go there to experience it.

Correspondence ID: 21657 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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 your plan and protect the wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration. Tannis Kristjanson

Correspondence ID: 21658 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I unequivocally oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife on the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I understand the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, but the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. It 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, these gains could reverse.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please do all you can to ensure such provisions are added to the regulations.

Correspondence ID: 21659 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our birds are precious and we must save them!!!!

Correspondence ID: 21660 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21661 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In California, I have seen how off road vehicles can be destructive to the environment if not limited to appropriate areas that are not fragile. I oppose having them at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 21662 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. I oppose the National Park Service adopting regulations that allow beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This is not what the National Park system was set up for. People can find other places to drive their ORVs not in a National Park!

The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas without any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. It is intolerable that the proposal only reserves 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving. This is not what the National Park system was set up for. The National Park system was set up to help people appreciate natural systems in an increasingly populated and busy world. Why have ORVs in a National Park???

Although there has been recent increases in turtle nests, if wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers of successful sea turtle nests could easily decline.

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

Correspondence ID: 21663 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: off road vehicle use should not be unlimited because of destruction to natural vegetation, plants, wildlife etc. there has been enough destruction.

Correspondence ID: 21664 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our natural environment has flourished when there is very limited off road use of vehicles (ORV). There are so many places for ORVs now. PLEASE provide strict limits on the use of ORVs on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and all other unstable, fragile environments. ORV drivers are involved in 'speed' and rarely involved in the natural setting. ORVs have destroyed so much in a short time - nature will take much longer to repair what ORVs have wrecked.

I also wish to experience the "quiet" of nature. ORVs destroy the quiet needed by me and wildlife.

The amount of wildlife is diminishing faster than we can discover what has been unfound. Soon . . . I am afraid we shall not have the correct balance that will allow for our survival. For quiet, wildlife, nature need to be balanced for our, OUR, survival.

For when the wild disappears; we shall soon after. Please start limiting development of roads on our beaches and natural areas. They are getting harder to find; the quiet natural areas of the planet.

NO ORVs on our beaches OR extremely limited use... PLEASE.

Correspondence ID: 21665 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21666 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please support strict and enforceable off-road vehicle management of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to protect all nesting animals there.

Correspondence ID: 21667 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: WE MUST DO SOMETHING TO TAKE CARE OF OUR PLANET RIGHT NOW, ITS OUR HOME IF ONE SPECIES SUFFER WE WILL SUFFER AS WELL AS WE ARE PART OF THE SAME LIVING CHAIN.

Correspondence ID: 21668 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madame:

Please do the right thing here. Maintaining the right to life and preventing preventable death of local wildlife, and preserving ecological diversity, are more important than supporting recreational activities that can be enjoyed elsewhere.

The ATV population is not going to diminish, based on recent history. But unchecked in wild and natural areas, ATV's are likely to significantly harm native plant and wildlife populations, which cannot be rebuilt in a factory.

We can all enjoy nature wonderfully protected in our parks. Only a small percentage of us own and use ATVs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Cox-Johnson

Correspondence ID: 21669 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

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

Please do not allow vehicles on the beach.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21670 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am strongly against all unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens wildlife--in this case sea turtles, shorebirds, and others.

Correspondence ID: 21671 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do the right thing for wildlife nesting on Cape Hatteras Sea shore by limiting off road vehicles in this precious area. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21672 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is time that we established protecting other living creatures on the face of the planet as a top priority. The comparison of placing a species into possible extinction or decline for the sake of selfish people driving their motor vehicles in areas that contain high levels of wildlife is ridiculous. It is incomprehensible that such unacceptable reasoning in favor of threatening wildlife in this manner is allowed. I wish this recklessness to end and instead strong protections implemented in favor of wildlife, protecting it and habitats.

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 21673 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Vehicles of all types (with the exception of those on life-saving missions) should be prohibited on the areas of Cape Hatteras that shelter endangered and threatened species.

Correspondence ID: 21674 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21675 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please save our beautiful land and animals

Correspondence ID: 21676 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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

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

round and seasonal beach driving.

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

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

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

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:	21677	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	it is so important to preserve our national treasures for our generation and future generations.						
Correspondence ID:	21678	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am writing to respectfully ask that regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras be severely limited, or better yet, prohibited to protect the nesting avian life that inhabit the area. People are drawn to beautiful seaside areas such as this to marvel at the wildlife. These creatures deserve our immediate, thoughtful protection.						
Correspondence ID:	21679	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I strongly support regulation to prevent off-road vehicles along Cape Hatteras seashore. It's absurd that beaches should ever be subject to vehicles and far more absurd to further endanger critical wildlife. Please regulate!						
Correspondence ID:	21680	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	PLEASE SAVE THE WILDLIFE AND THE INNOCENCE OF THE NESTING AND LIVING ANIMALS ON CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE. DO NOT LET ANY VEHICLES DRIVE THERE NOW OR IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU. KINDLY, BO CORRE						
Correspondence ID:	21681	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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.						

Having seen what unrestricted ORV use can do in my community, I cringe when I see any instance where these vehicles are not restricted. I am particularly opposed when unrestricted ORV use threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Not to mention the destruction that will occur to sand dunes. The regulations I read do little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposal merely sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. Also, these measures reserve a mere 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the remainder of the year for beach driving.

In the last few years a temporary plan limiting ORV use near protected wildlife nesting grounds has been working to protect wildlife. In 2007, sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore, and in 2010 after three years of temporary protection that number jumped to 153. Without explicit protection these numbers will again decline.

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

Having seen the irresponsible behavior of ORV users up close and personal, and in more than one area, more than one state, I believe only with heavy restrictions will the shoreline and wildlife have even a vestige of protection.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise 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: 21682 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have spent time on the beaches of Cape Hatteras, and it is a wonderful place. I believe off-road vehicles have a very limited place on the beaches there. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. The park service should work to reduce and even eliminate off-road vehicles on the beaches of Cape Hatteras, to both protect the wildlife, and enhance the enjoyment of the visitors to the area.

Correspondence ID: 21683 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please DO NOT allow destructive off road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The wildlife needs places to reside without intrusive vehicles ruining their habitat.

Correspondence ID: 21684 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am opposed to unrestricted off-road vehicle access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am in favor of enforceable, science-based protection for wildlife including protected sea turtles and nesting shorebirds in this area. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Correspondence ID: 21685 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect wildlife and their habitat and do not allow off road vehicles into these areas.

Purchasers of off road vehicles should only use them on their own property and not on public or others lands.

Correspondence ID: 21688 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ENOUGH ALREADY WITH THE UNRESTRICTED OFF-ROAD VEHICLE USE OF CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE.

PEOPLE DO NOT NEED TO RUIN ANOTHER NATURAL NATIONAL TREASURE.

TIME TO THINK OF SOMETHING OTHER THAN HUMAN EXISTENCE AND "RIGHTS" AND ACT TO PRESERVE OTHER SPECIES.

Correspondence ID: 21689 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Allowing recreational usage is important but it could certainly be reduced or eliminated during times of the year when wildlife is the most vulnerable. We need to learn to live with/along side and respect all life if we are to have it 50 years from now. Wildlife everywhere is struggling we can certainly do our part to help out. Thank you, Donna Crossman

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Cape Hatteras 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.

Correspondence ID:	21692	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	RE: Off-Road Vehicle Management: Cape Hatteras Natl. Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0800)						

Does anyone really need to tell you that ORVs have no place in a natural area?

Not only do these vehicles pollute the air, but they wreck the environment with noise pollution, destroying the very reason people have for visiting there.

Mankind will always suit himself and ruin the planet if possible, but why should we let him? If the area is for the enjoyment of all because of the natural scenery and and wildlife, do a few crass individuals get to do their neanderthal activities, just because they want to?

I think not. Please regain your sanity and limit the areas where environment destruction is allowed, or better yet, toss these selfish jerks out of the park.

Melodee Placial

Correspondence ID:	21693	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	21694	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I camped for many years at Cape Hatteras at Easter. I loved the wildness and freedom of dunes and empty (then) beaches, the often pristine wilderness of that environment.

In California we don't even allow DOGS off leash on our beaches because of snowy plovers, and close large areas when elephant seals are mating.

Please do the right thing by the Cape, and limit off-road vehicle use.

Sincerely yours, Meg Beeler

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save Cape Hatteras Wildlife

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

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

Correspondence ID: 21697 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Subject: National Park Service's proposal to manage 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. And what attracts the beach drivers ? The pristine nature and chance to view wildlife are attractions to preserve rather than exploit.

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Correspondence ID: 21698 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Is there no place these people can go other than the sand dunes. There off road vehicles should be able to go other than the sand dunes. I have been to other areas in the country where people and not allowed to walk on the dunes.

Correspondence ID: 21699 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: :/

Correspondence ID: 21700 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off- road vehicles are terrain destroyers and should be banned everywhere.

Correspondence ID: 21701 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off-road vehicles. We've already encroached on nature (the animals' home) far too much.

Thank you kindly.

Correspondence ID: 21702 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our precious endangered wildlife from off road vehicles! This is part of the government's responsibility and why we pay taxes!

Correspondence ID: 21703 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protecting turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife should be more important than providing off road recreation.

Correspondence ID: 21704 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Beach Driving will only destroy more Wildlife in Cape Hatteras. The recent Hurricanes have already taken a great toll on the Wildlife. No driving on the Beach, please!!

Correspondence ID: 21705 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 21706 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras is a national treasure. Unrestricted off road vehicle use is a danger to existing wildlife in fragile habitat. Please establish regulation so that future generations of Americans can enjoy this beautiful place and our wildlife can thrive. They need all the help they can get!!!!

Correspondence ID: 21707 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21708 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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. Why meddle with something that is working?

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

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

Correspondence ID: 21709 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Is there to be no place of sanctuary that is free of these intrusive vehicles? They are in the national parks and anywhere people go to get a little respite from the ills of urban living. Not to mention the wildlife that is impacted by them. They add to air pollution and noise pollution as well as killing animals that are intemperate enough to go where the vehicles assume they have the right of way. Enough is enough.

Correspondence ID: 21710 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please expand protected zones on Cape Hatteras National Seashore to enable the recovery of endangered seabirds and sea turtles. Protected areas that are enforced work, so please expand this efficient method of providing for wildlife. ORVs will have plenty of seashore left to run around on.

Nini Bloch

Correspondence ID: 21711 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: STOP allowing these vehicles on our National Seashore which should be PRESERVED!!!!

Correspondence ID: 21712 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please ensure these protections!

Correspondence ID: 21713 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Speaking out for all wildlife in Cape Hatteras National Seashore I support specific, enforceable, science based protection for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Educate your local and visiting OVR drivers the long term importance of preserving this region. Go ahead, they will understand. Local citizens should be proud and protective of this beautiful treasure, not allowing it be abused and witness it's gradual extinction. Optional wildlife protection is not acceptable!

Correspondence ID: 21714 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles should not have unlimited access to the detriment of the environment and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 21715 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Opposed to off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 21716 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not let loud, dangerous, noxious machines ruin one of the few pristine places left. I am counting on you you protect Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 21717 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: no off road vehicles!

Correspondence ID: 21718 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please protect our seashore resources. thank you

Correspondence ID: 21719 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I think we should make sure to accomodate both.

Correspondence ID: 21720 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I know that these animals seem quite insignificant compared to humans in the governments eyes but without the balance of all living things this world will not be properly balanced and all life forms will die. Even humans. We need to stop building in new parts to conserve nature resources and rebuild that abandoned appartments and buildings that have already disruped or natural enviromnetal balance. Humans are very wasteful and someday we will all see that when the land is gone and no wildlife remains we won't have to worry about what we can destroy next because it will be all gone. So many building are wasted every year and I am sure it would save land and be about the same cost to restore rather than tear down a forest to build somewhere new. Think of the children's future. I hope this sinks in though I am sure it won't because the almighty dollar always comes first but you have to admit that what I am saying makes sense. Please think about it and try to help.

Correspondence ID: 21721 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Unrestricted vehicles have taken their toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore beaches. Regulations must be placed regarding the seashore beaches to protect it's wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 21722 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Vehicles should not be allowed in sentitive areas.

Correspondence ID: 21723 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 21724 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: KEEP OUR WILDLIFE SAFE. HUMANS DO NOT NEED TO DESTROY EVERYTHING ON THIS PLANET IN THE PURSUIT OF FUN & PLAY. PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE!!!

Correspondence ID: 21725 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please providde the most protection for Cape Hatares against recreation vehicles or other vehicles so that native animals can come back in greater numbers.

Correspondence ID: 21726 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect wildlife from beach traffic during critical times for them.

Correspondence ID: 21727 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 21729 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: While off-roading is fun, have we not destroyed our wildlife, its habitat and our planet enough? Do we just keep taking and taking until there is nothing left? We do not have to drive on the beach but the wildlife they have to live there and that isn't by choice its their habitat. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting, it is time to stop the greed and give back.

Correspondence ID: 21730 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please continue to use sound scientific data to ensure wildlife's safety and wellbeing when balancing that against beach driving. When one considers we can drive lots of places, but the turtles and birds have limited areas they can live, let's err on the side of

the turtles and the birds. thanks

Correspondence ID: 21731 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Nancy Wells

Correspondence ID: 21732 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, Hello, my name is Christine Baker, and as an duck wildlife rehabilitator and Biology student I am

very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other protections for wildlife that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your time, I look forward to your reply Sincerely,

Christine Baker

Correspondence ID: 21733 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please start caring about the environment and its habitants. 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. Start caring about our planet.

Correspondence ID: 21734 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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 will most likely 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 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.

Correspondence ID:	21735	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We need more vehicle-free areas to protect the wildlife rather than less. Specific, enforceable, science-based protections for the wildlife is critical.						

Correspondence ID:	21736	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

Please do more to protect wildlife in the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. More than 26 of the total 67 miles of seashore needs to be vehicle-free areas for wildlife and pedestrians.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	21737	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The birds and other creatures were there first. They deserve a chance.						

Correspondence ID:	21738	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	21739	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Many want you to control or limit off road vehicles in these sensitive areas. I would rather you PROHIBIT off road vehicles from all National parks and seashores. Enforcement would be more clear-cut and there would be much less damage that might need to be reversed, not just to the physical environment, but, more importantly, to the species who inhabit these places and WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND that humans are being dumb and that IT'S TIME TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER HABITAT, something many species cannot do for themselves.

Thank you.

p.s., I VOTE!

Correspondence ID: 21740 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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. I support enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife. Please revise 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: 21741 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration. Pat

Correspondence ID: 21742 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have no doubt there are plenty of individuals that would try to run over these animals on purpose, for the "fun" of it, so why take the chance and hope all people will do the right thing, that kind of thinking is simply ignorant and since you people are supposed to be in charge to do the right thing I would hope you arent ignorant

Correspondence ID: 21743 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To even think that the Park Service would even consider allowing off road vehicles in an area that would jeopardize the beauty and safety of wildlife in a national seashore area is ridiculous.

Is there nothing worth preserving any more?

Correspondence ID: 21744 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a US Citizen, I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for threatened and endangered nesting shorebirds and turtles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The seashore belongs to all of us, not just the few who wish to ride around in their vehicles on the beach. In 2007, unprotected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

Please consider the conditions necessary to support this wildlife as compared to the "fun" activities of a few people. It is important to have fun and generate revenue for the state and country, however, the right to nest and successfully raise young should trump the fun of a few people.

Correspondence ID: 21745 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have to comment on this one because I was a bit shocked to hear that we, Americans and those who have been given the authority to protect our country and its habitants have poorly abused their position.

I say a bit only because over the years it has saddened me to hear of so much abuse and greed our country has had to endure from people who have been blessed with positions in life to perform good only to be tempted by selfishness at the cost of our country and its citizens and habitants.

Ask yourself what have gained by allowing our shores to be so abused by a vehicle that has no purpose of nourishing or protecting such valuable space as our shores, the gate way to our continent. It is disconcerting to even have to address this kind of stuff, what ever happened to common sense and knowing in our heart what is truly right and what is wrong. To do what is right is to gain. These type of positions should come with a degree of American history to truly understand our country and the beauty it has to offer and to love it enough to protect it.

Sincerely, Debra Tagliaferro

Correspondence ID: 21746 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife, and we can't lose traction now. 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.

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

Correspondence ID: 21747 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This is outrageous to allow four wheelers anywhere on the coast line, or in any delicate or fragile lands. This goes for parks, state, national, city, county anywhere. I am sick of seeing and hearing their roar up and down my street in Casper, Wyoming. They should be outlawed unless being used for work, search and rescue. The lack of respect for our lands, air and water (ENVIRONMENT) A DIRTY WORD IN THE HEADS OF TWO MANY INDUSTRIAL/GOVERNMENTAL BEINGS IN MINERAL RICH STATES AS WYOMING.....

All four wheeler drivers caught doing this should be made to walk and run and work picking up litter for 6 months to get rid of the fat bellies too many of them have.... There is a time and place for everything.....and this country is losing site of this fact. I want to keep the beautiful and unique places in the US. beautiful and unharmed. MARY LOU MORRISON

Correspondence ID: 21748 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 21749 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Let's be intelligent and unselfish to the wild creatures....think of them as your children.

Correspondence ID: 21750 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please protect the wildlife from off-road vehicles. thank you!

Correspondence ID: 21751 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please bar off road vehicles from our beaches , as they destroy nests,birds and other wildlife for no purpose at all, they also create litter, damage beaches and cause errossion to protected areas and destroy our nations dunes!!

Correspondence ID: 21752 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please oppose unrestricted off-road vehicle use because it endangers wildlife like sea turtles and shorebirds.

Also it wrecks the beauty and peace of what is a national treasure.

Thank you, Sarah Denes

Correspondence ID: 21753 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please ban off road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore to protect wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 21754 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our National Parks are treasures that have withstood the tests of time. Allowing off-road vehicles access to already fragile ecosystems is dangerous to all that we love about these magical places! Please consider this wisely.

Correspondence ID: 21755 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely /Johanna Astren, a person who cares about wildlife all over the world and wants to protect our beautiful planet

Correspondence ID:	21756	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles are extremely hazardous for baby sea turtles that hatch out on the sand and birds like piping plovers who nest by the shores. It is vital that we protect our endangered animals--we need them in the balance for the health of all of us.						

Correspondence ID:	21757	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Driving on any beach should be illegal, not only are you killing the natural beauty but the animals that depend on this beauty for life. This goes for mountains as well. We have to make a stand for the wildlife to live and thrive in their environment.						

Correspondence ID:	21758	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	21759	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	No vehicles--ever						

Correspondence ID:	21760	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wild life.

Correspondence ID: 21761 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the behavior of human beings from destroying this beach. You have the ability to do it...so do it. People will mindlessly destroy the environment if left to their own self gratifying ways.

Correspondence ID: 21762 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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 seashore's beaches.

Correspondence ID: 21763 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Park Service,

I am strongly in favor of protecting Cape Hatteras's wildlife. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for birds and turtles, and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. This is an important time to continue to prohibit use of off-road vehicles in as great an area as possible, which has been proven to be of benefit to the wildlife, rather than give in and allow more territory for vehicles!

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 21764 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21765 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please prohibit ORV (off road vehicles) from driving over endangered turtles nests. Please prohibit these vehicles from driving over ANY endangered animal's nest. Thanks!

Correspondence ID: 21766 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Keep these noisy, polluting and habitat destroying vehicles away from areas used for spawning and quiet reflection etc.

Correspondence ID: 21767 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Don't people have enough land yet. Leave some for the animals.

Correspondence ID: 21768 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 21769 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and MORE vehicle-free areas for nesting.

The land and its wildlife are our national treasure. We cannot keep destroying it bit by bit.

Correspondence ID: 21770 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I have vacationed in Cape Hatteras since my early childhood, some 50 years. I had been astonished by the deterioration off road vehicles had caused and then the restoration engendered by limiting their use. I come to the park to enjoy the peace and the wildlife and cherish my memories there.

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.

Jane Ellison

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Name: private
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These beach drivers are not only detrimental to the safety of the birds, but greatly diminish the pleasure to the majority of people visiting the shore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21772 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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.

Please take all the necessary steps to protect wildlife. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21773 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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

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Correspondence ID: 21774 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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It is important for us to help protect and preserve these national treasures before human use of the area damages the reason why people love to visit these areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21775 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21776 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Animals and vehicles don't mix. Please protect them from the dangers posed by vehicles!

Correspondence ID: 21777 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The protection of threatened and endangered species must come before the interests of a small group of uninformed, destructive individuals. Allowing destructive off-road vehicles onto delicate beaches and dunes is unacceptable.

Correspondence ID: 21778 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles do not belong on the beach of a designated national seashore for the sake of people and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 21779 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Protecting our precious and unreplaceable wildlife would be the right thing to do. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely and respectfully, Marilyn Logan

Correspondence ID: 21780 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No vehicles should be on these beaches,they need to be left alone for the future.Thank you

Correspondence ID: 21781 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
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Correspondence ID:	21783	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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.

Please correct this situation.

Correspondence ID:	21784	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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

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

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Thank you for your consideration

Correspondence ID: 21785 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't see the need for cars to be driving the beach. Post restricted areas and save the wildlife. Thank You

Correspondence ID: 21786 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a resident of Utah and a frequent visitor to the National Parks in our state I have witnessed first hand the destruction to our wild places by off road vehicles. The riders of these motorized vehicles interrupt the solitude and quiet enjoyment I expect when I go to my National Parks. It is the duty of your agency to protect the wildlife and wild places entrusted to your regulations and care. Please do not allow off road vehicles to pollute, degrade and disrupt the natural beauty, eco-systems and heritage of our national parks and public places.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21787 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please create regulations to prevent vehicular death to wildlife in Cape Hatteras.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 21788 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 21789 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please do not let off road vehicles or any other vehicle ruin a beautiful place.there are too few places left for mother nature to survive.. we have done enough damage to the planet...thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21790 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please save sea turtles and other wildlife from the intrusion of ORV's. It is totally unnecessary for these vehicles to be on the beach. Even as one who just likes to walk the beach they are intrusive. Please stop them now!!

Correspondence ID: 21791 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please prevent off-road vehicles from destroying Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Protect the land and the animals and plants that live there.

Correspondence ID: 21792 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I understand that Sept. 19, 2011 will be date for decision regarding the future of our NC beaches and the balance of wildlife/nesting vs. vehicles.

I support, and I ask the Park Services to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife & additional vehicle-free areas for nesting purposes.

People and wildlife can and should strike a balance in the survival of the one (the voiceless wildlife) and the special interests of those who for profit and pleasure want to expand beaches for vehicles.

Peggy Nance Lyle Raleigh, NC

Correspondence ID: 21793 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do not allow off-road vehicles to destroy or disturb the natural habitat. I'm sick to death of my white, Christian hypocrite race that has no conscience or respect for life. We are the most evil people in history. Prevent us from destroying yet another natural habitat.

Correspondence ID: 21794 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do what's right for the Natural resources & it's plant & wildlife communities that your agency is bound to protect and preserve. Fullfill the obligations that your agency was charged with when acquiring this land for your administration. Do what's right for the voters & tax payers of this once Great Nation. Our Federal Government Head is no longer "Right Headed"

The environment no longer seems to have a voice to protect itself.

Correspondence ID: 21795 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Any ORV use that threatens habit is unacceptable. Please consider routing them to locations that are already decimated.

Correspondence ID: 21796 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches!

Correspondence ID: 21797 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am against allowing motorized off road vehicles in public parks. Bicycles should be allowed.

Correspondence ID: 21798 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID:	21799	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do your part in protecting our most valued possessions..our wildlife and the environment.						
Correspondence ID:	21800	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am writing to express my concern for the wildlife of Cape Hatteras as a result of unrestricted use of off-road vehicles. It is essential that we maintain protection for the endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches. Please do not open the seashore to beach driving and instead support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						
Correspondence ID:	21801	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Mo off road vehiccles in Cape Hatteras.						
Correspondence ID:	21802	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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:	21803	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off-road vehicles harass and frighten wildlife. They have no place on Cape Hatteras National Seashore or in any of our wild places.						
	With wildlife habitat being increasingly destroyed and wildlife numbers plummeting we must do everything we can to ensure there are places for our remaining wildlife to live, undisturbed by the roar of machines and the threat of human invasion.						
Correspondence ID:	21804	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendant Murray,						

I am very disturbed that the proposed regulations for Cape Hatteras Seashore favor reckless and destructive off-road Vehicle drivers over endangered wildlife.

God said that these birds and turtles were "Good," and ordered them to multiply. Why does the National Park Service, of all agencies, seek to let irresponsible human beings destroy them for the sake of their selfish desire to have a good time?

Please rewrite these plans to respect Plovers, Turtles and other wildlife.

Thank you for allowing my input.

Correspondence ID: 21805 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live in the desert and I can not believe the destruction that can be done by off road vehicles. Please, protect the calm beauty of the Cape and keep these reckless, destructive machines off the Cape. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21806 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This type of equipment (4 wheelers) needs to be reigned in, many are responsible operators, but many are not. Sound regulation done with responsible people on both sides of the issue is of the utmost importance. We don't need regulation set in motion as a knee jerk reaction to a bad situation, but to have thoughtful people recognizing the diverse needs of all groups that have access to these special places. It is important to know that motorized vehicles do not need to go everywhere, and restrictions in mobility are not an impediment to personal freedom. At a young age all of us learned to share, we must be reminded even as we age to share with people and animals and the environment too.

Correspondence ID: 21807 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No vehicle should ever be allowed near wildlife, anywhere.

Correspondence ID: 21808 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Meggi Raeder

Correspondence ID: 21809 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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

Do people REALLY need to drive in wildlife sensitive areas. Do we really need invasion of vehicles everywhere? Please include wildlife in your priorities.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID:	21810	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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

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Correspondence ID:	21811	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Jessica A. Gray

Correspondence ID:	21812	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Thank you for your consideration.

- Matt -

Correspondence ID:	21813	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please give specific regulations to help protect wildlife from being run over. I just visited maui, hi. And they have protected areas for nesting wildlife blocked off to avoid wildlife from being crushed. I believe that people would appreciate these regulations as people are becoming more and more aware of the importance of preservation of wildlife. Thank you for your consideration. I strongly urge you to please protect our wildlife. -Selina Harris						
Correspondence ID:	21814	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	As the National Park Service you have the power to protect the wildlife on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Please do so by revising your proposed regulation for beach driving such that more miles are protected for wildlife, with fewer available for beach driving. Please insure that all nesting areas are protected from beach driving. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife, and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						
	Thank you!						
Correspondence ID:	21815	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Protection of the environment especially of the coastal eco systems like Cape Hatteras National Seashore is crucial to the health and well being of all living thing including humans.						
Correspondence ID:	21816	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	It is not worth it to wipe out wildlife so that a few thrill seekers can have superficial and fleeting enjoyment in their off-road vehicles. Do the right thing!						
Correspondence ID:	21817	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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:	21818	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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:	21819	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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:	21820	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Mother Nature has a hard enough time keeping ecological balance what with so much intrusion by development & global warming! NO, no offroad vehicles that will only add to the threats on wildlife and land formations necessary for their habitat. Geez, when is the government ever going to stand up for the planet we all depend on!						
Correspondence ID:	21821	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	we are doing enough damage to our beaches with chemicals and other garbage and waste so that it it nearly impossible to enjoy them now. We need these animals to maintain that ecosystem to help fix the damage we are doing and follow the natural order of the ecosystem. ORVs are just destroying their habitat even further and this will cause the decrease in their survival rate. Soon, there will be no beaches to enjoy or wildlife to admire.						
Correspondence ID:	21822	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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:	21823	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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:	21824	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please restrict use of off-road vehicle use in Cape Hatteras. The amusement and thrill that people seek with these vehicles do not out merit the need to protect America's beautiful heritage of wildlife. Look at the injury and carnage high speed boats have caused and continue to cause to manatees off the coasts of Florida. Americans have caused so much needless destruction of the environment, that the time has come for us to learn how to better live in harmony with it. Please restrict off road vehicle use.						
Correspondence ID:	21825	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Certainly we should be able to have ORVs and wildlife exist in the same habitat. There are means to provide this without stressing the animals or the riders. Solutions are being managed in California and I'm sure in other states, by those much more knowledgeable than I am.						
Correspondence ID:	21826	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I've been to Cape Hatteras and thought it was magnificent - what a national treasure that is. So unspoiled and wild and powerful. So, I was really surprised to encounter all those big SUVs on the beach when they would've only had to park a few hundred feet away and carry their fishing gear to the beach. I think it's more important to save nesting turtles and other wildlife than it is to save humans from having to actually carry their gear onto the fishing beaches.						

Please think about it and take steps to protect all 67 miles of the beaches from all motor vehicle traffic.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21827 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21828 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not ignore the Cape Hatteras National Seashore document - ID NPS-2011-0005-0800. We must protect the environment now or risk not having anything to pass on to future generations.

Correspondence ID: 21829 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21830 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to stop ruining our environment NOW. How many more times must we have to ask to keep our natural wonders for generations to come.

Correspondence ID: 21831 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please enact legislation regarding the use of ORV's that protects wildlife on Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 21832 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am writing to express my concern about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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

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

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21833 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: So few untrammelled, safe habitats are left for the wildlife that share this land with us. Please keep them safe and free from the inroads of destructive "modern" civilization!

Correspondence ID: 21834 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to oppose unrestricted offroad vehicle use due to the devastating impact it will have on nesting sea birds and turtles. These animals struggle to survive in an increasingly dangerous world due to the activities of careless humans and it is the duty of regulating agencies and governments to help care for these creatures to prevent their permanent loss to extinction! The right of future generations to a clean and biodiverse planet must certainly outweigh the right of careless humans to destroy it!!

Correspondence ID: 21835 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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: 21836 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras is an iconic American Treasure. Only more so if the wildlife that calls it home is allowed to live there - as they should. Without fear of destruction by recreationers who have no idea (or no care of) the damage their chosen recreation causes the natural inhabitants.

Off road vehicles don't belong on the National Heritage sites. That defeats the purpose of those sites. You let a few ruin it for the many when you allow such activities. As well as destroying critical habitat.

It's unconscionable to allow such activities in such a serene place. Even if it didn't cause irreparable damage to habitat, it would

still cause consternation to the many who come to the Cape for serenity and escape from the noise and pollution of our society.

Please don't ruin such a wonderful place by allowing Off Road Vehicles in this amazing Seashore location. When I get the chance to go back to Cape Hatteras, I'd like to go back to the happy place I remember and not to a place like the one I was just in.

Thank you for protecting the beauty of our natural country.

Correspondence ID: 21837 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our sea shore wildlife and restrict off road vehicle use on Cape Hatterous. Please restrict and regulate beach driving to protect the next generation of shorebirds, including the Piping Plover. It is not only good for the wildlife wonders we enjoy and their futures, it is GOOD FOR HUMAN BEING TO BE AWARE OF, AND APPRECIATE, AND CONTROL THEMSELVES. in order to insure the survival of the planet and it's wonderful varieties of beings. Future generations will thank us for leaving them this legacy. Taking responsibility and thinking of the larger picture is important for humans in their maturing process.

Correspondence ID: 21838 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles destroy the environment. There is not more to say.

Correspondence ID: 21839 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support enforceable protections for wildlife and additional vehicle free areas for nesting on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Must people be so lazy that they now need to drive on the beaches! I don't see this behavior on the West Coast beaches, and, I'd say, the people look healthier overall.

Besides the laziness, what about the greed? The beaches should be shared with the wildlife most of us love to view. Must we take this special viewing from our future generations?

Correspondence ID: 21840 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please limit off-road activity as much as necessary to protect the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 21841 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do not allow off road vehicles to ruin habitats. That's why we have roads - lets use them.

Correspondence ID: 21842 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect all wildlife on the Cape Hatters National Seashore!

Correspondence ID: 21843 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I urge you to reconsider the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing off-road vehicle (ORV) use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current plan, protected wildlife like sea turtles and piping plovers, have been rebounding. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline back to perilous numbers.

ORVs should be regulated—but the proposed plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. This plan only sets aside 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife

and pedestrians. This is a national treasure that should be protected for all to see.

The proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise 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: 21844 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure. Please protect its shorebirds and sea turtles by placing restrictions on off-road vehicle use. Your current proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate 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.

Your temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. Please develop specific, enforceable, science-based protection for wildlife and please set aside additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thanks for your consideration

Correspondence ID: 21845 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is an important wildlife habitat and must be protected from the destruction that Off Road Vehicles will cause to the area.

The citizens of the USA have lost far too many areas that have been designated to preserve our natural resources and wildlife.

The lack of concern expressed by officials and agencies charged with protecting areas that are home to our natural resources and wildlife has and is causing serious damage to the environment.

American taxpayers are required to financially support the employees and officials of these agencies and as such have the right to expect our employees to "serve and protect our best interests"

Please protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 21846 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I find it absolutely shocking that you would allow ORVs anywhere near where animal populations are nesting on these beaches. Isn't it enough that we are cutting down every forest we come across and taking shelter away from woodland creatures, but now you have to take safety and shelter away from these coastal animals as well? Anything to make a dollar though, right?

Correspondence ID: 21847 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I grew up enjoying the plovers running along the shore at the waves edge - always running forward and back. Never in my wildest thoughts would I dream of running a vehicle on these sands. This area is like a sacred place to me. Watching the antics of the gulls, the plovers, the sand crabs is so soothing. Vehicles MUST NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE. These sands areas and the wildlife can never be replaced if the area is open to vehicles. I've signed other petitions saying NO to vehicles on the beaches. Make my petition count.

Correspondence ID: 21848 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why would we want outseashore filled with ORV's period? Can we please leave what pristine landscape we have to those that want to visit the area and enjoy the nature. Please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please don't allow current protections to decrease and consider more protections moving forward.

Correspondence ID: 21849 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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.

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now.

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

Correspondence ID: 21850 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't allow off road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 21851 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: WTF

Correspondence ID: 21852 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife nesting and breeding areas need to be safeguarded against reckless ORV use. At the very least, drivers should be made more aware of the damage they do.

Correspondence ID: 21853 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: When I think of a National Seashore, I think of a pristine beach where the wildlife are protected and I can enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of nature. If there were to be off road vehicles allowed, it would destroy the environment for the plants and animals as well as my enjoyment. Personally, I don't think there should be off road vehicles allowed anywhere on park land.

Correspondence ID: 21854 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unrestricted off-road vehicles damage precious habitat that must be protected. Protection of our wildlife is one of the missions of your agency. Just because off-road vehicles exist does not mean that they should be allowed in all areas. Reasonable regulations will keep our wildlife, including sea turtles, safe for future generations. This is our heritage and it must be protected. Please do your job and keep off-road vehicles off of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 21855 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The Forest Service was established to protect our National heritage, our wild lands. Why are you giving these special interest groups the right to destroy them. The majority of people do NOT approve of your actions. Unless this has become a dictatorship, the majority is still supposed to have the right to choose. You need to listen. I am a Colorado resident and I see all the time what these off road vehicles do to fragile ecosystems. They must be confined to parks designed for their use and leave the wild places for the rest of us.

Correspondence ID: 21856 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please.

Correspondence ID: 21857 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I know that off-road vehicles are banned on the Cape Cod beaches at certain times when the piping plovers are nesting.

My kids have a permit to drive their truck on the beach sometimes during the time that vehicles are banned. They aren't particularly pleased about the ban, but have come to respect the reason, I think.

These birds deserve those weeks that it takes to raise their families, and people who don't like the ban during that time, should be informed of exactly why they can't ride the beaches.

So many animals and birds just need a bit of consideration so that they can merely exist in this world.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21858 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21859 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21860 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thank you for finally planning to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Unfortunately, the proposed regulation does not do enough 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. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.

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

Correspondence ID: 21861 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: See attached file(s)

BEST TO LEAVE IT AS "NO POWER VEHICLE USE" ,ETC...

Correspondence ID: 21862 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to preserve our wildlife resources. We are burning through them and destroying the ecosystems that depend on these preserves. We need to take a stand and protect them. This issue have an effect on us all. We have to do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 21863 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a concerned environmentalist and nature and wildlife protector, I want the off road vehicles to be stopped from ruining the beautiful coast of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Vehicles are destroying habitat for birds and other wildlife not to mention the plants. Polluting is a big problem. Please keep our coastline protected from vehicles, off road vehicles and oil drilling.

Sincerely, Elnor Eggart

Correspondence ID: 21864 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support enforceable science based protection for wildlife and additional vehicle free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 21865 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please save Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Correspondence ID: 21866 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect one of the most beautiful places left on the eastern seaboard. Off road vehicles do not belong there.

Correspondence ID: 21867 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why is it too much to ask these selfish people to ride somewhere else? And why do they think they own the right to destroy everything just because they want to have some fun? They act and think like two-year olds! So, even though they'll pitch fits, and scream and yell, they must be told "No!". And taking away their toys might not be such a bad idea as well. It's the 21st century, time for us to evolve into something besides brain-stem driven barbarians. Are there no thinking adults in charge anymore?

Correspondence ID: 21868 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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.

Greg Smith

Correspondence ID: 21869 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have visited Cape Hatteras several times. I lived n South Carolina for many years and loved the shoreline. There is no other way to enjoy it except on foot. I don't even feel one should ride horses on it. Please, do not allow any off-road vehicle traffic near any shoreline.

Correspondence ID: 21870 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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. Tell the Park Service instead that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 21871 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

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

Correspondence ID: 21872 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Your proposal is insufficient. All 67 miles of shoreline in Cape Hatteras must be protected from off-road vehicles all year round.

Correspondence ID: 21873 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We human species certainly need to respect other species that we share the earth with. Not destroy it out of selfishness. How would anyone feel if the roles were reversed? Please, let's be more respectful to the environment.

Correspondence ID: 21874 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21875 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have made great progress in winning important protections for Cape Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. Wildlife will suffer greatly, especially nesting shore birds. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you, Lisa LaDore

Correspondence ID: 21876 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please remove the allowance of off road vehicles. It's not necessary to allow this especially considering there are special parks for that type of activity. Please keep in mind that these living creatures who call this home should have a chance at life. And not to be taken away because of selfish reasons. Please help them survive and stay clear from extinction.

Correspondence ID: 21877 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plan for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am disturbed that that the plan does little to restrict off-road vehicle (ORV) use on the seashore, especially during the nesting season of shorebirds, such as piping plovers, and sea turtles that nest on the sands.

In an earlier phase of my career, I studied the breeding cycle of laughing gulls in the salt marshes of southern New Jersey. Any intrusion into the gull colony, or into the nesting areas of any of the various shorebirds, caused them to fly into the air, leaving their nests. This was very disruptive, and if the nests contained eggs or chicks, they were vulnerable to predators. The same would be true of the beaches on Cape Hatteras. ORVs are very disruptive to the small shorebirds that nest on the beach and their chicks. They can also run over turtle hatchlings that sprint for the ocean or delay gravid females from moving up the beach to dig nest holes and lay eggs above the high tide line.

Many, if not all, of these birds and turtles are threatened or endangered. In addition, they are under stress from climate change. I believe that we should do everything possible to protect them, and that at a minimum ORVs should be banned from the entire seashore during the nesting season of these animals. It would be preferable if ORVs were banned completely. Those who like to ride ORVs can find other places to do so. The wildlife who need to feed or stop over at Cape Hatteras do not have the luxury of other choices.

Correspondence ID: 21878 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save our shore birds and sea turtles. Vehicles do not belong on beaches.

Correspondence ID: 21879 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I urge the government to restrict ALL vehicles from specific areas of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I was fortunate to visit the Outer Banks several summers ago. I believe we all need a place to go where we can observe nature in its most natural form., will as little human signs as possible. I did not see any vehicles driving on the dunes at that time. i guess i was lucky. I'm sure there are areas elsewhere where one could ride along the dunes that would not pose a threat to the animals and birds that need this environment to continue to survive. I'd be very surprised if most people would support such a measure. those that oppose, probably disregard other environmental safeguards as well. thank you for your consideration Barbara Rokosz

Correspondence ID: 21880 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year ... But it's beauty is being impacted by unrestricted off-roadvehicle (ORV) use, which has killed endangered shorebird and sea turtle species that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Please PROHIBIT all off-road-vehicle use at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It's unnecessary entertainment that is harmful (deadly) to endangered shorebirds and sea turtles on the sea shore's beaches.

Correspondence ID: 21881 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop RTV useage of these beaches. They can play somewhere else and let these poor birds survive.

Sincerely , Warwick Zeamer

Correspondence ID: 21882 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Fritz Hudnut

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Name:	private						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please make the effort to protect your costal wildlife. Off roading can be done any where, sea turtle nesting cannot.						

Correspondence ID: 21886 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop all vehicle use on U.S. Beaches!

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unfortunately, when deciding between preserving habitat and allowing human "enjoyment", saving vital habitat for other life forms must always receive priority--please ban or severely restrict off-road vehicular traffic in Cape Hatteras.

Sincerely,

C. Starling

Correspondence ID: 21890 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: off road vehicles have no place on out national park shores for any reason except maybe policing the area for offenders.

Wild life nesting must be protected in those areas. All 67 miles in this case. otherwise we are looking at humans as an invasive species.

"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."

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

thank you

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I feel the NPS proposed plan for protecting the Cape Hatteras National Seashore does not go far enough to restrict ORV use, which threatens fragile species like sea turtles, piping plovers, and other shore birds. I urge you to protect the seashore and its wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 21893 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am against people riding on the sand and beaches and hurt the habitat and killing wildlife. I would like to see this stop.

Correspondence ID: 21894 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save wildlife!!

Correspondence ID: 21895 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to extend protections along Cape Hatteras. There is no reason at all that OVR's should even be allowed on the beach. Is there no place that we humans don't feel the need to trample all over? My personal opinion is that all ORV's need to be banned along the entire shoreline.

Correspondence ID: 21896 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: With emissions being as TOXIC as they are it is an obvious travesty to our coast to keep allowing these vehicles to keep deteriorating our Dunes as well as the Wildlife living in these areas! PLEASE stop using the EARTH as a TRASH BIN!

Sincerely,

Orchid Ra

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Correspondence ID: 21898 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off Road Vehicles haven't worked so well in Florida. The damage left can be hundreds of years long to repair, provided the vehicles are excluded from the areas that are effected.

To allow ORV in Cape Hatteras is not only foolhardy but would actually hasten the endangerment (extinction) of these birds as well as other shore birds.

The Document in question is ID NPS 2011-0005-0800.

Do not allow this to occur in a fragile eco-system.

Respectfully,

Marcia W. Joseph

Correspondence ID: 21899 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: America is fast losing it's natural habitat along it's coastline. Since beach living and sightseeing is a great source of income for many Americans it seems natural to try to protect this source of revenue and pleasure for all Americans. To say nothing of the

sense of wonderment that generations to come will be able to experience, if we allow nature to survive in its natural state. Thereby allowing humanity to survive with the grace and beauty that has been provided to us by God and the Universe

Correspondence ID:	21900	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please think this situation through. I would like to see as much wildlife around for my grandchildren, and all of the future generations.						
Correspondence ID:	21901	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Why can't ORV drivers find somewhere less sensitive to the wildlife population to destroy? Sea turtles don't have that option. Please don't let off road vehicles run rampant on these natural beaches.						
Correspondence ID:	21902	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	HUMAN BEINGS WERE MADE TO LIVE IN THE NATURAL WORLD.OUR FEET WERE MADE FOR WALKING IN IT.OUR EYES FOR SEEING NATURAL BEAUTY AND WONDER OUR EARS FOR HEARING THE NATURAL SOUNDS AND BABIES AERE BORN WITH TWO FEARS ONE BEING LOUD NOISE.THAT TELLS US SOMETHING ABOUT THE CRADLE OF CIVILZTION OUR BODIES WERE ORIGINALY DESIGNED FOR.IT WAS A RELATIVELY QUIET PLACE AND NOISE MEANT DANGER.TODAY THOSE WHO ARE AUPOSE DTO PROTECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BEND OVER BACKWORD TO THOSE WHO SAY THEY CANT ENJOY NATURE WITHOUT DESTROYING IT.WITHOUT A GUN OR A MOTORIZED VEHICLE THEY JUST CANT HAVE A GOOD TIME.THERE ARE PLENTY OF DISABLED WHO STILL WANT TO MEET NATURE ON IT'S TERMS.THE DESTROYERS USING THE DISABLED FOR AN EXCUSE. IF THE JOB IS PRESERVE NATURE THEN PRESERVE IT EVEN IF THAT MEANS SOMEONE HAS TO GET OFF THEIR ASS AND TURN OFF THEIR NOISE TO DO SO !						
Correspondence ID:	21903	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	In general, I hate off-road vehicles. They are loud, destructive, all-too-often run by drunken idiots or children, and I would love to see them banned from ALL public areas.						
Correspondence ID:	21904	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please stop driving vehicles through this area!! You are killing the birds and you have no right to do that. They never done anything to anyone and they do not deserve this. Put an end to this. Someone needs to make it stop!! I am urging you to please do so. Thank you very much!!						
Correspondence ID:	21905	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do not allow vehicles on the beach. Vehicles are a danger to wildlife. Please leave something to the wildlife.						
Correspondence ID:	21906	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Keep this area as pristine as you can. off road vehicles are too destructive to be a part of this unique area.						
Correspondence ID:	21907	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Stop!						
Correspondence ID:	21908	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Correspondence ID:	21910	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. It is an amazingly beautiful area to visit and appreciate the wildlife and natural beauty. There is no need to have people drive along this area. Do the right thing and protect the area now, so that we can allow future generations to enjoy the same beauty as we do now. Thank you.						

Correspondence ID:	21911	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please...give the birds a chance to thrive.						

Correspondence ID:	21912	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	protecting the balance provided by wildlife and ecosystems is more important than off-roading.						

Correspondence ID:	21913	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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 mandate specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. Please reserve more than 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for all wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you for your efforts to protect our wildlife resources.						

Correspondence ID:	21914	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As human beings that share our environment with other species, we should try to protect the habitats in which they live. This is helping to fulfill the mandate to be good stewards of all that God has given us.

Thank you, Linda Marshall Greenville, SC

Correspondence ID: 21915 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over. Instead I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. It is our duty as humans to protect our environment and our wildlife.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The world is not made for our exclusive abuse. If we don't respect our planet, it will surely kick us off.

Correspondence ID: 21919 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Think.

Correspondence ID: 21920 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Make it happen!

Correspondence ID: 21921 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My family and I have been vacationing on the Outer Banks for about 25 years. I do not think it is too much to ask to have a few miles of coast put aside for wildlife and banning off roading there. It is dangerous for people who use the beach as well and it seems someone's child has to die first before better regulations are in place.

One of my favorite activities is walking on the beach at night. I was almost hit a few times. One 4th of July in particular stands out. Many people were trying to watch the fireworks on the beach and so many people started to drive in where people were sitting. It was complete mayhem! So many people including families with children ran off the beach because of careless drivers.

One of my biggest attractions to the Outer Banks is wildlife watching. We have tried out all the seasons, each yielding so many different species of birds. Would be a shame if we lost them. Quite frankly, if people were courteous drivers, we would not have this debate.

Correspondence ID: 21922 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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 chicks will be threatened.

Thank you for taking action to protect pur animals.

Correspondence ID: 21923 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Humans are imposing themselves into their world; therefore, we should adjust our lifestyles to accomodate theirs. People can easily adjust and still have fun without being destructive with wildlife. I'm sure if most people understood what they were doing they would agree. Please help protect our wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 21924 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I can't believe the idiots that drive off road...can't find an area where their not killing or endangering wildlife...are we going to kill all living things...including ourselves//because that will happen... we are all gods creatures were destroying the earth and all those beautiful animals...we are taking the land just like the indians,,didn't work out to well for them....

Correspondence ID: 21925 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Gentlemen,

I am against allowing off road vehicles to travel unrestricted on the Cape Hatteras National Sea Shore. These vehicles will destroy the native flora and fauna found in these areas to say nothing of the peace and quiet or tranquility one expects to find there.

People and wildlife need places of refuge. There are too few places where we can find this. Please do not destroy the beauty of the national seashore by allowing the use of off road vehicles in these pristine areas.

Correspondence ID: 21926 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for

beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID:	21927	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am out raged that you would not consider restricting off-road vehicles. Working in a school we teach our children to respect life and the environment. By you doing this it also teaches that our government is concerned with the ways of the world. Our childrens futures are at stake here if we do not set examples for them to see that we are a responsible for what happens to are world. So please do the right thing and make a diifference.						

Correspondence ID:	21928	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles just don't belong where endangered species exist. Please cordon off restricted and nesting areas from vehicles and foot traffic. Protect what makes this place special!						

Correspondence ID:	21929	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Do not let off roading take place at Cape Hatteras. Preserve our beaches for the wildlife that live there!!! Please vote to stop off roading.						

Correspondence ID:	21930	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						

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

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

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

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

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

I visit North Carolina every year and love to watch the birds and natural wildlife. It's the maine reason I visit this unspoiled shoreline rather than other beaches on the east coast.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise 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: 21931 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hello,

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

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

Please protect wildlife in our Cape Hatteras National Seashore by limiting off road vehicle use.

Thanks, Steve Schildwachter

Correspondence ID: 21932 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year enjoying 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.

After years of advocacy and legal action by Defenders of Wildlife, the National Park Service finally seems to be ready to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. So far, the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposition only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not allow any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. It reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

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

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

I wholeheartedly support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. We simply cannot, and should not, give up on this much cherished, iconic treasure.

Correspondence ID: 21933 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are plenty of other places to ride off-road vehicles. The idea / attraction of being around any scenic/wildlife area is the wildlife and environment. Allowing off-road vehicles in any of these places eliminates, possibly forever, the attraction and whole idea of what's neat to see in these places. Allowing off- road in Hatteras, or places like it, makes a few happy for a short period of time. But it destroys the "good stuff" forever for all of humankind. Don't allow off-road vehicles in Hatteras. If those few don't come to Hatteras due to not being allowed to go off-raod in a vehicle, then the area is better without them. They don't appreciate its beauty and wonder anyway.

Correspondence ID: 21934 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why would you even consider allowing ORV's on something as fragile as a seashore? Why would you let them leave their tire tracks, their pollution and their noise to destroy the tranquility of a National Seashore? I thought wildlife preserves were meant to protect wildlife, not harass it! Please do not open Cape Hatteras National Seashore to ORV's.

Remember, what is bad for the environment is also bad for humans.

Correspondence ID: 21935 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protecting wild llife insures more tourism.Without wildlife Cape Hatteras is far less enjoyable to visit!

Correspondence ID: 21936 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep recreational fishing alive in America's its part of our heritage!

Correspondence ID: 21937 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off-road vehicles to operate within the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This environment is far too sensitive to allow anything other than visitation by foot on established trails.

Correspondence ID: 21938 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Nature is sacred. Off road vehicles are not.

Correspondence ID: 21939 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must protect our natural land resources for all Americans!

Correspondence ID: 21940 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

Please don't let wildlife and wild places be destroyed. 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: 21941 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I urge you not to grant off-road vehicles unrestricted access to the National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 21942 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There should be NO off road vehicles allowed in sensitive wildlife/wildland areas. They should be limited to areas designated for their use. Stop this offense to our environment now!

Correspondence ID: 21943 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: RE: OFF-ROAD VEHICLE MANAGEMENT CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE (DOCUMENT ID NPS-2011-0005-0800)

PLEASE STOP VEHICLE ACCESS TO THE CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE. IT ENDANGERS SHORE BIRDS, WILDLIFE AND EVEN PEOPLE. THANK YOU,

LIANE KIRBY

Correspondence ID: 21944 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it protects wildlife. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21945 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We should do everything possible to protect the wildlife whenever possible. We have to save all of our wildlife so that they will be there for future generations to enjoy.

Correspondence ID: 21946 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I urge you to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting in ALL national seashores, but especially now for Cape Hatteras. Please protect the sea turtles and other shore animals from ORV's. Surely there are enough places to drive a vehicle without taking to our beaches.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 21947 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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.

Bonnie Stelzenmuller

Correspondence ID: 21948 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like to see more respect for wildlife from this administration. These anti-wildlife decisions coming from Washington are not what we were led to expect in the 2008 election campaign. We are most disappointed. Things like this Hatteras threat to wildlife and the seashore by "off road" vehicles and the outrageous slaughter of wild horses in the west by BLM are national disgraces. Even George Bush didn't stoop to this level.

Correspondence ID: 21949 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife in the area. 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.

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

Thank you for taking our thoughts into consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21950 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect the wildlife

Correspondence ID: 21951 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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 time and consideration!

Correspondence ID: 21952 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help!!!!!!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 21953 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21954 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: save all wildlife

Correspondence ID: 21955 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why should animals suffer or die for things that aren't even necessary in our lives?

Correspondence ID: 21956 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. Please don't let this happen.

Correspondence ID: 21957 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do everything legally possible to protect all wildlife on the Cape Hatteras seashore and barrier islands. It is a simple and necessary process vital to keeping the ecosystem safe and viable for future generations of Americans.

Thanks for your serious consideration of this matter!

Correspondence ID: 21958 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLEASE manage the off-road activity in Cape Hatteras! We need to protect our wildlife not our sport vehicles. Between the two, the wildlife is much more important!

CJ McGroarty

Correspondence ID: 21959 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles create such environmental damage to shore birds natural habitat as well as other species.

Correspondence ID: 21960 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are plenty of off road vehicle areas that are in a sensitive seashore area where many wildlife species could be affected.

Please consider those special places that are as yet untouched before doing anything like opening Cape Hatteras National Seashore up to any kind of off roading.

A good example of a National Treasure being damaged by offroad recreation is Yellowstone. While there for an extended winter backpack, imagine my horror when the sound of motors and the mind set of tearing it up came into view and hearing. Not a good experience for me, I can only imagine what it did for the wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Correspondence ID: 21961 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect important wildlife such as the pipping plover and other sea birds along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore by limiting vehicle access to this lovely seashore .

Correspondence ID: 21962 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't live near the beach, but I want our nation to respect wildlife everywhere. We need to be world leaders in such peaceful pursuits, not just dominators.

Correspondence ID: 21963 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21964 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to protect the tranquility of these nature areas.

Correspondence ID: 21965 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 21966 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: For the survival of several species, it is important to reserve these breeding grounds from vehicles rolling all over. We are weighing between the convenience of some irresponsible vacationers vs. the existence of the whole species. I hope the government will make the correct policy.

Correspondence ID: 21967 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please simply do the right thing. These creatures live their lives (as we do) and deserve respect. See to it that their homes are not destroyed or even worse, that they are not harmed!

Correspondence ID: 21968 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This plan needs to include more protected shoreline that restricts off-road vehicle access. Sustainable wildlife breeding grounds is more important than access by vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 21969 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We cannot allow the wholesale destruction of plants, animals and the environment. Stop off-road vehicle use.

Correspondence ID: 21970 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help save Cape Hatteras National Seashore! We need to make protecting our precious lands/wildlife a priority! Let's be smart- let's think about what we want for the FUTURE.

Correspondence ID: 21971 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 21972 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off road vehicles. They have put many species at risk e.g. desert tortoises and others and create islands of habitat instead of continuous habitat.

Correspondence ID: 21973 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If we weren't such a selfish, self centered, greedy race; regulations for ORV and other human infringement hazards wouldn't be necessary. Sometimes it seems like human beings are oblivious to the fact that we share this planet with billions of species that were here long before we ever existed. I like to have fun too, but not at the expense of innocent defenseless creatures and environments. So instate the regulations, and instate them now! This planet is our only home, and it would be a very lonely and ugly place if we were the only creatures left on it.

Correspondence ID: 21974 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21975 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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

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

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

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

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

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: 21976 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live where you can drive on beaches and its a problem for animals. I have seen MANY dead Kemps Ridley turtles. It is dangerous jfor animals and kids for folks to drive on the beach.

This practice must be stopped.

Correspondence ID: 21977 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Beaches are for walking and swimming off of - not for driving. All kinds of animals need beaches for reproduction: sea turtles, plovers and many other birds.

Protect Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 21978 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21979 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My name is Janine Orlando and I am a wildlife volunteer in Tennessee. 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 support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The park service has their roles reversed. 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. The park service needs to have more seashore miles for all wildlife that will be vehicle free.

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is totally unacceptable. You must revise 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: 21980 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21981 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off road vehicles on beaches where they can maim and kill wildlife. It also ruins the outdoor experience to have the noise, the pollution and the danger of vehicles on shores. I know I don't want to dodge a vehicle and a nesting bird can't.

Correspondence ID: 21982 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	21983	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	21984	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21985 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 21986 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I grew up going to a beach that allowed all sorts of vehicle traffic on it - Crystal Beach, TX. The destruction to the pristine and relaxing environment was a mess. Birds went to Galveston instead. Radios and engines blared at all hours. The beach was more a of a overgrown boys playground than a family friendly and animal friendly coastal refuge.

Please think about this and do the right thing. We've taken enough areas away from nature and populated them with our buildings, roads and vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 21987 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife organization and do urge you to pass the bill in favor of Off Road management. To protect our sea birds and turtles Thank You for listening

Correspondence ID: 21988 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I'm not a citizen of North Carolina but it disturbs me to think of the off-road vehicles ruining the beach areas. The nesting areas of several birds that depend on the food and protection of the dunes and beaches should not be open season to off-road vehicles which is ruining their habitat. Please vote against off-road vehicles on this delicate ecosystem. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 21989 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No Off-Road vehicules at all !!!!

Correspondence ID: 21990 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a car "nut" and driving enthusiast, I like enjoying my vehicle as much as anybody (possibly more) - but I don't like enjoying it when it endangers the lives or threatens the survival of other people or creatures. Being a responsible driving enthusiast is part of enjoying open roads and even off road areas.

As such, I firmly believe that opening Cape Hatteras to off-road vehicles driving up and down the beach, thus endangering the lives and nests of sea turtle and a variety of sea birds that depend on that area would be patently ludicrous. It would be akin to me driving my car through someone's yard and through their house - which, if you think about it, could be quite a lot of fun, but is certainly incredibly selfish and destructive.

Protecting a tiny portion of beaches for the animals and people who want to walk and truly enjoy nature while opening up the

majority of the area to off-road vehicles is the wrong decision

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

It's time for others to think beyond themselves and be responsible in their pursuit of fun. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is not guaranteed at the expense of others.

Correspondence ID: 21991 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 21992 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 21993 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save the Cape and its unique and wonderful wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 21994 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To allow ATV's and other ORV's to run amuck in Cape Hatteras National Seashore is insanity. What kind of culture allows this to happen? These loud, annoying, destructive machines have no place in this area or any other. Get rid of them.

John Crossen

Correspondence ID: 21995 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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.

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:	21996	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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. 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 ID:	21997	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please, PLEASE protect wildlife from the threat of off-road vehicle rampages!						

Correspondence ID:	21998	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Keep our wild areas beautiful						

Correspondence ID:	21999	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Every living creature deserves a home. why should these birds deserve any different?						

Correspondence ID: 22000 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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.

Kristin A. Altar

Correspondence ID: 22001 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unrestricted off road vehicle use threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. We need more of them, fewer gas-burners. They need many more areas out of the 67 miles to be explicitly protected. An education program could turn some careless off road vehicle drivers into cleaners, protectors and Cape Hatteras National Seashore guides. The animals are powerless.

Correspondence ID: 22002 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: hatteras is gorgeous. Don't ruin it with motorized CRAP.

Correspondence ID: 22003 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our Seashores from off-road vehicles. Don't let our sea turtles and birds suffer!

Thank you! Deanna Graham

Correspondence ID: 22004 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 22005 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

The prospect of horrific storms bringing untold damage to our coastlines is just one of the reasons animals that require the shoreline to propagate and nurture their young to maturity need to be undisturbed by human intervention during this important period.

Please regulate off road vehicle use to steer clear of nesting grounds on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely, Mercy Sidbury

Correspondence ID: 22006 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 22007 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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.

As you know, if you expand Off Road Vehicle use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife will be adversely impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects drivers rather than 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. We must revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Please tell me how you intend to address this urgent matter.

Correspondence ID:	22008	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We must protect the environment it is the only one we have.						
Correspondence ID:	22009	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Save Cape Haterus from noise, exhaust and the erosion caused by off road vehicles free reign.						
Correspondence ID:	22010	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	This is a really foolish idea to allow unrestricted off road vehicle use in such a pristine place and put all this wild life in jeopardy just for some foolishness. Limit off road vehicle use for the benefit of all now and in the future.						
Correspondence ID:	22011	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am glad that the NPS is finally ready to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. However, the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.						
<p>It merely sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. Only 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach are reserved year-round for pedestrians and wildlife; the rest is set aside for year-round and seasonal beach driving.</p> <p>In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>All it takes is one wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected, and it could be run over.</p> <p>I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.</p>							
Correspondence ID:	22012	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The human race has the responsibility to be the caretakers of Mother Earth and all inhabitants. We need to take it more seriously.						
Correspondence ID:	22013	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	WILDLIFE MATTERS. OFF ROAD VEHICLES CAN GO SOMEWHERE ELSE. THERE'S PLENTY OF OPEN LAND NOT KILLING WILDLIFE. HAVE SOME COMPASSION FOR CREATURES WE SHARE THIS PLANET WITH.						
Correspondence ID:	22014	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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: 22015 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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 don't see the necessity of cars on beaches at all. I vacation in this area and that is one of the activities I detest. Why is it necessary to have cars on beaches? It's unnatural and grossly inappropriate and unnecessary. The Park Service must find other ways to earn money than by destroying the environment and wildlife because clearly this action is all about easy money.

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 strict 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. Clearly those numbers should be reversed to better protect the land 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 consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22016 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I think it is wrong to allow ORV's on beach, they don't do anything but harm and plants growing there and disturb the birds. In Michigan with all our coastlines no one is allowed to do anything on the beaches that would change their natural state in any way. You can't run ORV's or any kind of machine that would alter the natural state of the beach and people can't plant or change anything on the beaches either. They can put out docks and have fires but thats about it. The last place ORV's should be allowed in on a beach, they dig up the sand and they disturb people and wildlife and they are too noisy. A marked trail is the place for ORV's.

Correspondence ID: 22017 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a long time NC resident and avid coastal fisherman. I am opposed to the proposed regulations and appalled by the recent actions of the NPS on Haterras Island. It is quite apparent that the desires of a few interest groups with no heritage, ownership, and likely little exposure to this great Island are being allowed to decide its fate.

The final ORV plan's night driving restrictions lack any technical merit. The ORV restrictions should not be included in the final plan. There has never been a reported incident of a turtle death caused by a vehicle, until 2010 with night driving restrictions already in place.

To see the pictures of the NPS shooting foxes and trapping dogs, cats, racoons and other animals for the sake of a bird is simply disturbing and beyond my comprehension. Who is the steward of the environment in this situation. I would say the fishermen do a better job of insuring sustainability on the Island than anyone from the NPS ever could aspire to.

Thank you for your consideration, David Keen

Correspondence ID: 22018 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If only we could stop running over innocent birds, our world might be a little better.

Correspondence ID: 22019 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support the careful protection of wildlife nesting areas in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. If these means regulating or even eliminating all powered vehicles from driving off-road, I am in support of such regulation. Mankind has left too much of a negative impact on natural wildlife in the last century to not make efforts to protect the wildlife that has only barely managed to survive. I hope you will support regulation of off-road powered vehicles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore!

Correspondence ID: 22020 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In regard to: Off-Road Vehicle Management:Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0800):

Please reconsider the decision of the above-cited document. If you allow so much on-beach driving -- especially in an area that has been home to wildlife -- you are saying that you are willing to kill off that wildlife for a shallow convenience. You are saying that you are willing to destroy the habitat area of pristine wildlife for a pittance. Please think hard and long and reconsider this decision.

Thank You, Carol McInerney

Correspondence ID: 22021 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 22022 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We vacation on the Outer banks several times per year. I am strongly opposed to vehicles on the beach. They have no place on a pristine beach. The disruption to wildlife nesting and mating has to be significant. Please do not extend beach access to vehicles. !

Correspondence ID: 22023 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: no comment

Correspondence ID: 22024 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	22025	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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:	22026	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	22027	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We want quality of life- for everyone.						

Correspondence ID:	22028	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am glad that there is finally a proposal for Hatteras Island ORV access, but have some concerns of a few specifics. First, there should be no restrictions on night driving. For most of the year, especially in the summer and fall, the best fishing times are before or after dark. There has been no evidence that night time driving on the beach is detrimental to the environment. Secondly, seasonal changes should be based around the summer tourist season: change driving patterns at memorial day and labor day weekends which mark the beginning and end of the season. Traffic drops way off the other times of year, evident of the changes in speed limit on highway 12. Third, if new access routes (ramps) are planned, the current one should remain in place until the replacement is ready. Fourth, Cape Point, south point (hatteras inlet) and bodie island (oregon inlet) should remain open at all times. These areas are too important to the visitors of our island, and too important as fishing spots. Another suggestion would be to allow some of the local residents to police the beaches to assist the NPS rangers. This could work similarly to the USGC auxillary program. Please consider these revisions. We are all concerned with protecting the natural beauty of Hatteras Island, but we still desire the access to our traditional fishing and recreation areas.						

Correspondence ID:	22029	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	22030	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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.

IMHO, only official vehicles and those for the disabled are justified on beaches - anywhere - period. If you want to visit the beach, park in a parking lot and walk.

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Correspondence ID:	22031	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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:	22032	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Protecting wildlife from beach driver's has to be the first priority. Destruction of dunes and the terrain is not acceptable. Besides, walking on the beach is good for your health and it's more enjoyable up close and taking it slow. Our National Seashore is not a highway. There other locations for that.						

Correspondence ID: 22033 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am a citizen and tourist expressing deep concern about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Under the current plan, protected wildlife has seen continuous increase in nesting populations. With the current success, it would be counter productive to expand ORV use across the Seashore. Threatened and endangered wildlife could be negatively impacted and the last four years of success numbers of nests could be decimated.

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

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22034 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Darryn Ambrose Portland, Oregon

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22036 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's very important that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. For me, it's simple common sense. ORV's have an option; they can drive on the beaches or elsewhere. Wildlife that relies on beaches for feeding, resting and nesting, do not have the luxury of making that choice. They MUST use the beaches. Please make sure to provide adequate protection for wildlife activities on the beaches as well as providing a separate space for ORVs. Live and let live.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 22037 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 22038 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This seems like a matter of common sense. It is sad that we must beg our legislators to do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 22039 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My husband and I have vacationed on the Outer Banks for the last 40 years. We love this area and especially the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We are both birders and nature lovers. We are 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: 22040 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose Off-Road-Vehicle use at Cape Hatteras national Seashore because the sensitive habitat houses many vulnerable species such as migratory shorebirds and sea turtles who lay eggs along this coastline and who would both be in danger from ORV use of this public seashore. Please set an example that wildlife takes priority over "recreation" - do not sell out nature to those who would run it over. Please encourage more respectful ways to visit and view the coastline without destroying it. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22041 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: 0000

Correspondence ID: 22042 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect sea turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife by restricting off road vehicle use!

Correspondence ID: 22043 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 22044 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help protect the animals.

Correspondence ID: 22045 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicle users have plenty of places to drive their ORVs; Pipping Plovers, Black Skimmers, and terns have very few places to nest. It is critical that state and federal agencies do everything possible to restrict ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore during nesting seasons. Do NOT give in to pressure from the ORV users that represent a minority when compared to folks who want to see nesting birds protected.

Correspondence ID: 22046 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please designate substantial areas of the Cape Hatteras shoreline as off limits to vehicles, including off-road vehicles. The beach ecosystem is fragile and several species of wildlife are endangered by vehicles, including nesting birds and sea turtles. In addition, human visitors on foot cannot appreciate the pristine quality of the beach and the wildlife with vehicles passing through. Cape Hatteras is special because it has been a refuge for wildlife and the ecosystem has been protected. Allowing vehicles free rein jeopardizes this. I believe protection of the shore ecosystem should be the top priority and vehicles should be strictly limited to areas where nesting wildlife and fragile dune systems will not be endangered, and where walking visitors will not be disturbed. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22047 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep the animals safe.

Correspondence ID: 22048 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles are very harmful for the animal and plant inhabitants in rural lands. Please ban their existence in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22049 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As useful as they can be in times of emergency, the use of off road vehicles are damaging and destroying our land when used for recreation without appropriate and enforced regulation.

Correspondence ID: 22050 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All motorized vehicles, with the exception of National Park vehicles, should be banned from all National Seashores. Period. Ian Tully

Correspondence ID: 22051 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-roading destroys wildlife, their habitat and the ground on which it is done. Don't consider allowing this to occur.

Correspondence ID: 22052 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My family camped at Frisco Campground for two weeks each summer from 1971 to 1977. We'd body surf in the mornings, and surf fish in the afternoons. My father and I also made a couple trips in late Fall to try to catch bluefish/redfish runs, though that never worked out for us. We would simply walk up the beach to fish, though I do appreciate that some of the best fishing spots are all but inaccessible without ORVs. Regardless, I would favor highly restrictive policies on ORV use, especially during nesting seasons. Some of the best surf fishing is highly seasonal (I'm thinking of the fall runs), and ORV use during these optimal times may conflict somewhat with fall migration, but I would still encourage you to err on the side of protecting the shorebirds.

Correspondence ID: 22053 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 22054 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Vehicles can choose where to roam, but animals cannot.

Correspondence ID: 22055 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help to keep those ugly, noisy, dangerous, stupid vehicles off the beaches and out of our remaining natural places. I'm sure the folks who make the vehicles and of course as always, the oil companies want the whole world polluted by their products. Please resist their efforts and keep some clean quiet space on this earth for everyone's health and sanity, and for the poor wild creatures. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22056 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The seashore's integrity is more important than the right for individuals to ride off-road vehicles for a moment of fun at the expense of the integrity of the seashore, it's wildlife, and the vegetation that helps sustain it.

Correspondence ID: 22057 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORV's should NOT be allowed when they interfere with nesting shorebirds and sea turtles!

The people who use them can certainly find alternative places. When we destroy our environment and other species, we are only destroying ourselves.

Correspondence ID: 22058 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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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Thank you for your consideration.

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Name:	private						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murry,						

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This could happen if the proposed regulations, as currently written, remain as they are as they treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise 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:	22062	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.						

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

Please ensure that there is adequate protections for these sea birds and their nests! I request specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22064 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Vehicles belong on roads, period. Keep them off beaches and shorelines.

Correspondence ID: 22065 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Let's do the right thing and preserve our beautiful environment. Let those of us who don't use off-road vehicles (an we vastly outnumber those who do!) enjoy visiting unspoiled nature such as Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Once these areas are destroyed, they are often gone forever. That's quite a price to pay for allowing off-roaders their childish, destructive titulations.

The vast majority of Americans demand unspoiled wilderness forever, as opposed to human spoilage and destruction forever.

Makes sense, and I wonder why this is even an issue.

Correspondence ID: 22066 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please heed to our requests.

Correspondence ID: 22067 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is vital to protect vulnerable wildlife on the Cape Hatteras seashore, especially during nesting.

Correspondence ID: 22068 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: I have watched videos of people driving on the island and there is blatant disregard for all wildlife as many vehicles get stuck in the sand and do tremendous environmental damage to get the vehicle moving again.

I just finished some research into the value of ecosystem services provided by wildlife and its associated tourism value. We are talking millions of dollars annually! Since tourism is the sole industry on Hatteras, North Carolina cannot afford to allow reckless persons to destroy this income producing environment, much less destroy our precious, and in many cases threatened and endangered wildlife. It is too high a price to pay.

Correspondence ID: 22069 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Vehicles, dogs and too many people along shorelines are causing the extinction of migrating shorebirds world-wide. In Australia we have many groups tagging shorebird numbers and the decline in the majority of species is shocking.

All countries which are regularly visited by shorebirds need to be aware of this vital issue if the world is not to see another instance of man-caused extinctions of our precious - and essential - wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22070 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I support specific, enforceable protections for wildlife and urge additional vehicle-free areas be created for nesting.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22071 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22072 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unrestricted, unmanaged, undirected use of off-road vehicles is unconscionable in areas where animal habitat and reproduction are an essential part of the ecosystem. We must preserve such areas in Cape Hatteras National Seashore by strict enforcement of controls for off- road vehicle usage.

Correspondence ID: 22073 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider not allowing off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We need to save this landmark and the wildlife that depends on it for survival.

Sincerely, Karen

Correspondence ID: 22074 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few

areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22075 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. If you allow abundant access with motor vehicles, excessive damage will be done to dunes and nesting areas. The wildlife that we all enjoy while being on Hatteras will disappear. Instead the wildlife will become SUV's and wall to wall people. The charm of Hatteras will disappear and it will become your everyday overpopulated beach! Loggerhead turtles will disappear in the area as less protected strands of beach become sparse. There is enough SUVs and 4x4 vehicles on Hatteras already! Please don't ruin our beaches!

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Name: private
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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore 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 definitely opposed to unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID:	22078	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect our wildlife, and their nesting babies. Limit ORV's areas to areas that don't disrupt these precious animals and their babies.						

Correspondence ID:	22079	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. Tell the Park Service instead that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Please protect our wildlife from recreation vehicles.

Correspondence ID:	22080	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Thank you for your consideration.

Michele Brooks

Correspondence ID: 22081 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please forbid recreational offroad vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 22082 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Regarding pending off-road Vehicle regulations for Hatteras National Seashore:

First establish measures to give adequate protection to wildlife,

Then, plot reasonable off-road vehicle areas so the acreage of ORV use doesn't further degrade wild species.

If this process is followed, it will not destroy species and will lead to recovery for those now threatened.

Correspondence ID: 22083 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do the right thing, use your head, how would you like if I drove over your land and ran your cat or dog over?

Correspondence ID: 22084 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please support efforts to protect the wildlife of Cape Hatteras.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 22085 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not open up the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to Off Road Vehicles. This area should be protected for the precious wildlife and live and nest there. The animals come first before any off road vehicles, or we won't have any animals left to enjoy.

Correspondence ID: 22086 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save the birds! Ban the off road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 22087 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My parents live on Hatteras Island yearround and I spend weeks at a time on the island each summer. We love the feel of rustic charm and openness with nature that comes from living remotely on a barrier island located 25 miles out at sea.

All that being said, and I should add that I consider myself an environmentalist at heart, the infrequent off-road/on-beach driving is not the situation that is killing the native birds of the area. I support the idea that off-road driving should be minimized, but there is a much simpler solution that every resident who is actually familiar with the Outerbanks knows about that seems to have been missed here.

It is common knowledge to anyone who has spent anytime on the chain of North Carolina islands that constitutes the

Outerbanks that what is actually killing the diverse ecosystem of native birds isn't off-road vehicles, it is feral cats. The majority of Hatteras & Pea island are over-run with them. If your only solution to the diminishing population of birds is to stop the occasional driver, your attempts to help the birds will be in vain. There is rarely any vehicles on the beaches anyway, especially since the sand is too powdery to navigate with most vehicles. The Outerbanks really needs an Animal Control Agency.

Just food for thought, Chris Layton

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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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.

Correspondence ID: 22089 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 22090 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing because I am OPPOSED to unrestricted off road vehicle use. I believe that the proposed regulations do not allow enough space to protect birds, turtles and other wildlife who must use this area to survive. Off road vehicle users can go to many other places which will not affect birds, turtles and other endangered wildlife such as Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protection for protection of our wildlife, and also additional areas are needed for nesting wildlife. Please allow Cape Hatteras to be kept in its natural state for those of us who love birdwatching and wish to protect birds, turtles, and other endangered species. This is the real purpose for national parks, not use by off roading vehicle enthusiasts. Piping plovers are a protected species, and they rely on this area for nesting of their young. Please consider the wildlife in this area, and those of us who enjoy walking in the area without the off road vehicles. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 22091 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Manage off road vehicles to protect our wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 22092 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: With millions of paved roads why is it necessary to drive offroad? When will mans destruction of the environment end? Probably when the desturction of man ends.

Correspondence ID: 22093 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Your organization is prepared to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Yet the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

Correspondence ID: 22094 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-Road Vehicle use must be regulated to ensure that wildlife are protected. Cape Hatteras is a national treasure that should be protected for all Americans and for future generations to enjoy, including its native wildlife. Unregulated ORV use would seriously threaten that and should not be permitted.

Correspondence ID: 22095 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Correspondence ID: 22096 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All of the beach area should be off limits to traffic all year round to save any species that lives and raises young there. Our wildlife has already taken a huge toll from mankind!

Correspondence ID: 22097 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service plan, crucial animal populations will decline.

Correspondence ID: 22098 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	22099	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I think the purpose of a national seashore should be to protect the area in its most natural state. Native wildlife should have more protection than people who want to participate in activities that can disturb or harm the wildlife or their habitat. Why go to an undeveloped area to race around in off-road vehicles? Vocal off-roaders should not be dictating decisions. Science and the environment should rule. Please protect the wildlife and their habitat. As a resident of North Carolina and a supporter of environmental causes, I think any activities that can disturb or harm the area should be outlawed or limited. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	22100	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I would like to see wildlife preserved over more off road access for vehicles. I'm concerned that we are losing more pristine wilderness, at least that of land where heavy traffic is forbidden. The places along the coast of Cape Hatteras are lovely and best viewed on foot; I also feel that permission to use off road vehicles will reduce the beauty and appeal of the area for non-vehicular travelers. Please do not open the area to increased off road traffic of any kind--other than foot.						
Correspondence ID:	22101	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	save wild life						
Correspondence ID:	22102	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect the shorelines from these noisy polluting vehicles,, there are sufficient off road tracks for them.						
Correspondence ID:	22103	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Recreational activities should not be allowed in areas where our wildlife is being threatened for the pure pleasure of humans. There are many places other than animal habitats that people can enjoy without causing harm and destruction. The wildlife is already in severe peril due to humans disregard of animals. The world does not belong to man alone. It is intended to be shared with all creatures on earth. Animals are an important part of our earth and all serve a purpose to nature. Why has mankind forgotten and disregarded respect and compassion for the helpless and voiceless?						
Correspondence ID:	22104	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please consider the intent of the proposed law and it's effectiveness; assuming the nature of the bill is to protect wildlife. I believe a better compromise/solution could be obtained.						
Correspondence ID:	22105	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We need to be more careful about the effect we have on this planet with our actions. Let man make an off road type track for adults to get their kicks if they must. We need to protect what wild life is left that uses the land to survive and has no other place to go. Off roading could be done anywhere.						
	I would not allow it at all. Not on beaches and shore lines, deep in forests, swamps or any other place where it is going to have an impact on the land. thanks P. A.						
Correspondence ID:	22106	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						

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

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

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22107 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for considering my input

Sincerely, Janet Fishman

Correspondence ID: 22108 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to express my concerns about the Park Service's plan to manage ORV on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Our coastal wildlife needs protection from people driving on the beaches and . The creatures are often difficult to see even for those people trying their best to avoid harming any wildlife. And might I add, that most people really do not need to drive everywhere. Perhaps we would not be the obese society we are if folks tried more walking.

It is up to us to protect our wildlife and give them the best chance possible for survival. I strongly believe that their survival takes priority over unnecessary travel on our beaches.

Correspondence ID: 22109 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

christopher carlson

Correspondence ID:	22110	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Keep all vehicles from ruining our treasure!						
Correspondence ID:	22111	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	answer is no.						
Correspondence ID:	22112	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	As a biologist and a person who loves to walk a seashore, I urge you to limit the places where ORV can drive at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Ground nesting birds and sea turtles need all the protection we can give them and driving over them in ORVs is not protection but destruction. I also fear for small children who might want to walk the beach. Please talk with naturalists about your plan and follow their advice. Not the the advice of folks who want to spoil this beautiful seashore.						
Correspondence ID:	22113	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	there are so few quiet untouched places left in the east coast. Please don't allow off road vehicles in the park. There are plenty of places to ride these vehicles. Please keep this park a place to enjoy natures beauty. Don't allow off road vehicles.						
Correspondence ID:	22114	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am in favor of Off-Road Management on Caoe Hatteras National Seashore. Time to protect the wildlife.						
Correspondence ID:	22115	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	My name is Abraham Hafiz Rodriguez, and I am a third year medical student at the University of Illinois College of Medicine.						
	Please modify this policy so that wildlife is specifically protected. No broad wording should be used, as wildlife protection should be specifically incorporated into the policy language. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	22116	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	There are far too many of us and far too few of them. We are committing a slow species suicide by ignoring the fact that all life on this planet is interconnected.						
Correspondence ID:	22117	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Carrie Mack

Correspondence ID: 22118 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In Cape Hatteras National Seashore the areas for ORVs 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 is important that you grant protections for Hatteras' wildlife

Correspondence ID: 22119 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a strong advocate of limiting ORV access to beaches at Cape Hatteras to protect nesting species. There are plenty of beaches that would be reasonable substitutes at the times that these areas are vulnerable and times of the year when such access might be permitted. We share this planet with other species and have a responsibility to behave accordingly.

Correspondence ID: 22120 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 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: 22121 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22122 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As an American, 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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Correspondence ID: 22123 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: More must be done to ensure vital nesting areas are protected for the various species that live in this area.

To put it simply, a healthier ecosystem will do more good overall than off-road vehicles for both the health of the surrounding community as well as the economy through tourism, fish yields, etc.

Surely there is a compromise to be had here.

Correspondence ID: 22124 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The impacts of unrestricted off-roadvehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangeredshorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches. Off Road Vehicles (atv's 4-wheelers etc in my Lifetime here have seriously damaged the ecosystem populations of migratory birds, waterfowl, and much more. The people who ride these things to "Wild scenic places" most certainly do not value them for what they are otherwise they wouldn't be doing it. What they are nactually about is achieving the same butterflies in their stomachs that rides at amusement parks and carnivals offer at the expense of our forests where the animals / wildLife trees coexist. I have hunted grouse / small game my entire Life, spending great amounts of time walking our forests and in the past 25 years since ATV'S have come onto the scene offering thrill seekers a place to spin their tires every spring time on budding plants, and nests has really been taking it's toll and when they camp for a few days they think nothing absolutely nothing at all about dumping their used oil within 20 ft of their tent site where they 'imagine' it won't ever float on the top of puddles soon as it rains. Here in MN they finally outlawed them in the southern half of the state during spring and summer months because of the damage to birds etc - It just blows my mind they haven't been outlawed in all national forests / parks - and here I'm reading about this now, where ENDANGERED SEA TURTLES LIVE. There comes a time - these things also spread eurasian milfoil the truth is our wilderness areas have been walked through on foot forever by people who honestly value it. The ones who've always valued and stood by our wilderness, wildLife all these aeons have not done so just to save it for "When ATV's can come and fuck it up forever" I support specific, enforceable,science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting

Correspondence ID: 22125 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I'd like to speak against off-road vehicle use at Cape Hatteras Nat'l Seashore. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 22126 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our national seashores are precious treasures, and I want my son and future grandchildren to experience what is so special about undisturbed natural wildlife areas along our eastern seaboard. We need a better balance of protection of these lands, so that non-invasive human use and wildlife protections weigh more heavily than an invasive presence of off-road driving on beach areas.

Please protect wildlife along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore by dramatically limiting access to these areas by ORVs. In the legislation being considered, there is not enough protection of nesting shore birds and other wildlife along those shores. Let's pass on an irreplaceable legacy of beauty and wonder to current and future generations.

Thank you, Nancy Edison

Correspondence ID: 22127 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	22128	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Correspondence ID:	22129	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am writing because I am concerned about the welfare of wildlife on Cape Hatteras's National Seashore. I am a retired teacher/animal lover/birdwatcher. Opening the entire seashore to beach driving would have a devastating effect on wildlife. Please, I am urging the Park Service to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Wildlife is a great natural resource and needs to be protected. Thank you, Diane Pease						

Correspondence ID:	22130	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am writing in opposition to unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						

Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year to take 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 threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

The current 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. 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.

A temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. In 2007, protected sea turtles created only 82 nests on the shore. In 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

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

I urge you to enact specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID:	22131	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am simply a deeply concerned citizen. No title, no authority. And like untold thousands, I am deeply distressed by the environmental damage that persists and escalates. We are allowing the unallowable.						

The reality that a relatively small number of off-road enthusiasts can forever degrade and, in time, literally destroy what little pristine terrain remains in our country is sickening -- and abhorrent. We cannot claim, as citizens, the right to enjoy our destructive pleasures at the enormous cost to the land that we are facing in this situation. PLEASE think of the future before "giving away" the present. There is a line drawn in the sand at Cape Hatteras. Crossing it will be a tragedy. An avoidable, unconscionable tragedy!

Correspondence ID:	22132	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	These regulations are clearly needed--see the bird data from the last four years! Yes, we have dominion over the earth; we have a responsibility that accompanies dominion, to protect and preserve the wonderful diversity within our world. This is at most, a minor limitation on a few individuals' recreational pleasures, and for the benefit of all future generations--let's hope there are more than we can imagine, both human and otherwise!						

Correspondence ID:	22133	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 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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Speak out for wildlife. Visit regulations.gov to oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 22134 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict their use due to pollution and habitat degradation. Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 22135 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 22136 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have been traveling to Hatteras and the rest of the beaches for over 37 years and love them. I have been fishing and driving on the beach 33 of those years. If I have to give that up in order to increase the chance for the wildlife to thrive, than so be it. Once they are gone we will never see them again. That would be a travesty. Please do what every it takes to protect them. I want my children to enjoy the shore as much as I have .

Correspondence ID: 22137 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: People need to stop destroying our wildlife habitat! They don't care as long as it benefits them. I am so tired of people wanting to destroy our wildlife. When does it stop? The wildlife is being pushed out of their areas and are now in our backyards then people complain and the animals are destroyed. We have a list of endangered species but few care. They want to keep killing the wildlife. It needs to stop! We need to start protecting our wildlife and there needs to be huge fines or something to make it stop.

Correspondence ID: 22138 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I've been down at the the OBX twice in the last couple of years. I've seen first hand the hostility that a portion of area visitors and residents have toward wildlife. I was pretty stunned, but I shouldn't have been surprised. I know of wildlife advocates that have been threatened, physically, by hysterical wildlife haters. I was challenged because the person I was with had birding sticker on his car.... and at that time I didn't even know why I was being accosted!! There's a contingent of voices that are hoping and fighting for certain species to be extinct. It angers them that species which lived here for million and millions of years before humans even took shape are now standing in the way of them roaring up and down the beach in their automobiles. Well, the selfish and ignorant have just about one. They're good at what they do... destroying their own environment. They're almost at their goal.... eliminating anything that's not human. It'll cost them, but they don't want to hear that. At any rate, it might be worthwhile, in my judgement, to stop and think another few years before eradicating another few chunks of ecosystem so a handful of tantrum throwing homo sapiens can tear up the precious few yards of beach that other animals have access to.

Correspondence ID: 22139 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: You have a responsibility to protect wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22140 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I only wish to ask that those with the power to do so please give a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves. If we do not take care of our wildlife, no one will. Without our wildlife we would be a much more depressing and lonely world. This is their world too. Please help them to live in it. Thank you!

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Catherine Richter

Correspondence ID: 22142 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID:	22144	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I want specific,enforced science based protection for wildlife and additional vehicle free areas for wildlife nesting. Thank you.						

Correspondence ID:	22145	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Correspondence ID:	22146	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	ORV's have a time and a place. I enjoy riding them myself. However, there should be a clear delineation as to where they are and are not allowed. They should NOT be allowed in sensitive wildlife areas-period. There are plenty of areas of "spoiled" land that should prove sufficient in which to ride these vehicles-lets keep the rest as untouched as possible.						

Correspondence ID:	22147	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras is one of my favorite places on the east coast. I treasure the times I have enjoyed there. Whatever decision is made regarding off-road vehicles must include protection for all wildlife habitat. Otherwise, you will compromise the pristine beauty of your land as well as threaten species.						

Correspondence ID:	22148	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, by limiting the use of off-road vehicles in the area. A national seashore should be preserved as a natural habitat--there are many other areas to drive in.

Correspondence ID: 22149 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep ORVs off of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Sincerely, John Gibboney

Correspondence ID: 22150 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Wildlife simply cannot compete with mechanized, loud, speeding off-road-vehicles if they are to survive.

Please do the right thing, and adopt the suggestions proposed by Defenders of Wildlife and other conservation-minded organizations.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22151 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom It Concerns:

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Name: private
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pedestrians. After all, if you are protecting nature, shouldn't the majority be able to see it and experience it firsthand as opposed to driving over it?

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable (I know I don't like it, which is why I'm making my voice heard). Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. After all, sea turtles are so adorable and popular (who doesn't love Finding Nemo?).

All joking aside, I think it is important that we protect the environment. It protects us, the least we can do is limit our ORVs a bit more. I thank you for taking my opinion into your decision-making process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Ben Weber

Correspondence ID:	22153	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Name:	private						
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Penny Felton

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 22156 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please put wildlife before people pleasure.

Correspondence ID: 22157 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-Road vehicles can find other places to ride. They don't need to be riding in places endangering wild life.

Correspondence ID: 22158 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am strongly opposed to the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV--or not managing, depending on how you interpret the proposal--use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Data shows that under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles nests increased from a low of 82 nests in 2007 to 153 in 2010--a significant and important gain for a T&E species. Number of piping plovers and other shorebirds have increased under the interim plan. Expanding ORV access across the Seashore will have a negative effect on T&E species that are protected under the ESA.

Continued regulation of ORV will protect the essential habitat provided by the National Seashore, but the proposed Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. This is backwards. As development and anthropogenic stresses decrease habitat it is the responsibility of the National Parks Service to make sure the available habitat remains protected--not degraded. Humans have the option to go to other areas, what choices do wildlife have? More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and these area can be enjoyed by pedestrians as well .

It is unbelievable that the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional. Not only is this unacceptable, it may violate the ESA. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for species like plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22159 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Preserve the sildlife area in Cape Hattera National Seashore

Correspondence ID: 22160 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please enact regulations that sharply curtail the amount of space that Off Road Vehicles are allowed to travel across. There's no rational reason to allow them to have carte blanche to travel across ecologically fragile terrain, and through areas that play host to species that are struggling to survive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22161 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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I understand that the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. I ask that you please revise 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: 22163 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Our wildlife is just as important and vital to this planet as the humans who have the ability and power to protect them and help them survive.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Correspondence ID:	22164	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Thank you for your consideration.

Alessandro Barbato.

Correspondence ID:	22165	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles pollute - they're noisy, noxious machines that have no place anywhere near wildlife. They suck up gasoline that increases our dependence on foreign oil and destroy peace and tranquility that citizens in our modern age are seeking at the shore.						

Stop the machines.

Correspondence ID:	22166	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,15,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						

Correspondence: I personally witnessed an off road vehicle run over a Snowy Plover on Bolivar Peninsula, Texas. Off road vehicles should not be allowed on our beaches.

Correspondence ID: 22167 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am opposed to the use of ORVs at Cape Hatteras. Vast stretches of North America have been paved over for the use of people's vehicles. All that paved surface has been taken away from the wildlife, its original inhabitants.

Let Cape Hatteras be for the birds and turtles that have so few other options for making a home.

Headless, greedy people seeking recreation can just go spin their wheels on an asphalt parking lot. They have no right to disrupt the lives of wild animals on a beach

Please preserve our precious American wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22168 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Respect Life! Respect Nature! Respect Yourself! - Thanks!

Correspondence ID: 22169 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-Road Vehicles can be very destructive in natural settings. They ruin the appearance of the areas they drive through; they destroy wildlife and ground nesters; they make it unsafe for hikers, for children who are playing in the areas. Let the ORV's find a place in another part of the country where there are no natural condition that need protecting. This coment is in regard to "Off-Road Vehicle Management: Cape Hatteeras as National Seashore (Doc ID NPS-2011-0005-0800)

Thank you for making stronger protections for natural areas of our conuntry's wildlife and shorelines being made safer.

Correspondence ID: 22170 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 22171 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All nesting areas with a buffer zone need to be protected. ORV's are extremely destructive and should not be allowed.

Correspondence ID: 22172 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 22173 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must all be diligent in protecting our wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22174 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I want the Park Service to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

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

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Correspondence ID: 22176 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: DO THE RIGHT THING FOR THESE ANIMALS

Correspondence ID: 22177 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: These animals deserve to life. Stop off-road vehicles!

Correspondence ID: 22178 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. It is our job as a society to protect wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22179 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please DO NOT allow off-road vehicles access to Cape Hatteras, thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22180 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22182 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no sane or humane reason to allow unrestricted off-road vehicles on seashores. Recreation is a poor excuse for causing damage to beaches and wildlife. Don't allow or promote it.

Correspondence ID: 22183 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why should the 'wants' of 'little boys' and their 'noisy toys' be more important than the safety and welfare of the creatures that live and reproduce on the Cape Hatteras Seashore??!!

Why should families who go to the seashore to relax and enjoy the peace, quiet and tranquilly of the sea and enjoy the beach, be subjected to the noise, exhaust fumes and the 'very real' possibility of being injured by the 'idiots' who are 'just blowing off steam and having fun'!!!?

Where did they get the idea that 'going to the beach', equates to the 'destruction' of public property, and the disruption of the peace and quiet of other visitors to the beach?

If they want to go to the seashore to enjoy the seashore, the should leave their 'noisy big boy toys' at home!!!

Correspondence ID: 22184 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Fragile areas can be damaged beyond restoration by those seeking a thrill which should be reserved for a racetrack so designed, not pristine wilderness areas!

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Name: private
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Elizabeth Bailey

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Correspondence ID:	22187	Project:	10641	Document:	41993
Name:	Capozzelli, J				
Received:	Sep,06,2011 00:00:00				
Correspondence Type:	Letter				
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.				

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

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

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

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 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. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. One wrong step by a piping plover into an area that is not protected and it could be run over.

Please oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Please help stop off road vehicles from killing shoreline wildlife. Thank you.

Correspondence ID:	22188	Project:	10641	Document:	41993
Name:	Weston, James W				
Received:	Sep,08,2011 00:00:00				
Correspondence Type:	Letter				
Correspondence:	My wife, Pat, and I retired to Hatteras Island in 2000. We had been vacationing on the Outer Banks, specifically Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands, since 1988 with our children. We bought a rental home in 1998 in Avon, with hopes of retiring there. Having had nothing but good experiences and friendly camaraderie with the NPS, we drove and fished the islands' beaches with our children and grandchildren. We never gave it a thought or had any idea that our beach access could or would change so drastically from what we had known it to be for so many years. We have all of our life's work invested in our retirement home, hoping to live out our time on this island.				

Then came the 'Consent Decree' orchestrated by a Federal Judge and enforced by the NPS for the last four years. It has changed our lives, not being able to drive and fish the beach, to shell hunt or watch sunsets, or just enjoy the atmosphere. We had hoped that through the Negotiated Rulemaking process would come some rules that everyone could agree to and could live with, but this failed and was not to be.

Now we are faced with this proposed Rule that the NPS has concocted (RIN 1024-AD85). This Rule was written by lawyers for lawyers. Common people can't read or understand it.

The following are some areas of this Rule to which I object: ? Permits. We live here permanently, so we shouldn't have to buy a permit. ? Vehicle Equipment and Inspection. Our vehicles have been inspected by the State already. We, or anybody that drives on the beach, know what equipment we need to carry. ? Seasonal (Village) Closure Dates. Why do we need new dates for the beach closures in front of the Villages? ? Proposed New Ramps. Where is the NPS getting the money for new ramps? The ramps we have now are not properly maintained and you propose to close areas off BEFORE the new ramps are constructed. ?

Night Driving Restrictions. I object to the night-driving proposal. This is the best time to drum fish. Only hardcore fisher people fish at night anyway. As far as I know, no one has caused a problem yet. ? Table for Designated Routes. I don't understand the reasoning behind closing almost 2 miles of beach to everybody between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34. We have Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge already.

How can anyone come to the conclusion that this proposal will not hurt the fragile economy of Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands. Read the letter submitted to the NPS on economical analysis from small businesses. Most, if not all, small businesses depend on beach access. Look at December 2010 economic analysis published by the NPS.

You need to read the transcripts of the DEIS meeting held on Hatteras Island on April 4, 2010, and especially the April 28, 2010 meeting in Raleigh, NC. These were public meetings held by the NPS. How can the NPS conclude that this rule will increase overall visitation? North Carolina states that its position on 'species of concern' is ignored by the NPS, yet they (the NPS) close beaches for these birds.

The people of this island need help before it's too late. PLEASE HELP US. DO NOT PUT THIS PROPOSED RULE INTO EFFECT.

Correspondence ID: 22189 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Vines Jr., Sturat S
Received: Sep,12,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: I wish to submit the following comments for the public record concerning "DRV Rule (36 CRF Part 7- Special Regulations- Areas of National Park System - Cape Hatteras National Seashore).

My family and I have been visiting Hatteras Island and Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Recreational area for more than 30 years. Currently my wife and I spend about 5 months annually on the island. The proposed DRV Management Plan will have a profound impact on our time there. The plan, in the current state, leaves a number of unanswered questions which will affect visitors. In reference to the DRV permits: What is the specific procedure to obtain a permit? Where will they be available? Will they be available online? I certainly hope the NPS has the foresight to make this an option. To require the applicants to attend on-sight sessions will result in long waits, and would be a waste of tax dollars and yet another poorly disguised method to deter beach access to the DRV users. What will be the cost of the permit? Does the permit fee (tax) include the projected cost of new infrastructure? If so, permit holders will initially paying for something which is not available. When will the new infrastructure be completed. Until it is completed the plan has the strong potential of isolating areas of the beach that are presented as "open", but in reality, will be inaccessible.

As long as these and other questions are left unanswered, there is no "real" plan. Please complete the plan and then be honest with the tax paying public who fund all activity within the Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22190 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Travis, Ginger
Received: Sep,02,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: Please accept these handwritten comments. I had trouble submitting them by the online comment form.

As a longtime tourist to the Outer Banks for kayaking and bird watching, I strongly support regulations of ORV use within the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Furthermore, such regulation should be rational and science-based.

I believe that sea turtles and waterbirds are as important to the Seashore as as the bluefish and other species the ORV drivers seek. Not only are birds and turtles important to the ecosystem, they are important economically to the Outer Banks communities where tourists like us spend our money on lodging, food, kayak rentals and other things. Failure to protect the nesting turtles, terns, skimmers, plovers and other species (including human pedestrians) means, ultimately, a failure to protect the economic well-being of Outer Banks residents. Without national regulation of ORV use, I don't see a future for myself as a traveler to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Correspondence ID: 22191 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Stampley, Charles D
Received: Aug,31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: My Family and I have been traveling from Charleston, S.C. and Charlotte N.C. annually for the last 39 years. We usually camp for a couple of days, then rent a house or hotel in Frisco, Hatteras or Ocracoke. If you restrict beach access to 4wd vehicles we will not be returning and you will not be receiving the five to ten thousand dollars annually that we spend. This does not include our friends who will most likely not vacation, surf and fish. Do not be foolish in your beach closing. You can possibly hurt the economy and futures of a lot of hard working people over a few birds that haven't visited for as long as my family.

Correspondence ID: 22192 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Simkins, Freda
Received: Sep,12,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: After reading the Park Service's proposed rules for Hatteras Island, they are a disgrace for the people at Hatteras Island and the tourist that love the beach and Surf Fishing. How many more Freedoms, As Americans, are we going to be forced to lose, before the Government is going to be satisfied.

Of course, after being forced to leave West Virginia and move to Tennessee, because the Department of Interior let the coal companies destroy my water, I can see what is happening at Hatteras Island.

The excuse in West Virginia for letting the coal companies blase the mountains and destroy the water were "we are creating jobs." Is the excuse that you are protecting plovers and turtles really true????

I ask as a person who loves to drive on the beach, "please implement rules that we as tourist may be able to tolerate."

May god bless you with your decision.

Correspondence ID: 22193 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Schell, Eric
Received: Aug.31,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: By way of introduction, I am an avid salt water fisherman and have been fishing the Hatteras Seashore annually in October for some twenty-one years. I belong to a fishing club, the East Coast Anglers, which join me on the annual October trip. We number nine members. Fortunately, starting last year, some of our adult sons have been able to come and experience this beautiful Seashore as well.

I have followed closely the issues with respect to ORV use in the CHNS, both before the Consent Decree and thereafter. I completely agree that the Seashore must be managed in way that protects and preserves its outstanding beauty, environment and wildlife. I also believe these interests must be balanced with the hi storical use of the Seashore, the residents of the villages supporting the Seashore and its visitors, and the recreational uses made of the Seashore .

As a fisherman I have reviewed the proposed ORV Rule, RIN 1024-AD85 and have a few comments and suggestions that I would like to share. First, let me say that without the use of off-road vehicles to access the shoreline, most of the beauty and benefit of the surf fishing experience would be lost. Additionally, if only walk-overs or limited beach access were put in place, the overcrowding, parking concerns and loss of the peaceful fishing experience would surely be the result.

I have no objection to obtaining a permit valid for seven days for ORV use at the Seashore. However, unless the Rule provided for an online, pre-arrival application and approval process, there would be no rational way to secure such a permit for fisherman arriving late Saturday afternoon. Sunday the permit process would be closed, and the Monday class would likely be overbooked. Since a few of our group can only stay through Tuesday, there would be no value to their coming. North Carolina, when it instituted the salt water license not too many years ago, came up with a license process that was date specific, I think the NPS can come up with something similar.

With regard to understanding and acknowledging the rules of ORV use, I certainly think an online Q&A educational progranl enhanced from that already existing on the NPS website and online test could serve this purpose. With regard to the inspection of the vehicle, I just do not believe it is necessary. Most folks we see have all been on the sand and have the appropriate equipment. If someone is having problems, there have always been folks who will lend a hand to assist. There should not be a prohibitive process from obtaining an ORV permit pre-arrival, paying the necessary fee, and expecting the ORV user to know enough to be prepared for anticipated issues.

I suppose on the point of the appropriate fee for the ORV permit I would only say that there appears to me to be a vast economic spectrum of fisherman on the Seashore. While some could pay whatever fee may be set, others would be precluded from enjoying the Seashore if the weekly fee exceeded \$10 per vehicle. I would suggest that the fee be rationally related to the abbreviated seven day use and should not be used as an economic deterrent to continued ORV access to the Seashore.

The proposed Designated Routes I must take great exception to. First, the proposed rule identifies on Hatteras Island a ramp at mile marker 32.5. No such ramp exists. The ramp is presently at mile marker 34 just north of Avon. Unless and until the new proposed ramp is constructed, there should not be a restriction to the use of ramp 34.

Second, the area just south and west of Cape Point known to most as the Hook, is proposed to be severely limited to 0.3 miles west. I must tell you that this is not rational. There would be no purpose in this limitation, it is already served by the Interdunal route and provides without question the finest view of the sunset at the Point bar none. This has been and hopefully will continue to be one of the highlights of the trip. I would suggest a careful analysis and consideration of this proposed restriction.

Third, it appears from my reading of the routes that the area known as the false point below the ferry landing will also be restricted. The tidal beaches at Hatteras Inlet provide some of the best fishing in the area. While I recognize that the dune structure changes and it can be very narrow at times in that area, it should not simply be penciled off limits without some rational reason. This area is very similar to the Hook area and provides a wonderful afternoon of fishing in the southerly and

westerly direction.

I wanted to make two other comments that I think are impacted by any rule adopted. First, in my years of fishing at the Seashore I have never seen any wildlife or marine animals mistreated, intentionally harmed or destroyed. In fact, I believe fishermen, like most sportsmen, seek to protect and preserve the natural inhabitants and pristine conditions of the Seashore for their children and grandchild to enjoy as well. These visitors, especially, seem to enhance the Seashore, not harm it in any way.

Lastly, and certainly not the least concern, is the impact this all has on the residents and business owners in the local communities at the Seashore. In talking with these folks over the years and since the Consent Decree, it is apparent that they have been financially harmed by the restrictions and their way of life has been altered in many negative ways. While the financial impact statements seem to brush over this aspect in a global fashion, I am sure there are many personal stories of heartache, stress and defeat that could be told.

My comment in summary is that a rule that permits folks to continue to enjoy the Seashore while protecting the natural gifts for the benefit of future generations is achievable. However, unless you have actually been there, I do not know how a decision maker could make a rational rule. Please make certain that those involved have actually been to the Seashore. I appreciate your due consideration to my specific comments above.

Correspondence ID: 22194 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Riggs Lyons, Virginia
Received: Sep,09,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: I wish to submit a 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.

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 regulations. 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 the beach, or 33.5 miles, should be restricted year round to non-ORV users and wildlife only.

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: 22195 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Newbold, John
Received: Sep,06,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: We would like to make several comments about the proposed ORV set of rules and regulations that has been developed over the past three years.

You formed a group of about thirty organizations that were 'stakeholders' in the formulation of an ORV plan for Cape Hatteras. One of the stipulations was that these members were to negotiate on good faith and refrain from lawsuits. Yet you allowed three of the thirty-some members who did exactly that, file a law suit against NPS, and allowed them to remain seated as negotiating members, effectively killing any chance of a successful conclusion in the formulation of a plan. You are responsible for this failure!

These three groups then met with biased judge, and the result was a plan we either could accept or the beaches would be closed. We, as a community, made a terrible error in accepting the ruling and your group went to work to develop your own plan. The some eight-hundred page document to control off-road usage with six different alternatives was developed, and you chose an alternative that far exceeded the plan developed by the judge and the group of three who instituted the law suit. You are also

responsible for this!

We all live in the United States of America, a democracy, and in a democracy, the majority rules, but not in this case.

An off-road plan can be simply stated in less than three pages! Use designated ramps, obey posted speed limits, respect and protect wildlife closures, and keep a clean beach. Your plan includes page after page about closures for birds that are not even on any list as being endangered or even species of concern. As you dictate massive closures for terns, the State of Virginia is killing the same species at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel because they have created a traffic hazard. If these birds were indeed endangered, would the State of Virginia be allowed to conduct such behavior? We think not!

In the proposed plan, you are recommending permits. What will they cost and what will the revenue generated from the sale of these permits be used for? If the cost of a permit were reasonable and easily obtainable, and the monies used for ramp maintenance, the idea might be acceptable. But to charge a large fee that approaches the one-hundred dollar figure and then have the monies disappear into some 'general fund' is not acceptable to us. To use the monies to develop parking areas for non-ORV users is not acceptable to us.

We appreciate the special use permit for the impaired and elderly, and since John will be eighty years old in December, this would be of interest to him, until we read into the part about dropping him off at some location with his fishing gear and then driving the transport vehicle off the beach, leaving him to fend for himself. If special needs developed requiring he leave the beach, he would have no way to leave the beach. If an area is open to ORV use, then it should be open. If a special permit is instituted, then the person with the permit should have his or her vehicle with him or her to accommodate any special needs that might arise.

ORV routes are already established. Why, in a time of national financial shortfalls, would NPS decide to create new ramps and close old ones. This flies in the face of good economics! To limit access and establish VFA's is simply a further attempt to reduce and restrict ORV access. There are miles of VFA's on Pea Island, and there are seldom more than five or ten vehicles using the area at any time in any season. To establish VFA's and parking areas would be costly and futile since they would be seldom if ever used, and never ever used to capacity. ORV access should be the decision of the superintendent, based on safety to users and concerns for flora and fauna. We can think of no other reasons to close beaches to ORV access. Further, the protocol for closures for birds and turtles need to be revisited. Five hundred meters for tern and oyster-catcher nests is absurd. Neither species is even one of concern. Turtle nests have nearly a one-hundred percent chance of hatching if the eggs are removed from the nest and hatched in an incubator. Look to the country of Costa Rica for the great success they have with this program.

Night driving has no adverse effect at all on any species, including turtles, and there has been no scientific evidence produced to suggest otherwise!

Finally, in the final draft proposal, less than one page is spent on the economic impact the recommended plan will cause. Nowhere are any amounts of money that have and will be lost by this plan. Our local economy is already suffering like most communities in this country. Storms only add to this loss of revenue. We are a tourist/vacation area, and people come here to enjoy the beach and fish, accessing the beaches via ORV's as they always have. To limit, restrict, and/or eliminate this will cause all businesses to suffer, lay people off and close forever. It already has! We ask that you open your eyes and heart and see what financial chaos will absolutely happen if the plan you have selected is put into effect. This area has been hit hard enough already. Don't make it worse. Don't be the one to cause further damage.

Correspondence ID:	22196	Project:	10641	Document:	41993
Name:	Neale, Laura				
Received:	Sep,08,2011 00:00:00				
Correspondence Type:	Letter				
Correspondence:	I would like to comment upon plans for vehicular use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches.				

I have been visiting Hatteras Island since the late 1950's as a small child, and have seen the many changes of, and upon, the barrier islands.

Years ago traffic on the beach was limited to a set of folks with special vehicles or the ability to adapt vehicles to sand, and to seasonal commercial fishermen. The widespread increase of four wheel and all wheel drive vehicles has had a tremendous physical impact on the Outer Banks. This is a dramatic change in "use" of the sea and sound shore. Every use has an upside and a downside, and the consequences must be weighed one against the other.

As our population and waterside populations continue to swell, and infrastructure and development expand to accommodate this surge, conflicts are inevitable. In many situations it is necessary to find balance and seek compromise.

The Cape Hatteras National Seashore falls within the purview of the National Park Service Organic Act. The "fundamental purposes of the said parks, monuments, and reservations, which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

I believe this is a clear-cut case of a situation where the organic act fundamental to the management direction of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore explicitly states that the conservation of wildlife and wildlife habitat is priority. The closure of beaches to vehicles during nesting season of shorebirds, and or areas to any visitation, is a vital management tool, and should not be a target of any economic argument for repeal. I do not think this is a situation where "balance and compromise" are appropriate.

I would also like to make some suggestions about the huge increase in beach traffic. Simply, I believe that this is where the NPS needs to become pro-active in reducing the numbers of vehicles on the beach. There is no doubt in my mind that the pressures experienced by the NPS to allow increased beach access are tremendous and powerful. And as populations increase everywhere and pressures on our natural resources increase, the arguments against any form of regulation will undoubtedly strengthen. However, accommodating the economic status of the Outer Banks National Seashore is not the purview of the National Park system (or of the US Fish and Wildlife Service). I want my daughter, and her friends, and their children, and their grandchildren, and all of those who feel and need a connection to the outdoors to have these few places remaining that have been set aside by the vision of our government. The economic wants and woes of people will dominate our entire natural world in time. It is critical that the National Park Service remain steadfast in fulfilling their stated mission in order to preserve some of these special places for future generations.

As a backpacker, I am regulated in my visitation at many of our national parks. I must either apply ahead of time with an itinerary, or number of itineraries, with flexible dates, or take my chance at the few spots available on a day by day basis. It is a lottery of sorts. I suggest that Cape Hatteras institute a similar method for regulating and reducing vehicular traffic on the National Seashore.

Finally, I would like to suggest that the ramp providing access to the beach which is south of the Frisco Campground be closed to vehicles. The Frisco Campground may be one of the choicest spots on the Eastern shore of the United States. It is quiet. It is lovely. But, go out to the beach and not only is your life at risk, but the experience of nature is totally ruined by the crush of beach traffic. My daughter was almost run over by a vehicle about 5 years ago. I suggest that people could use the old-fashioned way to get to the beach -walking.

Correspondence ID: 22197 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Mowers, Carol
Received: Sep,06,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: In the introduction of this proposal, it is mentioned that the present Consent Decree was agreed upon by all groups. This is not true and everyone knows it was either the Consent Decree or No Access at the time Judge Boyles ordered the decree.

Below are my comments and or suggestions on the proposed rule. Please reconsider not enforcing this ruling as stated.

Part 7 (2) Permits (v) " , complete a short education program in person" "and pay the permit fee".

For the safety of ALL park users, an educational program would be a great asset to park visitors. The education program, permit application and permit fees (if deemed necessary) should be made available on line or at visitor centers or points of interest within the park. A visitor should not have to spend additional time, which may end up being hours, applying for a permit. All of this could be done ahead of time before getting to the park. To have the additional staff to issue permits would be costly to the NPS and should not be an expense burden to the taxpayers/visitors to the park.

In the past, free of cost, "Night Driving Permit" has been used. This is a good example of how things could be done. Free, simple and easily available. The permit would include a "Required Educational Brochure" for which your signature indicates your responsibility of obtaining a permit.

(4) Add : when an act of negligence is obvious.

(7) (iii) delete "provided that, the vehicle must return to the designated ORV route or Seashore road immediately after the transport

Add: "may stay parked in the immediate area of the impaired individuals for transport in case of emergencies" .

(9) ORV routes. Ramps that are not in existence should not be included in a proposed plan. Work with the ramps that are in existence.

Pedestrian only areas should be available in areas where there is ample parking and bathhouses with foot bridge access to these areas, and easily accessible by walking to the seaside, such as Coquina Beach and across from the lighthouse. Areas that are not easily accessible because of distance from the seaside should be available to ALL users, including ORVs. Many people go to the beach in ORVs, not only for fishing, but for other uses such as surfing, shelling, sun bathing and family gatherings.

The only time the seashore should be closed to the public is to protect endangered species that are actually there, not probably, not maybe will be, nor by history, but actually active

Correspondence ID: 22198 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Mohn, Kenneth
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Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: I would like to comment on some portions of the proposed ORV rule RIN 1024-AD85

c (2)ORV Permits

Permits /fees are really not desirable, but if they are deemed necessary the cost should be affordable to the general public. The \$150 to \$200 permit cost at some seashores is uncalled for in this situation. Permits also should be made available on the internet to avoid unnecessary waiting in the height of the season.

c (7) Special use permits

Regarding transportation of mobility impaired individuals, requiring their vehicles to be immediately removed could cause safety concerns for these individuals. These drivers must be allowed convenient parking to allow quick and easy transport from the beach if the need arises.

C (10) Superintendent's closures

VFA's should not be permanently designated areas, they should be put in place by the superintendent when necessary. If they are not being used by a justifiable number of pedestrians, they should be reopened to ORV traffic.

The superintendent should have latitude to alter routes, or if necessary make new routes, to allow for changes in the landscape of the beach due to natural events and visitor use patterns.

ORV use during the winter season. The dates of the winter season should not be preset by the rules, but rather set by the Superintendent, state and county officials as they see fit.

Correspondence ID: 22199 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: McKinnon, Bill R
Received: Sep,06,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: For the last twenty-five years, I have typically made two to four trips annually to the Hatteras Island primarily to enjoy the premier surf fishing environment on the East coast. Our family has several concerns with the proposed special regulations regarding ORV use with the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I will try to enumerate my most serious concerns below.

The characteristics of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore that make it such an exceptional fishing area - steep beach, swift currents, and stretches of uninhabited beach conversely, limit its desirability to activities such as swimming, wading, extensive pedestrian traffic and others. Those stretches of uninhabited miles between ramps have also encouraged the use of ORV's with minimal conflicts with pedestrians.

Given what I have seen in 25 years of coming to Hatteras Island, I have serious doubts in the assumptions contained in the "Benefit-Cost Analysis." Assuming some of the restrictions contained with the proposed rule and the proposed permitting fees, I and many other fishermen will likely limit the number of visits to the Seashore or simply travel to other less restricted areas. The current economic environments on Hatteras Island and Ocracoke were built around serving fishermen and families who planned to use their ORV's to travel freely along the beach. Talking to local business owners indicates that ORV restrictions in recent years have already adversely impacted their businesses. The assumption that an increase in Vehicle Free Areas might increase overall visitation is doubtful and plays Russian Roulette with local family businesses.

The requirement of vehicle permits seems particularly burdensome to both the visitor and the Park Service and opens the door to potential capricious application by the Superintendent. Many times I have arrived at the Seashore late at night and under a permit system I would have to go through the extraneous process of acquiring a vehicle permit before fishing early in the morning. With limited federal funds, the expense involved in conducting a permitting, training and inspection process seems particularly wasteful and ill timed. We are particularly apprehensive of giving the superintendent the power to limit the number of permits.

The proposed plan dramatically limits the ORV access to many miles of beach that have traditionally been used by ORVs on a year round basis. In some cases there appears to be little logic to the choices ie. why should not ramp 34 north to 32.5 be open on a year round basis?

The option to close stretches of beach at night to ORV access between May 1 and November 15 is particularly vexing and seems overkill in a stated effort to protect "potential" turtle nesting areas. In the later part of this time frame, identified turtle nests can be roped off as they have been in recent years. Potentially closing key sections of the beach to night driving ignores traditions

chiefly pertaining to red drum fishing. The proposed closure of the beach at night to as late in the year as November 15 presents an additional deterrent to anglers wishing to visit the Seashore.

Many of specifics within the proposed special regulations will have serious and long term deleterious impacts upon the Outer Banks communities. Further restricting ORY access within the Seashore will adversely change the society, traditions and economy of the region and one has to ask, "To what purpose?"

Correspondence ID: 22200 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: McCullough, Martha C
Received: Sep,07,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: The proposed rule RIN 1024-AD85 on Designated Routes fails to provide sufficient access within the Cape Hatteras National Recreational Seashore Area for the traditionally large numbers of people, that include pedestrians and ORV users, enjoying days and nights on these beaches. Although the number of visitors has been steadily declining, the proposal still lacks clarity on sufficient parking for these visitors.

There is no way that the planned parking idea will allow all users to use the beaches because the parking will be insufficient for the numbers that use the beach. There also needs to be access provided for all people, including the handicapped and those of ages who cannot walk over great distances to access the oceanfront, and the proposed plan does not allow for that. The Cape Hatteras National Recreational Seashore Area was intended for recreation of the people and was set aside for that reason and therefore access should be unlimited. Wildlife corridors should remain smaller in order to allow public use while still ensuring the integrity of the native wildlife population. Prior to the Consent Decree there was a fair balance of use for wildlife and visitors.

The planned access restrictions in Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras are particularly severe and unnecessary. Those areas are accessed by many families and fishermen who come to the island for the specific reason of being able to enjoy those beaches, swimming, walking, fishing, surfing, and sunbathing. To deny this access hurts the very mission that the seashore was created : for the enjoyment of the people. I am a pedestrian beach user and I find the Buxton restrictions particularly troubling, in light of the fact that the beach there is widely used by visitors and residents alike as a preferred recreation area. That is a good area, parking wise, and to restrict use there seems unnecessary and overzealous.

This denial of access since the implementation of the consent decree has already caused an economic downturn in the villages where the restricted access has prevented enjoyment of the beaches by many of those who have traditionally been using the beaches during whole lifetimes and generations of families. This destruction of recreational access has led to less visitors and less business for the villages who depend on tourism to enable their livelihoods. The denial of access also impedes the livelihoods of the fishermen who have always been able to fish these beaches.

The proposed rule would also seek to demand money from those who want to access the beach. This is another expense for the visitors and the residents that amounts to a financial burden in addition to the recent years implementation of fishing licenses. Traditionally we have always been able to use our beaches no matter if we were rich or poor. This fee would prevent those who are of limited financial means from going to the beaches.

I have been a resident of Buxton North Carolina on the island of Cape Hatteras for over 25 years. I raised my family there. I have enjoyed and respected the beaches and witnessed the recent decline of our standard of living since the Consent Decree, which started limiting our beach access. The repercussions of this for me were that after 4 years of working hard managing a business and building it, the business closed, and I lost my job. I took on other work in the following spring, however last year's limited access affected our visitors and business declined further.

After 25 years of residency, I was unable to continue to live on Hatteras Island and this past March, I had to move from my home. The economic impact of the continued restricted access is killing the financial future of the island's economy, and with it, the traditions that make the area so special and an attraction for visitors.

The proposed Designated Routes deny access to the extreme effect of denying people the access to the seashore . The seashore was intended to be set aside for the access and enjoyment of everyone, not just those who can afford it, not just those who are able bodied, EVERYONE, during all times of the year. These restrictions, if implemented, will effectively backfire and no one will be able to enjoy the seashore that was set aside and intended for the use of all the people. It is for these reasons that I am against the proposal

Correspondence ID: 22201 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: McGirl, Richard E
Received: Sep,02,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: I have been visiting \the Outer Banks for over 40 years.! have enjoyed the fishing and the relaxation by communing with the area nature.! am originally from Missouri and have been more or less a conservationist. We always respected the environment. A few years ago, I attended a class reunion in St. Louis. I visited a classmate in Ofallon, north of the city. This friend is rather wealthy and owns a 5000 acre private hunting lodge with a small hotel. While we were talking in the parking area, a piping plover was flitting along the gravel. She had a nest close to us. My friend got his caretaker to put a small fence around it. I remark that was good because they ARE ENDANGERED. He ask who had told me that. I explained to him what was going on

on the East Coast. His comment: "Bull shit!" His property borders the Missouri River. He took me down to river edge and within 100 yards I spotted at least 30 nests. This is the plovers main habitat, and you and the environmentalists are spending scads of money to no avail on the coast. There will never be any more plovers than you have now. I consider the actions taken on Hatteras as a terrorist attack. These people seem to have no regard for the little people living on the island. I know several people who no longer go to the park due to the restrictions. The proposed rules as they are currently written will only further reduce visitors to the area which will also impose further economic hardship on already fragile economy. How do you expect these people to pay for a new school, the Catholic diocese with a new church and land in Buxton. And the Methodist church to pay for a new storm damages too.

The following are my comments I feel need to be modified:

(2) ORV Permits.: I do not support permits and fees for use of a public resource. If they are instituted by the superintendent, their cost should be limited to a minimal amount which would be affordable to the average citizen. Those in possession of the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Senior Pass, should be exempt from all charges. Permits should be available on the internet. I spent four years in the Marine Corps, making four amphibious landings. I need your instructional lecture on how to drive the beach like I need another anal hole how do you plan to handle all the traffic on a Saturday or Sunday? This will cause a hardship on the visitors.

(7) Special Use Permits (iii) Transportation of mobility impaired individuals; special use permits should be issued to anyone who has a legal handicap sticker from their state. There are many handicaps making extremely impossible to access the beach. Their vehicles must be parked close enough for any problem.

(9) ORV Routes: While the chart references ramps 2.5, 32.5, 47.5, 59.5 and several interdunal roads, no mention is made of how or when these routes will be constructed. In fishing this area for 40 years, I see no reason to forget the present access ramps as perfectly usable.

(12) Night driving Restrictions.: This is a restriction based on supposition rather than science and should not be included. Never was there a reported incident of a turtle death caused by a vehicle until 2010 with night restrictions already in place. I have driven these beaches for 40 years and have never seen a turtle at night. Most people at night are fishing at the waters edge, not wandering around the beach.

Correspondence ID: 22202 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: McCabe, Kevin
Received: Sep,07,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: Please submit and record this letter in the RN 1024-AD85: These are my comments to my National Park's propose plans. I'm not going into detail about the non-science, the "best available science", or several illegal activities in question that Park's new plan are based on. I will however express my full intent to follow the same path and format that the environmental extremists did against my National Park once the new plan is out in its' present form. I don't believe I will be alone. My business and many others on Hatteras Island were never included or contacted in the flawed economic study that will eventually dictate our livelihood here and the visitors that come. I would also like the record to show an overwhelming 94% of the people that spoke during public comment period were for beach access, both pedestrian and ORV. Why weren't those numbers taken into deeper consideration in the Park's proposed plan? The majority spoke loud and were basically ignored! This Park was set up by congress for the people and called "Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area". The new plan will surely end up in a congressional hearing if someone in the DOI does not wake up to the majorities wishes.

On a personal note, this National Park certainly did need some changes. New ramps, facilities, and more available access areas would help. Seasonal enclosures were never a problem as long as access is provided, especially to historic and cultural gathering areas like Cape Point which should never be entirely closed. There must be monitored shoreline access to these nationally recognized public sites. The old lighthouse site and dune line is a very sad example of where this National Park took a wrong turn. That area definitely needs attention and is a direct reflection of bad park management. Many people also feel the daily trapping and killing of native animals on their tax dollar is getting real old and unacceptable. America almost went broke and when they find out how much money seven piping plovers cost them at Cape Point this year they will be absolutely furious. I'm all for the birds, nature, and conservation but it's time the DOI uses some common sense especially when good Americans are paying their salary.

Mike, I feel like you are a puppet in this whole thing. I'm sorry. I always felt like you wanted to do the right thing but had to bow to higher ranks. There is still time.

Correspondence ID: 22203 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Lick, Robert E
Received: Sep,06,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: I have been submitting written comments to the National Park Service (NPS) regarding the management of Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area (CHNSRA) for at least thirty years. The only thing to show for my, and others, efforts are ever increasing regulations, restrictions and 105s of access. Today it is with frustration, outrage and contempt that I begin my comments regarding the current "Proposed Rule."

Virtually all my life I have been an avid surf angler. Living in southern New Jersey I was able to frequent most of the popular surf angling locations along the Atlantic seaboard often, including CHNSRA. Over my many years I have watched as our angling access opportunities at most of these prime locations have been lost due to the heavy hand of the NPS. Now it is CHNSRA recreationalists' time to once again feel the impact of NPS wisdom, or better yet, lack of same.

Prior to offering my comments to the insulting "Proposed Rule" I have two basic overriding questions. We know when all National Seashore Recreation Areas were established the Congress made it abundantly clear that recreation was to be the primary mission of these areas. A NPS document in my possession entitled, "Status of National Seashores on the U.S. East Coast" clearly states: "Outdoor recreation shall be recognized as the dominant or primary resource management objective. Natural resources within the area may be utilized and managed for additional purposes where such additional uses are compatible with fulfilling the recreation mission of the area. Scenic, historical, scientific, scarce, or disappearing resources within recreation areas shall be managed compatible with the primary recreation mission of the area." With these very clear facts in mind, the two questions I request answers to are: first, under what authority has NPS overruled the mandate of Congress; and second, why weren't there public discussions prior to NPS changes in the primary mission of National Seashore Recreation Areas? I request a complete explanation be provided to me. NPS management of our National Seashores is clearly a violation of the intent of Congress as well as a slap in the face to all those folks that worked so very hard years ago to establish these Seashores in order to preserve the traditional uses and lifestyles of these areas. Our National Park Service should not feel proud.

Finally, to my "Proposed Rule" specific comments:

2) ORV Permits No, to permits of any sort! Permits would provide relatively little revenue to the federal treasury. Permits would divert already too few law enforcement personnel from more important enforcement duties than being permit checkers. Permits would be nothing more than another NPS bureaucratic hoop for CHNSRA visitors to be forced to jump through. Most importantly, permits would have little to no overall beneficial effect for anyone involved.

7) Special Use permits See above comments.

(9) ORV Routes When and how will ramps 2.5, 32.5, 47.5, 59.5 and the several interdunal roads, be constructed? Money is very slow coming from Washington (as evidenced in the recent end to the work on Bodie Island Lighthouse). Nothing should be closed unless or until these infrastructures are in place and usable. Parking areas must also be constructed to enable parking for all of the vehicles denied the right to park at favored beach areas. Vehicle Free Areas (VFA) should not be permanently designated and only instituted when found necessary by the Superintendent.

(10) Superintendent's closures VFA's will require additional off beach parking for those who chose to be pedestrians within the VFA's. If experience shows that VFA's are not being regularly used by a justifiable number of pedestrians these VFA's should be reopened for ORV use. This "Rule" should provide latitude to the Superintendent to adaptively alter designated routes, including the establishment of new routes, to recognize the ever changing landscape of the beaches due to natural events and visitor use patterns. ORV use during the winter season ... ; the dates for winter season should not be fixed by the "Rule" but rather be cooperatively determined annually by the Superintendent, the NCDOT, Dare County officials and Hyde County officials.

(12) Night Driving Restrictions .. There should be zero night driving restrictions! Angling at night is often the most productive. There is no history or science that demands that restrictions on night driving be implemented.

My contemplated surf angling book title might be, "The Best of Times." That is what I and my many friends have had in years past. But, thanks in part to the NPS's very restrictive management policies at many prime Atlantic coast surf fishing locations our grandchildren could not entitle their angling book the same.

In the wake of hurricane Irene the insanity of NPS preservation goals becomes all too evident.

Correspondence ID:	22204	Project:	10641	Document:	41993
Name:	Larson, Laura				
Received:	Sep,12,2011 00:00:00				
Correspondence Type:	Letter				
Correspondence:	This is my personal comment for public record on the proposed rule for "Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System, and Cape Hatteras National Seashore" Regulation ID Number 1024- AD85				

In 1982 we honeymooned at the Cape Hatteras campground. Gosh I remember the trek over the dunes carrying coolers, chairs, etc. Needless to say a long walk carrying a ton of beach supplies. We were young and it's all we could afford to be able to enjoy Hatteras Island. After the birth of our second child, we purchased an SUV. Oh the joy of hauling all the beach and kid paraphernalia in the back of the truck and drive to the point so the kids could play in the pond.

When the kids were in high school, we flew to Florida for a vacation on Marco Island. I spent my summers as a child in Florida and was thrilled to be back to enjoy the calm, warm gulf waters. We had a perfect family vacation. When we got home the kids asked, "When are we going to the beach?" My kids link summer and the island. When they graduated high school, several

announcements made their way to island PO boxes. You should see the countless pictures in our photo albums and the photo prints on our walls - a testament to many, many wonderful times on the island.

One of our children was born with congenital heart disease. The handicap access pass helps us all enjoy the beach. Thankfully one is offered and we apply each year.

Since our honeymoon we've had the dream to live and work on Hatteras Island. We purchased property and finished our beach home. We never have to bring our fishing equipment and beach chairs back and forth, they stay on the island. Our child and spouse came to the beach house after their wedding, carrying on the tradition of honeymooning on Hatteras Island. We enjoy Easter sun rise service on the Avon Fishing Pier, cooking up the turkey and watching football while giving thanks, and opening presents by the light of a crab pot Christmas tree.

We chose an island builder. We purchase supplies at the local grocer, hardware store. We get our fishing equipment from local tackle shops. On the drive to the beach, we pass Wal-Mart, Home Depot and Bass Pro shops where the selection is greater and the prices are smaller. We choose to support island businesses and friends.

I recently participated in a step contest at work. I walked the beach every morning and enjoyed saying good morning to walkers, joggers, fishing men and women, surfers and more. The beauty of the sunrise was disturbed by NPS trucks driving down the beach. I can't drive there. I can't even walk there. How is it that my footsteps and tire tracks would disturb turtles and birds, but the NPS personnel footprints and vehicle tire tracks miraculously do not?

One of our children begged the other for a dog until an agreement was reached. They knew the dog's name before they even picked the puppy. They named the puppy after their beach. We comply with all the leash laws and clean up too. One day while napping on the beach with the family, a maintenance man in an NPS truck crossed the line by impersonating law enforcement. We were in complete compliance with the law; however, he was hoping we were unaware and harassed us by incorrectly attempting to enforce a nonexistent law.

NPS may be law enforcement, but NPS is not a legislative entity. One of our government's guiding principles is the separation of powers: "the state is divided into branches; each with separate and independent powers and areas of responsibility so that no one branch has more power than the other branches. The normal division of branches is into an executive, a legislature, and a judiciary." Our government was created with a system checks and balances to protect us from one branch becoming supreme over another. NPS cannot make law, that's congress' responsibility.

I'm sure the government can quote how much money they save by removing "Recreational Area" from the name of the park; however, the full name should be reinstated along with the ability for ALL people to access and recreate at the seashore. The "Special Regulation, Areas of National Park System, Cape Hatteras National Seashore" (Regulation Identification Number 1024-AD85) is unlawful legislation, furthermore if the rule would come into existence it would forever take away our right to walk and drive on public beaches.

Correspondence ID: 22205 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Kohan, Mike
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Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: (2) ORV Permits. I do not support a permit fee for ORV access to the seashore. I assume an access fee of \$200.00, like other Seashores. This fee would go to paying for the cost of administering the fee and not back to maintaining the seashore. If the NPS proves that all of the fee would go directly back to the seashore and not to some ORV access administration fees, I might support a modest fee of \$50.00. A permit system, if implemented, should be available on line. I do not want to waste my vacation waiting in line for a beach access permit.

(9) ORV Routes There are new ramps listed in the chart (2.5,32.5,47.5,59.5) and a few interdunal roads. Where is the money going to come from to pay for these new ramps? Congress does not support any new spending. There is no telling when, if ever, these new ramps and roads will be completed. No ramps should be closed until all the proposed roads and ramps are in place. Parking lots should also be built before ramp closures happen. I have been going to the Outer Banks for 40 years and most parking lots are now part of the Atlantic Ocean. I have a hard time figuring where the NPS is going to put a parking lot that is not going to wash away on the ocean side. If placed on the sound side, then you have a safety problem, as the pedestrians dodge vehicles with their fishing rods and coolers to get to the ocean. Another route question I have is why is the route between Ramp 27 and ramp 30 permanently closed for ORV's? Nesting birds in the sununer, sure close the beach, but reopen after breeding season. Parking areas built between ramp 27 and ramp 30 would provide pedestrians a long walk to the beach. I guess if the NPS wants to prevent visitors from enjoying their park, I guess this is the way to do it.

(10) Superintendent's closures There should not be permanent vehicle free areas(VFA's). Closures should be instituted by the Superintendent as she deems necessary. If there are permanent VFA's, parking lots need to be constructed for pedestrians to access the beach. Again, parking lots need to be built before there are VFA's. The Superintendent should have latitude to change ORV routes whenever the changing seascape deems necessary. These routes should not be set in stone for 5-15 years.

OR V use during the village winter season ... ; the dates for winter season should not be fixed by the Rule but rather be

cooperatively determined annually by the Superintendent, the NCDOT, Dare County officials and Hyde County officials.

There should be no reason for denying ORV access to villages in the winter. I do most of my fishing on the Outer Banks during the winter and most of those beach front homes are empty. The only people who drive their ORV's fast in front of the villages are the local fishermen and they have access anyway. I can assure you, there are no teenagers driving like mad men up and down the beach in the winter months. ORV's should have access in front of villages during a designated time frame. Safety is not an issue.

Breeding season . . . There is no scientific proof that Piping Plover need 1000 meters radius protection from ORV traffic. There has never been an instance of a piping plover run over by a non federal ORV user. This 1000 meter rule is just an arbitrary number not substantiated by scientific scrutiny. I do not know what distance would be justified. That distance has to be scientifically proven. The piping plover is not even on the endangered species list! Also, why give other birds, such as the terns and the American Oyster Catcher, the same protection that are only listed as species of concern? The NC wildlife people do not understand why the NPS is affording so much protection to these birds. The NPS does not even count the nesting birds that are on the dredge spoils. These birds are protected from predators and are flourishing on these dredge spoil islands. If the NPS is really interested in protecting the piping plover, they should create habitat for these birds. At Cape Point, the underbrush has been allowed to grow up which is destroying habitat for these birds. I also do not understand why the NPS is killing hundreds of animals to protect no more than a handful of nests. During the Consent Decree, the piping plovers have not increased their fledge rate. Storms and predation are the major factors of fledge rate success, not ORV's. Besides, the NPS drives all over the protected areas. I guess the birds know the NPS trucks are friendly.

Night time driving restrictions is another arbitrary rule put in place that is suppose to help the turtles find the beach to lay there eggs. The theory is that ORV lights confuse the turtles and do not come ashore to lay their eggs or do a false crawl. During the consent decree, the false crawls percentage has been the same. Last year the number of turtle nests were up, but they were up along the entire southeast coast, including Florida, which allows beach driving. Only one turtle has been run over by an ORV and that happened during the consent decree. Once again, there is no scientific proof that night driving interferes with the turtles nesting success. Also, there is no attempts by the NPS to move the eggs when a storm is obviously going to cover the nest with seawater and kill the eggs. In situations where storms are going to ruin the nest, the NPS should be proactive and relocate nests to hatchery's as other areas in the country do. I , as well as, all the other ORV users in the park want to protect the wildlife and habitat in the Park and have been doing it for years. We respect the park and everything in it. We do beach clean ups and support the park service in some of their activities. We just ask for reasonable closures based on sound science.

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Name:	Lyons, Jim				
Received:	Sep,06,2011 00:00:00				
Correspondence Type:	Letter				
Correspondence:	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.				

The proposed management plan falls short for the amount of primitive scenic wilderness for vehicle free areas (VFA) required in the Seashore. The proposed rule favors ORV users of the beach to the detriment of pedestrians. The proposed regulations should not be optional. The rule should include specific mandatory protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should set aside additional areas for those uses.

The proposed rule states that it: "would authorize ORV use at the Seashore, manage it to protect and preserve natural and cultural resources and natural processes, and provide a variety of safe visitor experiences while minimizing conflicts among various users. " I believe this is not an accurate assessment of the proposal and fails to satisfy Executive Order 11644.

Section 3 Executive Order 11644

"Those regulations shall direct that the designation of such areas and trails will be based upon the protection of the resources of the public lands, promotion of the safety of all users of those lands, and minimization of conflicts among the various uses of those lands. The regulations shall further require that the designation of such areas and trails shall be in accordance with the following--"

"(1) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, or other resources of the public lands. (2) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. (3) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors. (4) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated Wilderness Areas or Primitive Areas. Areas and trails shall be located in areas of the National Park system, Natural Areas, or National Wildlife Refuges and Game Ranges only if the respective agency head determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, aesthetic, or scenic values."

Proposed ORV regulations will allow parked vehicles and ORV trails on the ocean beach at a density to cause a severe impact to visitors seeking a natural, aesthetic and scenic national park experience.

For pedestrian safety, recreational conflicts and aesthetic reasons visitors utilizing the NP campground should have an adjacent

vehicle free buffer that extends a 1000 meters beyond the immediate confines of the campground on the ocean beach. It is inconsistent that current proposals will allow ORV access and staging in front of 3 of the NP campgrounds at the same time all the village beaches are closed to vehicle use.

It is unclear how the park will enforce ORV driving regulations in front of the villages. The park does not have the staff to adequately patrol or enforce the pedestrian safety regulations proposed for ORV areas adjacent to village beaches. To minimize conflicts pedestrians should have sufficient area to recreate in while providing enough space for two ORV trails and room for parking on the 25 meter corridor of beach nearest the dune. There should be an automatic safety closure of any village beach that allows ORV access when the beach is less than 50 meters from the toe of the dune to the high tide line. The current proposal of 20 meters is grossly inadequate, unsafe and poses severe recreational conflicts for non ORV users.

Allowing ORVs to access VFA for fishing tournaments is inconsistent and unclear. There is disagreement about when where and for how long vehicle have fished during fishing tournaments. DeSigned VFA should mean what it says without clauses that deviate from that intent.

It is unclear how the proposed ORV management will impact primitive wilderness areas of the Park. In addition to not satisfying the intent of Executive Order 11644 the proposed management does not address Congress's goal of preserving "Primitive Wilderness" in CHNS as directed in the Park's enabling legislation.

It has not been established that ORV access is essential for accessing the Seashore nor is it implied in the enabling legislation that ORV access is guaranteed for the Seashore. On the other hand clear criteria should have been presented for which areas of the Seashore should be designated as VFA that address Park Values, aesthetics, visitor safety and primitive wilderness attributes. Park Values are clearly spelled out in Park Management Policy and are considered as part of the no impairment clause of the Organic Act. By not establishing criteria for these attributes in CHNS it is not known where the places are that have these qualities or how they will be preserved or protected.

Correspondence ID: 22207 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Hoggson, Scott A
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Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: Please accept my concerns over proposals to further limit access to the beaches along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore in North Carolina. Having recently become a property owner in Hatteras Village after visiting the Outer Banks for more than 30 years, my concerns revolve around what I fear will result in the abandonment of local families by their government.

I do not engage in off-road driving, either on the Outer Banks or any other place, nor do I own a vehicle to facilitate such off-road activity. However, I am much more aware since becoming a property owner of the degree to which local families rely on responsible use of the beachfront along Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands to sustain their lives.

Increasingly, the few thousand families that call these islands home are facing new and more onerous regulations, most spawned by groups agitating from outside the area. Whether it's restrictions on sport fishing, off-road access or other activities, this rise in unnecessary regulations has reached a point where many island families are facing extinction.

Most of these families have roots on Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands stretching back generations and they are keenly aware of the need for good stewardship of the land and its resources. This is not mere hyperbole; it is in their best interest to practice good stewardship toward the seashore and the life it supports. Indeed, this has been going on for many decades without any prodding from government or special interest groups.

Restrictions on off-road access to the beaches of the CHNS affect many thousands of people beyond those who actually drive on the beach. Beach access restrictions will harm the families who run the motels that accommodate guests; the families who operate the diners feeding visitors; the retail store owners who provide essential services to residents, owners and visitors alike; the bait shops that meet the needs of local and visiting anglers; the list goes on and on.

When the CHNS was established in 1953, it was done so to preserve a unique and strikingly beautiful part of America. Unspoken in all of this is the fact that local islanders have been preserving this land long before any of it was established as a national seashore. But in no case was the CHNS ever intended to serve as a wildlife habitat to the exclusion of the families who have lived here for many generations.

I respectfully urge your office to seek and enact the most liberal off-road policies for use of the beaches along the CHNS as a means of allowing future generations of islanders to continue living on Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands and protecting its shores.

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Correspondence: I would like to direct my comment to (c)(2) of the proposed Rule pertaining to ORV permits, costs, and a short education program before being able to obtain a beach permit. I have been coming to Cape Hatteras since 1989, and have been a member of the NCBBA since 1991. I don't see why any member of the NCBBA in good standing should have to go through a short traini

ng program t hat t he members al ready adhere to. We follow the required speed and pedestrian safety already.

I can see it for the first time travel er to Cape Hatteras whom has never done any beach driving . How is everyone vacationing at Cape Hatteras to be notified of this training requirement if i t's their first time there or are they going to have it sprung on them at time of arrival There wi ll be a lot of angry vacationers.

will a short program be offered on-line? will a cl ass be offered every week preferably on Saturdays when most vacationers show up? will there be a cost involved with the class? wi ll permits have a modest cost for the one week a year user?

will our ORV 'S have to be inspected for proper tires and safety equipment upon arrival before the short program on beach driving and safety is presented so a beach permit can be obtained?

Finally since this is a Federal Park I think i t would be nice to offer discounted fees fo r our vets past and present. Thank you for taki ng the time to read my comments.

Correspondence ID: 22209 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
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Correspondence: I submit for the public record comments on the proposed rule "Special Regulations, Areas of National Park System, Cape Hatteras National Seashore" (Regulation Identifier Number 1024-AD85) published in the Federal Register July 6, 2011.

My comments on the proposed ORV Management plan begin with the Consent Decree. It is unlawful, unethical, and a total failure because the Consent Decree has shown no resource benefit over the Interim Management Plan that was properly peer reviewed. The National Park Service was very much in approval of the Interim Management Plan until the Environmental Activist filed the Lawsuit. So far, they have done a 359° turn in favor of the Environmentalist views. The Consent decree is not without its accomplishments. It has cost the National Park Service its dignity by the use of unethical behaviors, the poorest management practices imaginable, and the sheer giving in to the so called Environmentalists. Rather, they have lost their ability to manage and have become pawns.

Look at Court Transcript No. 2:07-CV-45-BO, dated April 4, 2008. The introductory page lists all parties of the case: Defenders of Wildlife, Plaintiff, National Park Service, ET AL. Defendants, Dare County ET AL, and Intervenor/Defendants. Page 28, Line 11 of the court transcript starts to deal with the elimination of the Intervener/Defendants as seated participants in the writing of the Consent Decree. The Intervenor attorney, Mr. Liebsman, states to the judge that according to the law on Intervenor, they are as much a part of the case as any other party, with the same standing and the right to participate as any other party.

On line 18, the judge states, "you won't have any response if I grant this motion to continue and carry the matter over and they come up with a Consent Decree, and they present it to the court, and the court signs it, and then the case will be over." A little over a week later, the Consent Decree ended up back in court for final approval by the judge, and signatures of all parties in the case. Now the representatives/Intervenors were informed that they must sign the Consent Decree or face the injunction. Threats and coercion were used to obtain their approval, thus making the Consent Decree unlawful. Then the environmental groups started their spin that all parties agreed to the Consent Decree, which is as far from the truth as you can get!

Alternative F does not in any way inform the public of the full extent of the closures by providing open distances, or the length of time areas will be closed. Three years of dealing with the Consent Decree Closures indicates the extent of the closures to both ORV's and pedestrians. In past court testimony, the Seashore Superintendent indicated the extent of the closures, but this information was omitted from the DEIS and the proposed Alternative F. There are many areas listed as year round ORV accessible, but in truth, these areas will not be accessible for much of the visitor season. Charge me money for a permit to drive on the beach - then deny me access?

This leads us to the permit system. The permit system is so unnecessary as shown by the examples I provided in the preceding paragraph. In addition, the judge stated in court (April 2011), that "the inconveniences of applying for the permit will limit ORV access to the seashore." With the absence of any valid peer-reviewed scientific data available to use in this case, the judge's comments identified the real purpose of this entire travesty. LIMITING ORV ACCESS and reducing usage while using wildlife as the reason to do so. The judge states, "It isn't the people, it's the volume that's creating the problem. (Page 22, Line 4 & 5) Wildlife numbers have shown no significant increase in the last 3 years, especially the Piping Plovers.

The table for the proposed new ramps is flawed. The NPS has not shown: ? a cost study ? a timeline to identify when the new ramps will be built ? the source of the funds to be used for the building of the new ramps ? or, ensured that the "proposed" ramps will ever be built.

The likelihood that the proposed ramps will be funded under the current state of the economy is at best, years away, but most likely- never! The NPS should not propose any new project of this magnitude without prior approval. This will never be done! Build all of your proposals, have them ready, all of your new ramps, roads, parking lots, and then sell the permits! I can propose this alternative because it is a realistic assertion that the proposals will never come to fruition. Without a completed study, approved funding, contracts in place, and a timeline for beginning and completion, the proposals in Alternative F are not a

viable solution.

Even with an expensive permit in hand and after taking whatever classroom requirements are implemented, I would be able to get to a ramp and drive over the top of a dune to find a surprise. I can travel to the areas not included in the closures, which might be about 100 yards wide and fish with the other 300 people forced into this small open area established by the Consent Decree.

I was personally told by the Park Superintendent at the meeting at Cape Hatteras School, that ALL closures were 100% about resource protection, and for safety issues. Check your own maps. Look at the last time a plover nested at Hatteras Inlet Spit. Years! Based on the information provided in your map, vehicle free areas in the Hatteras Inlet Spit should only be established for safety reasons and only until the safety issues are resolved.

The Park Service analysis for Vehicle Free Areas is flawed because the Park Service has not given an explanation as to why there are proposed Vehicle Free Areas. To use resource protection as a reason at Hatteras Inlet does not make sense because there are no resources at Hatteras Inlet to protect! What scientific data was used to make Vehicle Free Areas out of areas that have always been and are currently in use?

Over the past three years I have continuously read about compelling evidence and "best available science" and am still waiting to see either. The judge stated that the Plaintiffs had the most compelling evidence when they filed the lawsuit, but it would appear to me that in order to determine what is compelling evidence, one would at least have to read the arguments from both sides in order to make this determination.

Plaintiffs opinions stated in a lawsuit surely would not have the same merit as evidence, much less compelling evidence. Evidence is that which can be proven or is concrete. All of the "so-called" evidence in this case is nothing more than the opinions of activist, written by activists, supporting denial of public access.

"Best available science" was said to have been used to formulate the pending regulations and restrictions. One of the most common used was the "Voglesong Study," which a government commissioned peer review panel found to be unsuitable for regulatory decision making. This is clearly a conflict of interest and leads to grounds for future litigation, which will surely take place.

Publications written by environmental activist trying to stop ORV access to the national seashore recreational area are at best, biased, incomplete, misleading, and most of all non-peer reviewed by independent sources. Using USGS protocols as "best available science" is at best useless, because protocols are not science and have never been shown to be connected with scientific studies. Rather, they are only more biased, non-reviewed thoughts written by activist, deemed to be experts by the USGS.

To even consider any of the "best available science" used in this entire action as "science" violates the March 9, 2009 Presidential Directive for science, integrity, and transparency:

"The public must be able to trust the science and scientific process informing public access decisions. Political officials should not suppress or alter scientific or technological findings and conclusions. If scientific and technological information is developed and used by the Federal Government, it should ordinarily be made available to the public. To the extent permitted by law, there should be transparency in the preparation, identification, and use of scientific and technological information in policymaking. The selection of scientists and technology professionals for position in the executive branch should be based on their scientific and technological knowledge, credentials, experience, and integrity. "

There is neither scientific, nor technical information or study that justifies a 1000 meter boundary closure every time a plover chick is observed. The NPS response to previous comments that plover chicks run further on Hatteras Island is the most ridiculous reference for sound science or "best available science" that I have ever heard. "Best Available Science" is applied at its best here!

The NPS is again using USGS protocols as science when in fact; these protocols were written by environmental activists and used as the basis for the lawsuit against the NPS. This is a cut and dried case of Conflict of Interest in full view of the federal government. The environmental activists then spin their results and represent them as science, again with no independent review of their opinions.

The NPS contracted the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) to conduct an Economic Impact Analysis, which is a legally mandated supplement. This analysis is greatly flawed because the areas that are the most affected are from Salvo to Ocracoke where the majority of the closures occur, not Oregon Inlet north. RTI even admitted that its own business survey was deficient and limited.

In essence, the NPS failed to use and provide properly reviewed science as a basis for a government regulation that restricts public access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area.

In as much as the public has been ignored, especially all of the people that live and work on Hatteras Island. So has C16USC459

CHNSRA enabling legislation: "said area shall be and is established, dedicated, and set apart as a national seashore recreational area for the benefit and enjoyment of the people and shall be known as the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area." This legislation mentions not one word about access at certain times of the year, at specific or designated areas selected by NPS personnel, who are guided by a judge, SELC lawyers, Audubon Society Defenders of Wildlife (selected wildlife at that), no "best available science, no independently peerreviewed valid science, and last but certainly not least is no gains in Plover numbers as they are holding around the average of 10-12 per year, as they have even before the 4 years of the Consent Decree. The Interim Management Plan was showing equal, if not better results, without destroying people's lives and the economy of Hatteras Island.

I'm 59 years old and have been coming to this very special and unique place for over 55 years. Many memories with my family and friends include our annual trips to Hatteras Island. To watch what is happening leaves an empty, sickening feeling in my stomach. Especially when you consider the tragic way in which it is being done. This is so wrong, but could be very beneficial to all parties if a common sense approach was used instead of the "no compromise" attitudes being used by the activist and now the NPS.

I'll close by encouraging every person in this country to read the court transcripts in this case to witness an example of how our court system is NOT supposed to function! This is a mockery of ethical democracy! There is a wealth of information, truth, and facts contained in the archives at "IslandFreePress.com," including all Court Transcripts.

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(2) ORV Permits: We do not support fees for permits. Most people who live and work in this area do not make much money. They should not be forced to pay for something that was their right and part of their culture up until now. If the superintendent chooses to institute fees, the fees must be a minimum amount. We would suggest that the fee be the same as an annual NC resident fishing license (\$15) and, once you are age 65 free of charge. NPS should not try to recoup budget funding reductions with permit fees. My husband and I don't drive the beaches in the summer months. What we like to do is go in the fall, winter and spring months to fish and look for sea glass. Also, if you are short handed due to budget cuts, how are you going to monitor who has a permit or not, you can't have that many park employees to cover all the ramps. We have personally witnessed people that come here to fish and do not have a fishing license, so how are you going to do it?

(7) (iii) Mobility Impaired Individuals: This section appears to have not been well thought out in case the "impaired individual" would need to leave the beach in a hurry for whatever reason. It can be a very long way from some ramp parking areas to the beach. The driver must be allowed to keep the vehicle in close proximity to the individual in case a need should arise.

(9) ORV Routes: NPS states that several new ramps and interdunal roads will be opened, but there is no time table for this to happen. Additional parking areas must also be constructed. In this time of large federal budget cuts and funding reductions, how will NPS fund these projects, plus the additional personnel required to monitor all ramps and beaches for permits? No changes should be implemented until these projects are completed. All those in this area know that NPS stopped the Bodie Island lighthouse restoration due to funding reductions.

Vehicle Free Areas: These areas should be adjusted if it is found the areas(s) is/are under utilized and reopened to both pedestrians and ORV s. Additional parking areas will have to be constructed if the area is heavily utilized by pedestrians. If the area has a long ramp or walkway to the beach, how many families will want to lug all their beach gear, kids and possibly grandparents a long distance.

From our viewpoint, it is obvious that the NPS does not really care about the local people, communities, or economy and has caved in to the big money environmentalists with their unfounded scare tactics. During the last go around, we attended the meetings and submitted our comments and recommendations as did many, many other local individuals, businesses and organizations. It certainly appears that NPS chose to ignore all local input.

If NPS had done it's job 30 + years ago and put the required management plan in place, this entire sorry mess would not have happened and CHNS Recreational Area would not have been destroyed.

Correspondence ID: 22211 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
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My Family have vacationed on the Outer Banks and The Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Recreational Area since 1979 any where from 1 to 4 weeks yearly.

We enjoy our time on the beach fi shing and my children when young playing in the sand. My children now grown with families of their own continue to vacation on the Outer Banks and continue to use the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Recreational Area.

As for me I cannot walk from a parking area to waterline to enjoy my fishing past time as I have had knee replacements in both knees and walking in soft sand is extremely difficult for me. have always respected the beach taking what I brought on off with

me and have instilled this into my 3 children and their spouses. I have always obeyed no driving zones and restrictions posted on the beaches and ramps. If I can not enjoy these rights as a tax payer and enjoy our Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Recreations Area. I can no longer vacation in North Carolina.

General Comments: I. As mandated by US law in USC Title 16, Chapter I, Subchapter LX III, Section 459 - any reference to Cape Hatteras National Seashore in the Federal Register notice should be changed to read "Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area" as this is the name Congress mandates the area shall be known as. I am angry at the ease by which the NPS continues to break this law because without its connection in the name, the concept of its importance is lost.

2. Public comments and transcripts of public hearings held in association with the negotiated rulemaking federal advisory committee should be added to the public docket for this rulemaking since they contain information which is relevant to the proposed rules. Proposed 36 CFR 7.58 (c)(2) - Permits:

3. I object to the issuance of permits in order to operate a vehicle on designated ORV routes. The property has been bought and paid for, maintained and protected with monies generated from taxes and revenues collected from the US citizenry. We already pay to access the park and should not shoulder the burden of additional expenses. This is a National Seashore Recreational Area and in this time of economic hardship, we should not be forced to pay for a permit in order to use designated ORV routes. All text related to permits should be deleted. Proposed 36 CFR 7.58 (c)(3) and (c)(4) - Vehicle equipment and Inspection:

4. I object to the requirements that mandate that vehicles carry special equipment and object to the requirement that authorized persons may inspect vehicles to determine compliance. This is an open ended license for the park service personnel to stop and search any vehicle at anytime without suspicion or cause of wrong doing. The NPS has failed to include the cost burden that the general public will have to incur for the items they list and fails to explain the benefit of having such equipment therefore the cost benefit analysis being used by the NPS is inadequate. The equipment should be recommended but not required and authorized persons should only be permitted to inspect a vehicle when there is evidence of wrong doing or

5. I object to the permanent closure of any ORV routes that are open now or were open to the public before January 1,2009 and I object to the idea that special permits need to be issued for regularly scheduled fishing tournaments. The NPS has no scientific data to support the need to close any of the beaches at Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. The fact that the concessions are made exemplifies the idea that closure of beaches is unnecessary, completely arbitrary, capricious, and not supported by peer reviewed scientific data. Pea Island NWR and dredge spoil islands in the sound provide the same habitat found on the recreational area and offer sufficient area for nesting and habitat of migratory birds.

6. I object to the dates proposed for access in front of villages. The 2007 interim management plan should be the basis for establishing these regulations not a consent decree and lawsuits imposed by the bench of a federal judge. Access in front of the villages should be as outlined in the 2007 interim management plan or as they are now existing - closed from May 15 to September 15. The proposed rule does not explain why the dates currently used for village closures are unsatisfactory and why the proposed new dates are necessary.

7. The table showing designated ORV routes should be changed to reflect ORV routes and access points as they were provided in 2007 under the interim management plan and as they currently physically exist. The table and the park service analysis for designated routes is flawed in that the table refers to ramps that do not exist and proposes to close public areas without an explanation why. The cost of the proposed new ramps has not been studied nor has the NPS identified when they will be built, how much time it will take, or where the money will come from to build them. Nothing has been ordered, contracted, or set aside by the park service to indicate that these new ramps will ever be built. In fact, indications under the current administration appear to suggest that the budget for the NPS will decrease over time thereby reducing the likelihood that the public will ever see any of the proposed new ramps built. Adding to that unlikelihood is the fact that any change to the existing environment would be met with stiff resistance from environmental groups, as evidenced by their past history on access issues and over the Bonner bridge, thereby making the new ramps be built ramp (32.5) to ramp 34 and when the proposed ramp will be built. Assuming 32.5 will be located 2.5 miles south of ramp 30 would mean that 1.8 miles of the National Seashore Recreational Area will be closed to recreational ORV users. This proposed rule fails to explain or justify why 1.8 miles of the National Seashore Recreational Area will be closed to recreational ORV users between ramps 32.5 and 34.

8. The preamble of the proposed rule fails to explain areas of the National Seashore Recreational Area that the NPS is proposing to close and what necessitates the need for immediate closure. It also fails to identify what scientific data was used to support the need for closure. The preamble should contain an explanation of why each of the proposed closed areas are distinctly different than other areas and why the closures are needed. A comparative before and after map should be provided to help the regulated public understand the impact. In accordance with the President's

9. ORV access on Bodie Island currently consists of a total of 6 miles from Ramp I to Oregon Inlet. Ramp I to Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area) currently consists of 1.2 miles of ORV accessible shoreline. The proposed designated ORV routes in the table for Bodie Island indicate ORV access from a yet to be built ramp 2.5 indicating it is to be located .5 miles from the southern boundary of coquina beach. The proposed rule fails to explain or justify why 1.7 miles of beach from existing ramp I to the yet to be built ramp 2.5 will be closed to ORVs and fails to identify when the yet to be built ramp will be built to provide the access. It also fails to identify the importance for placing the yet to be built ramp at the location chosen in comparison with somewhere else between existing ramps 1 and 2. Table - HATTERAS ISLAND - DESIGNATED ROUTES

10. The table proposes year round access beginning at a ramp yet to be built (ramp 25.5) located 1.5 miles south of ramp 23 to

ramp 27. Currently, year round ORV access to this area is provided from the Southern end of Salvo to ramp 27 which covers a total area of approximately 4.5 miles. This proposed rule fails to explain or justify why 1.7 miles of the national seashore recreational area from the southern end of Salvo to the yet to be built ramp 25.5 will be closed to recreational ORV users and fails to identify when the yet to be built ramp 25.5 will be built to provide the proposed access. It also fails to identify the importance for placing the yet to be built ramp at the location chosen in comparison to .5 or 1.0 miles south of ramp 23.

11. The table and the preamble do not discuss the area between ramp 27 and ramp 30 which covers an area of 2.1 miles which is currently designated for ORV use year round. This proposed rule fails to explain or justify why 2.1 miles of the national seashore recreational area will be closed to recreational ORV users between ramps 27 and 30. The proposed rule fails to distinguish the unique difference that the shoreline between ramps 27 and 30 offers in comparison to the shoreline at other locations and fails to specify what will result if the action is not taken.

12. The table proposes year round access from ramp 30 to a yet to be built ramp 32.5. Currently, year round access is provided between ramps 30 and 34 covering an area of 4.3 miles. The proposed rule fails to explain where ramp 32.5 would be located or why the National Seashore Recreational Area will be closed to recreational ORV users from a yet to be built ramp (32.5) to ramp 34 and when the proposed ramp will be built. Assuming 32.5 will be located 2.5 miles south of ramp 30 would mean that 1.8 miles of the National Seashore Recreational Area will be closed to recreational ORV users. This proposed rule fails to explain or justify why 1.8 miles of the National Seashore Recreational Area will be closed to recreational ORV users between ramps 32.5 and 34.

13. Currently year round ORV access is provided at ramp 34 from the northern boundary of Avon Village northward. The proposed rule fails to discuss access at ramp 34 or explain or justify why this area of the national seashore recreational area needs to be closed to recreational ORV users year round.

14. The table proposes year round access from ramp 38 to 1.5 miles south of ramp 38. Currently, year round ORV access is provided for 2 miles south of ramp 38. The proposed rule fails to explain or justify why .5 miles of the national seashore recreational area needs to be closed to recreational ORV users year round. Seasonal Closures

15. The table indicates a seasonal closure from .1 mile south of the Rodanthe Pier to ramp 23. This seasonal closure should match what is currently in place which is seasonal access May 15 to September 15 from the southern boundary of Pea Island NWR to the Southern boundary of Salvo village. The proposed rule fails to explain why the existing seasonal access boundary and dates are unsatisfactory or justify the need for change.

16. I object to the designated ORV routes proposed for Bodie Island, Hatteras Island, and Ocracoke Island. The tables have been drafted based on ramps and roads which do not exist and may never exist at all. The National Park Service should designate ORV routes based on existing physical features and properties of the National Seashore Recreational Area and base management of the area on its own merits and policies; namely, the 2007 interim management plan which access users, local government officials, business owners, and

Night Driving Restrictions: 17. There should be no restrictions on night driving - ORV routes should be accessible 24 hours a day. There is no hard factual evidence proving that lights from ORVs interfere with nesting turtles or other shorebirds. In reality, night driving deters ghost crabs and ghost crabs are the primary predator of most wildlife at the seashore. Information Collection:

18. The proposed rule states that, "... The NPS is collecting this information to provide the Superintendent data necessary to issue ORV special use permits. The information will be used to grant a benefit." This statement is far from the truth. By requiring the public to pay for a permit the Superintendent is forcing the public to pay for something the government currently allows them to get for free. Permits will restrict access and limit people's freedom. The proposed rule fails to convey the cost that will be imposed on the public and fails to explain what public benefits are associated with them in light of the fact that they are currently free. The NPS is forcing additional hardships and cost burdens on the American public and that is something this country can do without during these tough economic times. environmental groups found acceptable.

Regulatory Flexibility Act: 20. The proposed rules are based on data that is flawed. The economic analysis failed to convey accurate information concerning the impact that ORV restrictions will have on the affected area. The discussion under this section correctly indicates that close to 100% of the rule's impacts would fall on small businesses, but incorrectly purports that vehicle free areas combined with increased parking for pedestrian access could increase visitation and help business. This is a false statement. More restrictions and less recreational freedom mean less people - not more.

21. The NPS speaks about extra efforts taken to increase overall access and visitor use under the Selected Action, which they say they developed with extensive public involvement, and also state that it should increase the probability that the economic impacts are on the low rather than high end of the range. This is written completely out of context. It is true that the public provided significant input to the NPS, but what they fail to convey is that they did not really listen and do what the NC Governor, NC House and Senate members, Dare and Hyde county officials, and American public stated was important to them and why. Information Quality Act:

22. The NPS indicates that information presented in the plan/FEIS is based on a wide range of scientific and peer reviewed data. This is broad statement and one I don't think will stand up well court since the majority of information used in the FEIS is older than 5 years some even older than 10 years and some even older than that. The FEIS is an important part of this rulemaking and

should be uploaded to reg.gov and added to the federal docket and become part of the federal record.

I am encouraging Senators and Representatives of North Carolina and Pennsylvania to initiate legislation to help preserve open access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area.

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Correspondence: I am writing in reg-rtrd to Proposed Rule, identified by the Regulation Identifier Number: (RIN) 1024-AD85. I think that the whole direction of the proposed IULE goes against the founding of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore as a Recreational Area and against the historical significance of the people living in this area having free access to the ocean shore to procure the sea's bounty both as a source of income, a source of food and a source of recreation.

My family has been vacationing on the Outer Banks for nearly Ilurty years and has a deep appreciation and respect for the beauty of the area. I think that there should be IULEs to prevent hazards to people, the dune structure, and wildlife by all visitors. Before Il,e recent court actions it seemed to be in fairly reasonable balance. The excursion zone for the birds does not appem' to have any scientific basis (peer reviewed journal instead of supposition by a group). It also seems to me that this is a marginal area for turtle, birds at best and thee traditional human usage should take precedence.

The Pea Island Refuge and the areas in front of the villages, provides sufficient vehicle free zones. This zone should not be increased. Ramps in close proximity to some of the villages are proposed for closure, which makes it under for vehicular access.

I do not unde rstand why velucle transported visitors are being singled out as having to pay for access. I do not wish to spend Part of precious family time obtaining a permit. Reb'arding the proposed exemption for special access, the requirement to drop off and remove Il,e vehicle is not good. I have a son ,with a disability, currently he alld I will go out on the beach and it works great. He does not have the mental capability for me to saldy leave him on the beach, while I made the transit to some parking area.

I believe that the proposed restrictions will have an adverse economic impact on the local economy. Currently we come for two weeks every summer spending money for food, dining out, gifts and recreation. One of the main attractions is the ability to drive on the beach .md access a vailety of locations. We have been fortunate to arrive after the majority of the excessive limits on access to prime recreation areas have been lifted, although we are not pleased to be able to reach some traditional historic locations.

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Correspondence: I am writing to you concerning the ORV Rule. My wife and I have been vacationing at the Outer Banks for over twenty years enjoying all the National Seashore has to offer. As more houses, businesses, and hotels are built there are only a few areas people may go to enjoy fishing, collecting seashells, and watching all birds and animals. I have observed that the majority of people which drive on our National Seashore are respectful of birds and animals and will avoid doing any harm to them. They do not drive in posted areas and admonish the few people that do wrong. Listed below are some of my objections. Permits - taking away the ability of taxpayers to use their National land.

1. A permit fee of \$100.00 to \$200.00 is objectionable. I ask the question of what is the reason for any fee; it is not to pay the cost of anything my taxes should take care of employee salaries. Most people cannot or will not pay a permit fee. I am already paying an out of State fishing fee; the cost adds up.

2. Cost- There has already been a cost to businesses in the area; lack of income. If your proposal passes the economic cost will be even more. We spend over \$1000.00 when we come down with food, lodging, fuel, and other expenses. That may not be a lot of money to you, but I am retired and it is to me. The cost of a permit fee will have me and other people going somewhere else. It is my understanding that there is a proposed parking area to keep ORVs from parking on the beach; how much will that cost and where is the United States government going to get the money. If they do get the money how long will it take to get the money and build the parking lots? Parking lots will limit older adults and people with physical problems. Shuttles to and from the beach will add to the expense. Is the economic cost to the area and extra expenses to the government worth the time and effort because of a few birds; in which population has not increased even with the closing of beaches?

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Correspondence: My comments today come from a sense of urgency and having to do this comment while under duress from Hurricane Irene. I should be cleaning up my house (18 inches of water in same) or finishing up trying to get my two businesses back open. I realize that NPS does not care about me, mine, my community, or anything else except finishing off this final play in this travesty you and yours have created.

My comments on the special regulations as so listed in the Federal Register are:

1. There should be a sixty day extension for the comment period.
2. ORV permits should be free and available through the internet. Other park service areas which have tried to hold classes have failed to accommodate the public in a timely fashion. Realizing the mindset of this seashore, the permit fee and instruction would be used to penalize the public.
3. I note that this notice is quick to mention the rules and so on that you seem to think apply. I find this lacking for several reasons. NEPA is just a term you misuse because NEP A was applied to the interim strategy yet tossed out the door by park service. I see no mention of the Disabilities Act which your plan simply ignores. And with great concern to me is the fact that you ignore Executive Order 13474 which amended Executive Order 12962. I quote "(d) ensuring that recreational fishing shall be managed as a sustainable activity in national wildlife refuges, national parks, national monuments, national marine sanctuaries, marine protected areas, or any other relevant conservation or management areas or activities under any Federal authority, consistent with applicable law:" The major group of people who are being banned by your ORV plan are recreational fishermen!

Realizing that President Obama's Great Outdoor Initiative program must not apply to park service since you fail to realize the aspects of getting kids outdoors and onto our beaches is important. If kids and parents cannot access then they stay indoors.

4. The economic studies done in preparation for this plan are wrong. My business has sustained worse economic harm than if trashed by a hurricane. An entire sector of our customer base no longer comes to this seashore and they were never asked or interviewed in the process. The intentional misrepresentation of facts by the plan writers is criminal and should be investigated by NPS (good luck on that ever happening).
5. Turtle regulations are again based on myth and misused for the ease of making the park less accessible. Nighttime restrictions are not necessary but if they are then should be from the Monday after Memorial Day weekend until the Thursday before Labor Day weekend. The months of May and September have had less than 1% of turtle nest laid during those two months. Night time restrictions in May completely eliminate the traditional drum runs experienced for generations by recreational fishermen.

The night time closure of 10 pm until 6 am has not been successful. Many of the park's night time activities including sky watching, recreational fishing, and simply enjoying the beach have been curtailed. The increased restriction 9 pm until 7 am is simply again a punishment on the recreational fishermen and making life easy for the greatly exaggerated turtle patrol. For much of the summer it is daylight at 9 pm and the sun has been up for 2 hours by 7 am. The turtle patrol simply needs protocols on going to bed early and getting up early. With your new plan there will be 60% more closed beaches hence no need for less hours open or later patrol times.

The safety of the turtle nest laid should be of some importance. To watch just last week the moving of all of the turtle nest in the park for yet another hurricane meant to me that the nest should have been moved when laid, not just before hatching. I am sure that park service personnel would have been a great asset to our communities before the hurricane if they had been available but no, they all were out there moving nest which should have been moved when first laid. And yes, I think turtles and their nest are simply being managed to deny access and help park service achieve a plan they want but is not needed. I don't think present turtle nest management is being guided by concern for turtles.

6. I continue to be dismayed over village closure times. With groups such as the Hatteras Civic Association, Avon Home Owners, and Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo Home Owners Association asking for status quo and park service conceding to two groups who never meet nor have any validity is simply corrupt. Historical, legitimate, and real groups of village elected officials telling the truth standing up against two ocean front profiteers and you use the profiteers to privatize the village beaches is simply unacceptable.
7. The closure of .3 miles south or west of Cape Point to ramp 47.5 is wrong. For you, Mike Murray, to tell me that this was done because of my comments on the DEIS is simply wrong. I know that you will deny this but that is what you said. For you to penalize the American public because of one citizen's public comments is wrong.

The route should be from .6 miles north of ramp 43 until .6 miles south or west of Cape Point and then from the Salt Pond Road until the east side of Frisco. If a full time closure is needed then maintain one from .5 miles south of ramp 45 to ramp 47.5. I know I should not lecture about the use of the beaches but when the wind blows from the northeast then visitors need the lee shore such as the "Hook" to utilize. They will lose this access and place to get out of the wind. Cape Point campground is situated inside your proposed closure as listed in the Federal Register and one must assume park service intends to close same.

Closing all the 4 accessible sides of the inlets year round is simply park service not understanding the usage of our beaches. The traditional old folks fishing spots are the rips of the inlets. Here the water is calmer and waders and so on not needed and for generations the inlets are used to fish for flounder. Historical cast netting for mullet by the commercial fishermen is also being disregarded. During negotiated rulemaking there was not a single group who ask for more than one inlet to be closed and that group was again a bogus made up at the last minute participate. I stand greatly offended by the fact that after reg neg groups who maintained their silence could change their position and ask for more and more closure. Promises made by NPS are not

worth much.

Finally, the half truths, the outright deceptions, the misuse of executive orders, and even going against what our Congress and Senate want is pretty much unacceptable. And what I really don't understand is why park service did this in such a deplorable manner. This could have been done with integrity and honesty and not something simply shoved down our throats. [fthis were my project, I would go and begin to start over with meaningful dialogue with our communities and elected officials and see if you could not sell them on the need for what is right and come up with a balanced plan sort of like what you promised when you arrived here, not this plan based upon that which will not work in the future.

Like everything else I have ever contributed just throw this in the trash because you sure have not ever paid any attention in the past,

Correspondence ID: 22215 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Fountain, Travis
Received: Sep,06,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: I, Travis Fountain and my family, hope this note finds you and yours well with enough. I also want to extend a "Thank You" for the work you have tried to do these past few VERY difficult years at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. [believe you and I know a lot that has happened has been beyond shameful. But now "it is what it is".

Now to my comments regarding the Proposed Rule RIN 1024-AD85;

(2) ORV Permits I) If required, the cost should be kept reasonable for the average tax-payer. The numbers I'm hearing-- \$150-\$200 are not. 2) If required, getting and paying for the permit should be possible via the computer and if "training" is required that should be "imbedded" in the application web site.

(3) Vehicle and equipment requirements I) How does NPS propose to insure all "permitted" vehicles meet these requirements especially part (v) short of a vehicle-by-vehicle inspection by NPS personnel? Those things are "common sense" things for those of us that have driven the beach and for those that have not, put it in the internet "training" and on the ramp sign age.

(7) Special use permits for off-road driving, temporary use I) (iii) It can't be a good idea to "immediately" remove the vehicle used to transport the "mobility impaired" to a VFA, no matter where the VFA might be. If one can't get on the beach without help, one can't get off without help if need be!

(9) ORV routes I) There should be no "permanent routes or VFA's" set in stone at this time. There should be much leeway regarding both. Lots of things can change quickly. I believe the Superintendent, the NCDOT and the Dare and Hyde county officials should have the latitude to address these issues on a monthly basis based on past "usage" [also believe if a VFA is considered somewhere other than in front

(II) Rules for vehicle operation (ii) (D) The "one vehicle deep" parking thing is just silly. As long as there is room for "traffic" to get by within the "corridor", how a group parks should not be a concern.

(12) Night Driving Restrictions These restrictions, if really needed, should be based on facts -- not supposition. There is lots of data available, that has been collected and studied for years, which up to this point, has been largely ignored. Having lived in Wilmington, NC and drove the Fort Fisher area from 1975 thru 1987, "night driving" on the beach was as it has been at Hatteras. I don 't see why the things that worked there then, suddenly won't work at Hatteras, even IF there is a real issue. Things like -- red lenses over any "white" light, to mention the one biggie.

The above are my biggest problems with the Proposed Rule and [really hope some common sense will be used in forming the final thing, whatever it may be called.

To close I would like to share some things you don't know. I mentioned Fort Fisher above. While driving the beach, with my red lenses, I witnessed a turtle leave the surf, dig the nest, lay 68 eggs, cover the nest and return to the surf. What a experience!

I have been going to Hatteras since 1975, anywhere from 3 to 6 "trips" a year. It is VERY obvious me and my friends love "nature" a LOT more than the "groups" that saw fit to get involved in something they know nothing about. It is shameful the things that have been done, by man, these last 3-4 years to "correct" nature under the "consent decree". It is really shameful the NPS participated in the extermination of, it's reported, thousands of animals to "correct" nature. It appears just about ALL that has been observed at the Seashore regarding anything "nature" was ignored. Do you suppose man will ever learn from history? Do you suppose the day will come where facts, the true majority or the well being of real people really matters?

My friends and I have never---driven places we weren't allowed, killed anything but the fish we ate and always carried more trash off the beaches than we carried on. Can the NPS claim that? Long story short-----we care. We marvel and respect the place and the wildlife--ALL the wildlife. We really do hate being treated just like the American Indian was years ago by OUR

government due to "special interest" money.

Help if you will. A reply would be nice. Thanks

Correspondence ID: 22216 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Franklin, Brian
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Correspondence: I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I feel that new regulations could undermine significant improvement to the National Seashore ecosystem.

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 wildlifelike piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22217 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Gates, Jacquelyn L
Received: Aug,24,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: With all due respect I am writing as part of the public comment on the proposed ORV RUIE (36 CFR Part 7 - SPECIAL REGULATIONS, AREAS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM, paragraph 7.58 Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The rule proposed indicates that the National Park Service at Cape Hatteras National Seashore inability in the capabilities in standing firmly as to what would constitute a National Part that can serve its public and its national resources.

The National Park Service has "folded" in the shadows under overbearing Environmental groups. Allowing them to dictate what is "best practices" for CHNS. Instead of following their own research, USFWL, research done by other reputable schools of science, or ever looking at other national seashores to see how others have found a compromise between the public access and nature. Why would you allow ESLC at el control our most precious resources? Are we, incapable of such a feat ourselves?

After spend many hours reading though the proposed rule I find it disheartening that this is based on infrastructure that is not in place nor is there money budgeted and in the economic status of the county I cannot see the funds being budgeted in any foreseeable future. Especially when the NPS has been cutting staff. Why was this proposed rule not based on present infrastructure? How can you impose a rule /plan when you do not have the access there to utilize it. Instead of making new pretend ramps, upgrading the infrastructure already in place. Improve access, parking, walking ramps boardwalks, so that all can access not just the healthy.

The core deals with Off/Road Vehicle Access and Resource Closures. I personally have not been one to drive on the beaches of CHNS, but with the limited access areas for people with disabilities or health issues, having ORV access is the only alternative for many of the most beautiful areas of the park. Case and point from a personal perspective, not science based. My parents have visited the Outer Banks and CHNS since the 1970's, It was one of their favorite places to visit to enjoy the beaches, the history, the villages, the fresh seafood, and the wonderful people here. My Dad became terminally ill and his last trip he wanted was to get back to the Outer Banks one more time. In October of 2008 we found a place in Kill Devil Hills that suited his needs. It was not on Hatteras Island, but we needed to have easy access to the hospital. He had a blast! We did many day trips to Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands and to CHNS. But we were limited as to access to the beaches at c/-INS. Very few board walked areas to the beach (we found two), at that time no handicapped ramps, now there is "one" south at Frisco near just north of the over wash area. Dad could not walk in the soft uneven sand up and over the dunes, nor could he walk for a long distance; which meant all the other access points inaccessible. This made most of the beautiful areas of CHNS that he love so an inaccessible and unwelcome place for him. This was his last trip to CHNS; Dad died Jan 2009, This is not about driving without due regard as others would like one to think, it is about access to the park. For many there is no other way except by vehicle!

To continue about access, when the NPS closes the beach here, they close it to everyone. So this is not just an ORV issue. Even walker, sea shell gathers, photographer, fishermen and women, everyone. The idea that CHNS cannot come up with a plan that has a good compromise is not understandable since other National Park Seashores do have plans that actually work and are not held hostage but extreme environmental groups.

I contacted 3 other National park seashores when it looked as if access to the CHNS was going to be unavailable for access even by pedestrians, all 3 different management plans, all have access, at a minimum have pedestrian access year ro und. The three National Park Seashores have variations of pedestrian and or ORV access but AIL have access and maintain a natural

environment for wildlife.

? Padre Island National Seashore is far the most visitor friendly of all the National Park Seashores I have researched. Not only do they keep their beaches open they encourage visitors to be a part of the process of turtle hatchling releases. At CHNS and Pea Island National Wild Life Refuge you are not allowed to be near the turtles hatching with risk of finds or imprisonment. Which National Park Seashore do you think will have the most cooperation from its visitors, one that its visitors are included or excluded? This information can be found within the NPS Padre Island web site available to all.

? Cumberland Island National Seashore is another example of keeping the beaches open while still maintaining an environment for the nesting animals. Visitors do not drive on Cumberland Island but the National Park Service and the few local residences that live there do. Visitor experience there is strictly by foot or bicycle; still the beaches are open for pedestrian usage.

Assateague Island National Seashore is working to compromise the long standing history of ORV usage of the area and management of wildlife and have been able to come up with compromises that are functional, reasonable, promote access and growth for wildlife within their park. And again the minimum is that the beaches stay open for pedestrians. Why is it impossible for CHNS to strive for a viable ability to have both a place where people and nature can strive together? Why again do we allow a government agency that we pay taxes to have and maintain to be held hostage, oh right sac will sue.

Having access is part of the experience of visiting CI-INS. Education, understanding and cooperation can only be achieved with the willingness of the NPS. Closing the beaches during peak visitation season is not only harmful to the communities within the National Park Seashore boundaries but to the National Seashore itself. People will start looking elsewhere; I have been a visitor since 1978 and I looked at alternatives sadly. But through education, allowing them access, the abilities to be a part of the natural experience will promote the desires of being a long term caretakers of CHNS. Allow the public to see, experience, feel and learn all about the historical significance of the Outer Banks. Allow the Public to witness the wonders of nature that is so abundant within this unique thin ribbon of sand. It is a proven fact that one does not care for something at one has no stake in. By denying the public of this beautiful place, by creating frustration, additional stresses of unanswered questions, by not having alternative means to divert around, by not educating the public about the protected areas, by having unreasonable resource protection areas to start with, by basically simply adding more signs and stakes up closing areas up and down the beach without warning only creates contempt and not caretakers.

Reasonableness is what is needed not excessiveness. We do not need to close an entire beach for a turtle nest, mark where it is so that we all can walk or drive around it depending where it was laid; or move it if it was not in a safe spot and so the turtle watchers can come back to it when it is time for the turtle to hatch. December 2010 while hiking to Cape Point beach access was closed from the dune line to the sea for an unhatched turtle nest. Again perfect case of marking the nest and moving on, no need to close the entire beach. Reasonableness, education, caretaking, we all want the turtles to make it, the National Park Service has failed to make it a priority in CHNS to educate the public on being caretakers of the nest and guess what, people will be caretakers. Allow the public be a part of the hatching, can you imagine how that will be imbedded in the brain of a child for life how he or she helped a baby turtle to the sea.

Reasonableness, in dealing with the Piping Plovers. Yes they seem to nest in the areas we love, but some of the areas are not safe for the plovers, either to low on the beaches, subject ocean high waves and over washes that destroy their nest. As for humans bothering them, they are finding out that is not as much an issue; in Massachusetts Piping Plovers are nesting on the busy Revere Beach 10' from the sidewalk and having very successful broods. And this is not the only busy beach where the Piping Plovers have found success with nesting and raising chicks. Theory more people and activity less predators. The possible key to their survival may not be seclusion but adaption. Luckily the Piping Plovers nesting on Revere Beach are doing just that adapting, and their offspring will learn about adapting and just maybe the species will make a rebound. So just maybe we are doing the Piping Plover a great disservice by keeping them isolated from any human contact, but to allow humans and plovers a chance to live together, may give the piping plover a chance to adapt and survive.

Again if the National Park Service educates the public and makes that their priority, the people that visit will become the caretakers and strive to protect CHNS. There can be a reasonable balance of public recreation and natural resource conservation at CHNS, but it will not begin with the management plan that is being imposed upon presently. A reasonable balance cannot be achieved until the United States Government does not allow its National Parks Service to be held hostage by environmental groups. A reasonable balance cannot be achieved until all are included; this includes the people that live in the villages within the boundaries of CHNS, respect for their lives, history and physical needs. Reasonable balance cannot be achieved by a permit system that is complicated and expensive especially to the ones that benefit to the entire basis of why this seashore was established, for all!

To clarify any misunderstanding, I am just a visitor and long time lover of CHNS that first visited in 1978 and tent camped at Bodie Island Camp Ground. I do not live or own property in the area. Nor at this time do I drive on the beach, though we are getting to the age without easy access areas made for foot traffic to the more difficult areas to reach, vehicle means will become a reality. I do not fish or boat. I spend my time hiking the beaches when and if they are open; it is dangerous when I have to hike off the beach over the dunes and down RT12 to go around a closure. There are no pedestrian paths down Rt12 so you are hiking down the highway, not a safe thing to do. This is the only options with many closures being from the ocean to RT12. Beaches need to be open year round.

Please show that a reasonable plan and access can be obtained for all to the GINS. Keep your beaches open to the public that pay taxes for this wonderful seashore all year long. Do not CHNS be held hostage by extreme environmental groups. As I am myself a lifelong conservationist, I do not abide what these groups have done here at CJINS. Again Please Keep your beautiful

beaches OPEN!

Correspondence ID: 22218 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Green, Carl
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Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence:

For the past 30 years, my family has traveled from Pennsylvania to Ocracoke, NC for our annual vacation. While we could visit other beaches along the eastern seaboard, none compared to the isolated beauty and simplicity of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It had everything that was important to us: unpretentious friendly people, a conservative family atmosphere, reasonable cost, easy access to clean beaches, and a hassle free environment for surf fishing, beachcombing, and relaxing. Throughout those years, we were always impressed about how respectful the ORV owners and visitors were to one another and the environment. We didn't litter, harass the wildlife, or tramp over the dunes from the highway. As we age, it is very important that we are able to drive on the beach, as hiking from parking lots is getting harder if not impossible to do.

We have always been staunch supporters of our national parks by making donations and visiting them wherever possible. We never balked at paying an admission fee to enter the parks. It is, however, unconscionable that the Obama administration would punish American taxpayers through this ORV rule. First of all, the NPS has been whining about the lack of funds, yet you can afford to spend millions to litigate this issue. Now you want to spend more money to reconfigure the ramps, change parking lots, hire people to sell permits, patrol the beach, and administer this program? The 'freedom' found in the national parks is being replaced by little bureaucrats and their need for power. Is this another one of Obama's loser policies to have more government interference with our lives? These political environmental lobbyists who have no personal ties to this island and park are holding us hostage for their own perverted agendas. If this precedence is set, what will they attack next:--- Padre Island, Assateague, Cape Cod?

It was upsetting when we had to start buying fishing licenses for the "free" ocean. Then, the government increased the ferry tolls and tried to toll the Hatteras-Ocracoke ferry. Now you want to require people to pay for a license to drive on the beach? Then why don't you charge an admission fee for the national sites in Washington DC? Why are you discriminating against the folks in NC? Adding insult to injury, you have closed the North and South points of Ocracoke, which are the largest and most beautiful areas of the beach.

Most of the people who visit this Park are those who cannot afford to own or rent an expensive house with easy access to the beach. Nor can they afford to buy or rent a charter boat for fishing. With your proposed policy, only the wealthy will be able to enjoy the seashore.

" When we look up and down the ocean fronts of America, we find that everywhere they are passing behind the fences of private ownership. The people can no longer get to the ocean. When we have reached the point that a nation of 125 million people cannot set foot upon the thousands of miles of beaches that border the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, except by permission of those who monopolize the ocean front, then I say it is the prerogative and the duty of the Federal and State Governments to step in and acquire, not a swimming beach here and there, but solid blocks of oceanfront hundreds of miles in length. Call this oceanfront a national park, or a national seashore, or a state park or anything you please- I say that the people have a right to a fair share of it. " (Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, 1938)

Historically, this first national seashore was dedicated as the "Cape Hatteras National Seashore RECREATIONAL Area". Surely, when the land in Ocracoke was taken/donated to create this National Park, the owners did NOT do it for the purpose of protecting sea gulls. You are declaring that these dirty, crapping birds have more rights than people??? You are destroying the legacy and livelihoods of the inhabitants of Ocracoke who have lived there for generations with total, free access to THEIR beach. For years, the beach was literally their highway! You are ruining the island economically since this ORV rule is killing tourism. The Outer Banks already has the large Pea Island Wildlife Refuge where the animals can live and breed without disturbance. Furthermore, most of the Cape Lookout National Seashore/Portsmouth is uninhabited and available to restrictions for ORVs and pedestrian traffic.

As a news writer declared: "A new bill needs to be written saying simply this: The Cape Hatteras Recreational National Seashore was created for the purpose of allowing American people to enjoy the uncrowded, under-developed beaches for purposes of enjoyment for all people, including the handicapped, elderly, and children. The Pea Island refuge was set aside for birds and animals at the same time this park was created Closing a beach on an island, even to foot traffic is unconstitutional and must be reversed immediately. The economic devastation that this ruling has created is widespread on an island that has co-existed with nature for hundreds of years.

Correspondence ID: 22219 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Chapman, Margaret R
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Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence:

I am writing in regard to the ORV Proposed Rule. I am 56 year old handicapped woman. I have a genetic rare disease of the heart muscle (HCM) and I am living on social security disability. I vacation on Ocracoke Island once or twice a year with my sister-in-law who has multiple sclerosis. We come to Ocracoke specifically because of ORV beach access. We cannot walk long distances or carry heavy objects.

I am specifically addressing (c) (7) which would allow me to park my vehicle conveniently on the beach. I don't mind paying a

small sum for a permit.

I love the National Parks, especially Cape Hatteras/Ocracoke Recreational area. If I had to park in a lot and carry coolers, towels, chairs, etc across dunes to get to the shore, I would not be able to come anymore. I feel the beach at Hatteras and Ocracoke were intended for recreational use and should not be closed. It was not originally intended to be a bird sanctuary.

I also believe that night driving/fishing should be allowed. No turtles were ever run over before 2010 when folks could use their headlights.

Thank you for considering my comments I pray you leave the beaches available to ORV. Some of us cannot enjoy it any other way.

Correspondence ID: 22220 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Friedrich, Fariah
Received: Sep,06,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: Thank you so much for your vigilance over our shoreline, which belongs to us citizens as well as to all the wildlife who inhabit these shorelines and depend on them for their survival. It is absolutely necessary at this time to protect our wildlife by restricting use of motorized vehicles on the beaches even more. Please increase the zones for wildlife nesting protected from ORVs. And please follow the recommendations of the environmental scientist who are our guides in these very delicate times, when the earth is in danger of severe imbalance.

I live part time on the shores of Xong Island, where we are working to protect the piping plovers from ORVs and dogs. This is part of our national heritage. Thank you for your concern and help.

Correspondence ID: 22221 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Lyons, Marcia
Received: Sep,06,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: Please excuse the informality of this response. I am lacking better materials due to the Hurricane Irene evacuation.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposed rule (PR) to manage off-road vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore (CAHA). The PR has obvious failings. Protection and preservation of park flora and fauna appears negotiable. Science-based management measures are subject to subjective views of ever-changing superintendents. Proactive management needs to be made mandatory.

Park values, prominently addressed in NPS Management Policies are skirted in the PR. Had they been adequately considered, the PR would have designated more vehicle free areas within CAHA. For example, the inlet shorelines as well as Cape Point are the gems of CAHA. There are dramatic geological wonders, profoundly scenic and inspirational. Yet, at times of the year, they are turned into virtual parking lots. Campers staying at the various NPS campgrounds can not even experience adjacent beaches without being in vehicle traffic.

I have a long-standing relationship with the NPS. I have visited many units throughout the country and continue to do so. I worked for CAHA for 32 years observing first hand the Park's degradation due to lack of off road vehicle management. I continue to reside in the local community.

Correspondence ID: 22222 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Judge, Warren
Received: Sep,06,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

On behalf of the Dare County Board of Commissioners, following are our written public comments on the ORV Proposed Rule for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area.

The Proposed ORV Rule is seriously flawed. It does not reflect the will of the people that was articulately expressed by the people during the public hearings and comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

During the public process on the Environmental Impact Statements, there was an outpouring of positive and substantive comments by the people of Dare County. Thousands of others, throughout the nation, who love the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, joined us in this effort.

We, the people, spoke as a virtually unanimous voice in recommending practical solutions for ORV management of the seashore. However, the National Park Service has not listened to the clearly expressed will of the people by incorporating our

concerns and suggestions in the Proposed ORV Rule.

We respectfully request that you make substantive changes to the ORV Proposed Rule as outlined in these comments.

INTRODUCTION

The Dare County Board of Commissioners strongly supports open and accessible beaches for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area (CHNSRA). We believe in open access for everyone consistent with the enabling legislation that created America's first National Seashore.

Our residents and visitors have always been faithful stewards of wildlife. For generations they have proven that people and nature can live in harmony. They have consistently demonstrated a reverence for nature and have labored diligently to preserve it for future generations.

We support resource protection for shorebirds and sea turtles based on peer reviewed science. Who better to advocate preservation of area wildlife than the people whose lives and futures are intertwined to the success of each species? For this reason, Dare County is committed to balancing resource protection and providing reasonable access for recreation.

Dare County has identified seven (7) major items that we believe should be modified in the ORV Proposed Rule. These include - 1. NO FEES for ORV permits 2. TRAINING & PERMITS available at multiple locations and online 3. NEW INFRASTRUCTURE should be established before new corridors & VFA's 4. FLEXIBILITY FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT to adapt corridors and routes 5. SEASONAL VILLAGE CLOSURES based on conditions not arbitrary dates 6. CORRIDORS to provide access through & around areas of resource closures 7. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS for safety and access

Additionally, we have included comments that address the socio-economic factors related to the Proposed ORV Rule along with other pertinent remarks.

NO FEES FOR ORV PERMITS The Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area rightly belongs to the American people. For generations, families have depended on access to the seashore for recreation. This access has historically been provided at no cost for the residents and visitors of the CHNSRA.

Families plan all year long to visit Cape Hatteras. They save diligently in order to afford a destination where an American family can still enjoy a wholesome recreational experience at a reasonable price. This budgetary dynamic is a crucial one for the working class visitors that frequent the CHNSRA. For these visitors, adding a fee to access the beach is akin to adding a fee to breathe the air. Instituting fees for use of the CHNSRA threatens to hurt tourism and the visitor experience. This applies not only to the National Park Service properties on the Outer Banks, but to the overall tourism-based economy on which Dare County depends.

NPS has proposed fees without disclosing to the American public what the financial impact for the user might be. In releasing the proposed ORV rule, a specific dollar amount should have been made public prior to close of public comments. If ORV permit fees are inevitable, transparency and disclosure should be the order of the day. How are people to plan their vacation budget without knowing the intended fee structure?

Finally, if fees are imposed over the objections voiced by visitors, user groups and the County of Dare, we ask that fees be kept at the smallest possible amount. The American family might be able to reluctantly accept a very small user fee; however, permit costs that are anywhere near the \$150 to \$200 range, as NPS has imposed at other facilities, would only further threaten tourism to the area.

User fees disproportionately affect those on fixed incomes, single parents, low-income visitors, and minorities. A \$200 user fee for someone earning the minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour is more greatly affected than someone earning an upper class income. We believe high user fees favor the rich and privileged over the poor and working middle class families that depend on free access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area.

TRAINING & PERMITS available at multiple locations and online

NPS proposes a training requirement prior to the issuance of a permit to access the beach. We believe the American public and the visitors to the CHNSRA have responded well to educational efforts done by a variety of user groups and the County of Dare. Our residents and visitors have a long-standing position of promoting and While additional education and training is desirable in any endeavor, we believe any requirement to mandate training prior to the issuance of a permit is unwarranted in this case because of the effective job that has been done to promote and sustain reasonable use of the CHNSRA.

If NPS imposes a training requirement, over our objection, then the following practical issues must be considered:

Training and Permits Must Be Available Online

Visitors to the CHNSRA generally have one (1) week in which to pack in as much vacation as possible. Visitors to the Outer Banks most frequently arrive on Saturday afternoon and stay through the calendar week.

This pattern sets in place a weekly cycle that will choke the resources of NPS in handling a long line of incoming visitors each Saturday. Furthermore, the NPS permit office would need to be open well into the evening hours in order to accommodate those traveling tremendous distances to reach Dare County.

Training Must Be Available At Multiple Locations

Training and permits, other than those available online, must also be available at multiple locations that are easily accessible for visitors. Permitting locations should include Bodie Island, Hatteras Island, and Ocracoke Island. To do otherwise will place a hardship and a burden on visitors that will ultimately discourage use of the CHNSRA.

NEW INFRASTRUCTURE should be established before new corridors & VFA's NPS proposes new infrastructure for parking, ramps and access that should be implemented prior to the new routes, corridors and vehicle free areas (VFA's) that are outlined in the ORV Proposed rule.

Vehicle free areas (VFA's) outlined in the proposed rule will require additional off beach parking for those who want to be pedestrians within the new VFA's.

FLEXIBILITY FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT to adapt corridors and routes

The County of Dare has long supported giving flexibility to the Superintendent of the CHNSRA to use his or her best professional judgment in adapting corridors and routes as the physical nature and characteristics of the beach change on a dynamic basis.

To impose these new guidelines without the support system in place will only impede and restrict access and risk further harm to the visitor experience.

This common sense approach allows the Superintendent to modify access based upon the changing conditions that exist at the time, rather than arbitrarily written mandates.

For example, when buffers are established to protect a resource, once the species have begun moving from the nesting area, the Superintendent could monitor and modify the established buffer on an on-going basis. This would ultimately provide more dynamic and effective resource protection, while at the same time it would provide more access. This represents a win-win situation for both protected resources and the American public.

Also, as the landscape of the seashore changes due to weather and tide conditions the natural environment of the area changes as well. These changes can best be assessed, analyzed and adjusted as needed by the Superintendent.

We believe the Superintendents of the CHNSRA, including the current one, are dedicated professionals with the ability and experience to manage the seashore in a responsible way.

Dare County has supported giving flexibility to the Superintendent. This was a fundamental principle in our participation in the drafting of early guidelines for the seashore including the Interim Management Strategy. Flexibility for the Superintendent was a keystone of our position throughout the negotiated rulemaking process, the public hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

NPS needs to trust and empower its Superintendent to adapt and alter corridors and routes.

SEASONAL VILLAGE CLOSURES based on conditions not arbitrary dates

Any seasonal closures, in front of the Villages of Hatteras Island, should be based and depend on the season rather than an arbitrary date. This can be effectively developed, on an annual basis, by the Superintendent in partnership with officials from Dare and Hyde Counties.

Dare County believes that the seasonal closings of Village beaches has not been a problem that warrants the arbitrary and inconsistent dates outlined in the Final Environment Impact Statement (FEIS) upon which the proposed ORV rule has been written.

CORRIDORS

Corridors are a vital tool in providing access while managing resources. The proposed ORV rule should incorporate the use of corridors through and around buffers so the public does not suffer restricted access to an otherwise open area.

Corridors effectively provide a small path around temporary resource closures in order to provide access to open areas that would otherwise be blocked. Corridors are vital to providing access in a way that does not hinder resource protection.

Therefore, Dare County believes pass through corridors should be maintained for pedestrians and ORVs in all areas of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area throughout the entire breeding and nesting season.

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ACCOMMODATIONS FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS for safety and access

The proposed ORV rule outlines handicapped access to vehicle free areas (VFA's) in a way that is neither safe nor convenient for the physically challenged visitor.

The Proposed ORV Rule requires a permitted vehicle to transport a mobility-impaired individual to a predetermined VFA. After transporting the person, the vehicle is then required to exit the area leaving the handicapped person without immediate access to transportation.

For mobility-impaired individuals traveling with only one (1) companion, this puts them at risk by being left on the beach without a caregiver while the driver returns the vehicle to a designated parking area, which could be a considerable distance away. This is unsafe for many mobility-impaired visitors and tantamount to patient abandonment.

Without a vehicle close by, the handicapped person is without a viable means of transportation in the event of a medical emergency, a sudden change of weather or temperature conditions, or need for toilet facilities.

Dare County is a popular destination for handicapped visitors. This is due, in large part, to the dedication that has been given to providing maximum access for those with mobility challenges.

Our mobility-impaired community includes those using wheelchairs, walkers, and canes. It also includes elderly visitors, many of whom are frail. Additionally, those coping with chronic medical needs could be hurt and caused to suffer by the proposed rule. For example, visitors who need the continuous administration of oxygen would benefit from having their vehicle nearby as an energy-generating source for their oxygen supply system.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The Proposed ORV Rule contains five (5) statements that warrant additional comment by the County of Dare. The following statements, as published by NPS, are false, misleading and deceptive. We offer these additional comments in order to establish a clear and consistent record that reflects the position of Dare County -

? The Proposed ORV Rule says in its Summary - "minimizing conflicts among various users." In this comment, and in others like it, NPS would have everyone believe that the people who use the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area are in conflict with each other. We find this not to be true.

It is our experience that those who favor responsible ORV access, which represents the overwhelming majority, have taken great strides to accommodate the few who disagree.

We believe there is something for everyone at America's first national seashore and have a documented track record of willingness to compromise and accommodate the needs of all user groups. This is a matter of public record during the negotiated rulemaking proceeding, of which Dare County was a participant.

? The Proposed ORV Rule references the Piping Plover as "listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)." NPS in this brief statement omits to give the American people the full truth about the species that prevents access to the most popular portions of the seashore for most of the tourism season.

The Piping Plover is a non-indigenous "threatened" species that is not "endangered." Words have meaning. NPS has chosen to

describe this bird in a way that creates a false and misleading impression to the American people

? The Proposed ORV Rule says, "A consent decree agreed to by the plaintiffs, the NPS, and the interveners, Dare and Hyde counties." Here again, NPS makes a statement that warrants additional comment to clearly reflect our position.

The County of Dare did in fact join as an intervener in the consent decree. However, NPS fails to disclose that our involvement was as a matter of practical necessity in order to best represent the people of Dare County. The Consent Decree, prepared by a few special interest groups behind closed doors, was never exposed to the light of public comment and review.

We entered the case as an intervener rather than risk letting the special interest groups and a sympathetic Federal Judge close the seashore entirely. It was a situation where we had to choose the lesser of two evils. Do we choose to get shot in the foot, or in the head?"

Although Dare County was a party to the Consent Decree as an intervener, for NPS to imply that Dare County was in any way in agreement with the Consent Decree is disingenuous.

The Proposed ORV Rule says it conducted a "small business survey." This effort, by RTI, was never concluded or published prior to the close of public comments on the Environmental Impact Statements. This prevented the public from having access to the survey and being able to make informed comments about it.

Following the eventual release of the small business survey, we determined it was based upon a small sample size with a poor rate of return. The skewed results of this survey stand in stark contrast to sworn, notarized statements from business owners that were submitted by Dare County during the public comment process.

Our survey of business owners documents a consistent pattern of how the Consent Decree has hurt small businesses.

? Finally, we challenge the conclusion of the Proposed ORV Rule in saying the economic impact of the document: "will not adversely affect in a material way the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety or State, local, or Tribal governments or communities."

NPS has dismissed and ignored the concerns of the local business community. The hard-working small business owners of Dare County have indeed suffered harm and will continue to do so under the Proposed ORV Rule.

NPS may take comfort in saying the negative impact will not be harmful in a "material way." This statement is untrue and insensitive to those in our community who have seen their savings depleted, businesses ruined and have had to lay-off valuable, long-term employees. For our businesses, the negative impact has been severe and profound and the Proposed ORV Rule will cause more harm for our fragile economy. NPS is out of touch with the local business community and insensitive to their needs and concerns.

CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

We conclude our comments with the words of the people. When the public comment period closes on September 6, 2011 , it represents the last time the American people will have the opportunity to address this issue of public importance. Therefore, it is appropriate that the comments of the County of Dare conclude with the words of our people.

Please read the following notarized statements from our business owners and community leaders. Hear them describe the negative economic impact they have experienced. Listen to their genuine concerns for the future of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area.

Although the formal public comment period is ending, Dare County is willing, now or anytime in the future, to meet with the Superintendent to explore practical solutions that will balance resource management with reasonable and responsible recreational access.

Correspondence ID: 22223 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLEASE PLEASE FOR ONCE TRY TO BE CONSIDER OF THE WILDLIFE WELFARE AND THEIR ADMIRERS. WHEN IS MANKIND GOING TO STOP PUTTING PROFIT BEFORE THE THINGS THAT SHOULD REALLY MATTER IN LIFE. LIKE OUR EARTH AND THE CREATURES THAT LIVE HERE. WE MUST ALSO CONSIDER FUTURE GENERATIONS. DO WE WANT THEM TO INHERIT A BEAUTIFUL PLANET OR JUST A DESOLATE WASTELAND NOT FIT FOR EVEN AN ANT?

Correspondence ID: 22224 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off-road vehicles on this Cape Hatteras National Seashore site.

I live in the midst of the GGNRA and we would never permit such vehicles on any of the beaches or the adjoining sea-shore areas.

What are you thinking?

Correspondence ID:	22225	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect the endangered and vulnerable wildlife at Cape Hatteras National Seashore by restricting off-road vehicles.						
Correspondence ID:	22226	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 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 that are not optional but mandatory. Thank you for your consideration.						
Correspondence ID:	22227	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	As a Los Angeles Audubon volunteer for the Snowy Plover program, I can personally attest to the dangers that these vulnerable shorebirds face. They need all the protection they can get. There are other areas for offroad and recreational use that do not impact these birds. Please consider their needs.						
Correspondence ID:	22229	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Every animal deserves an opportunity to survive without disturbance. Please regulate off-road activity to protect shorebirds and sea turtles, etc. Thank you. Karen Comegys						
Correspondence ID:	22230	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please stop the visitors from driving on the beach & killing the wonderful birds. Hello.....wake up before they are all goine.						
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Carmel Rooney

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The enjoyment of a few off-road vehicle enthusiasts must not be permitted to forever change the natural beauty of this area, and thereby spoil the enjoyment of a great many more U.S. citizens. In a democracy, the majority must rule, especially when long-term consequences are involved.						

Correspondence ID:	22235	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	On the 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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Thank you for your consideration.

Patricia Welty

Correspondence ID: 22238 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose the use of unrestricted off road vehicles. It destroys the land that is home to all kinds of animals. This needs to be stoped to protect the animals and their homes.

Correspondence ID: 22239 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ---Sample letter---

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Correspondence ID: 22240 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I work in Hollywood, but you think that a comment from me about wildlife doesn't matter. It does. It does. When you displace animals you also make it impossible for us to choose you for a location. When we film outside of California, we look for natural habitat that we can't get in California. When you develop the area, you create something we can get anywhere even Canada. You should embrace your environment and use it as a way to bring film makers to your state by exploiting the beauty of the natural assets. i can honestly say Hollywood is a much bigger financial asset then real estate development....film is much more profitable overall... I know I hire locatiom scouts and do budgets all the time...

Correspondence ID: 22241 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please stop the abuse of wildlife and the environment. Off-road vehicles are dangerous to all, even the drivers. Let's set boundaries against such dangerous activities by outlawing these vehicles.

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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 22243 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Conservation and effective management strategies are necessary to ensure the longevity of various species across the United States, and around the globe.

Please consider the natural environment of the various species (such as the Piping Plover) along the Cape Hatteras seashore and ensure that necessary breeding and nesting areas are preserved.

Off-road vehicles, of course, should not be entirely prohibited, but sensitive areas and sensitive time periods each year should be protected to ensure the natural environment of various species dependent on that region are preserved and so that young offspring and nesting sites are free from unnatural predators such as ATVs.

Thank you for your consideration of all comments received.

Correspondence ID: 22244 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am so sorry that our administration on both major parties are not protecting our natural resources. Please start protecting the nature that God created here on earth. We are only stewards of it and we sin against God when we exploit or ignore it. It belongs to God and not us and I sincerely believe that we humans will be held accountable for all our decisions concerning our natural surroundings. Please so all you can to make the U.S. a leader in conservation of this planet instead of the raging abuser that we have proven to be in the past. Make our pride be in what we do to secure a environmentally sound earth for all people matter more than our ability to show power and push others around by our military forces. I ask you in the name of God to be responsible to all creatures which occupy this earth.

Sincerely, Rev. Karen B. Linn

Correspondence ID: 22245 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: More than ever due to climate change impacts our wildlife needs protection. Species that nest or live on the beaches are especially vulnerable to disruption by motorized vehicle use. A bit of noisy, smelly fun should give way to protection of wildlife - especially those that are already in a threatened status.

ORV can be used in other places. Leave the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to the birds, turtles,

Correspondence ID: 22246 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, no motorized vehicles! Please. We need places for peace and quiet if we are to remain peaceful and quiet.

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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 22248 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are fewer and fewer protections not only for wildlife, but for the people who seek some tiny, isolated tidbits of wilderness to be in touch with beauty and reality and life.

That you would jeopardize these last vestiges by allowing, even encouraging the destructive and devastating pollution and tragedy of off-road vehicles is horrifying.

Please re-think what cannot be undone once you allow this travesty. It is completely contrary to what the National Park Service represents, and what you are required to manage in the interest of the public. You do not fulfill the trust you are sworn to uphold

when you bow to the interests of fad-driven, insatiable noise and air polluters who have destroyed so much wild lands and wilderness, and now need some place new to destroy.

Please uphold your office of public service by keeping wild lands wild, and allow hikers, and others who do not leave behind pollution, and wanton, rampant destruction.

Correspondence ID: 22249 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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.

Brian Larson

Correspondence ID: 22250 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly oppose opening up wildlife areas to off road vehicles. The federal government is supposed to protect endangered species, not harm them with reckless and stupid (against all scientific studies) policies like the one being proposed here.

Correspondence ID: 22251 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. Henriette Ring

Correspondence ID: 22252 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I love all animals . They made our life and world better and beautifull.

Correspondence ID: 22253 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Correspondence ID: 22254 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. PLEASE strongly restrict off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22255 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Kris Williams

Correspondence ID: 22256 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. If you expand ORV use across the seashore threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORV's at the seashore but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than wildlife. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22257 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please regulate off road vehicle use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore to protect nesting piping plovers, other shorebirds, terns, skimmers, and sea turtles. These animals have so few remaining undisturbed nesting sites and this national treasure should be protected for future generations to see and enjoy. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22258 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. Regulations must be implemented to restrict ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore in order to protect this area and its many wild inhabitants.

Correspondence ID: 22259 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted offroad vehicle use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22260 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Please consider plans to limit vehicle use on the beach.

Correspondence ID: 22261 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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: 22262 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: These natural habitats must be saved for the wildlife, why should everything suffer for us?

Correspondence ID: 22263 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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: 22264 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: keep orv traffic off the seashore

Correspondence ID: 22265 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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 believe that the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Yet the proposed regulations do little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving.

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline.

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

ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. How incredibly thoughtless and selfish!

I implore you to please ensure that specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting birds and turtles are included in the regulations.

Correspondence ID: 22266 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: no place on the beach for these things...keep them off and leave the birds alone...

Correspondence ID: 22267 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am an individual who is 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.

Many of the people who use ORVs in delicate wildlife areas are only out there for their own fun - to go fast and make lots of noise. They do not care about anything but their own enjoyment. They should not be given the right to destroy what will not recover after their fun destroys it.

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: 22268 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the shoreline of Cape Hatteras and restrict off-road vehicle use to protect the local environment and wildlife. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22269 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray:

I oppose unrestricted off-road vehicle use at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

The 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 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22270 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please ban beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Threatened species like piping plovers rely on these lands for nesting and their chicks. Please continue to do all that you can to protect them by banning such destructive and unnecessary activity.

Correspondence ID: 22271 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

V/r,

Eric Brooker

Correspondence ID: 22272 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles do not belong in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and must be banned from most or all of this area.

ORV's cause extreme erosion, unnecessarily loud noise pollution, and kill wildlife in various ways that is hard to monitor. ORV users regularly go out of their restricted area causing even more damage.

ORV users are a small sector of the population with alternative means of recreation and light pleasure - it is not necessary for wildlife to die, quiet recreationalists to be constantly disturbed and driven away, and the environment to be damaged so that ORV users can joyride. It isn't a necessary mode of transport and it does not impact them to contribute to the common good for all.

On the other hand, with ORV use in the Seashore, endangered and threatened species will be detrimentally affected and killed

harming the entire ecosystem animals will be driven from their homes and from breeding activities affecting their very survival, tourists will be driven away by rowdy loud and dangerous ORVs that belong more on a fenced in race track.

Please severely restrict ORV use or eliminate it from the fragile and important Seashore that we all should be able to enjoy.

Correspondence ID: 22273 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off-road vehicle access that poses harm to sea turtles, birds, and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22274 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I hope you will include the protection of nesting areas in the new protection plans for Capr Hatteras National seashore. I would hate for the only our grandchildren would know about the birds and other wildlife that call this area home would be on the computer or in books. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 22275 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

Please protect wildlife at Cape Hatteras!

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22276 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife on the beaches of Cape Hatteras. The off road vehicles are a nuisance and cause much damage to the beach and wildlife. Please restrict their use more than currently proposed.

Correspondence ID: 22277 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I absolutely support vehicle free areas. There are enough places for vehicles to drive already. There is absolutely no need for recreational driving in wilderness areas.

Correspondence ID: 22278 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Seashore.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	22279	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 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:	22280	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Humans have plenty of space...Please let the wild spaces be wild. The wild birds have it hard enough to survive, between the extreme weather conditions and pollution, and loss of habitat. Please do not allow traffic on the shores of nesting places for wildlife. If we don't defend their rights we will loose some of the most beautiful and diverse creatures we have been blessed with on this injured planet.						

Correspondence ID:	22281	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Turtles and nesting birds should be protected.						

Correspondence ID:	22282	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do not allow off road vehicles access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We need to protect wildlife and specifically nesting sea turtles.						

In a world of climate change and disappearing and declining species, our wildlife areas deserve the strongest protection of our government. Once wildlife in an area like the Cape Hatteras National Seashore is compromised it affects the seashore for use and enjoyment by our children and grandchildren and their descendents.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife more vehicle-free areas for nesting. Personally I feel no vehicles should be allowed on the seashore.

Correspondence ID:	22283	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Why should the people of Ocracoke pay fees to access the beaches here and be limited in terms of access. When the Federal Gov't exercised its imminent domain of the island and took the land from the local people here, they promised that the Nat. Park which would be created would be open to the public and free so that everyone could enjoy the beaches. Now, they are trying to go back on their promise. I am AGAINST any fees or restrictions involving counting the number of vehicles able to access the beaches on the Cape Hatteras Seashore, especially Ocracoke.						

Correspondence ID:	22284	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						

Correspondence: I grew up in NC and my fondest memories were of undeveloped beaches, and the natural wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22285 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please don't allow off road vehicles to drive on and destroy our wildlife . the safety and future of our wildlife is so much more important than someone's few minutes of reckless "enjoyment". STOP the destruction NOW!

Correspondence ID: 22286 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We must not allow vehicles on this beautiful national treasure. Wildlife has a difficult enough time with trying to live day by day without having to worry about vehicles running them over. It's time that mankind became responsible stewards of nature and the environment.

Correspondence ID: 22287 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have seen the destruction caused by off-road vehicles in the northwoods of Wisconsin and Minnesota. Unfortunately, many off-roaders are more interested in running from tavern to tavern than enjoying the peace and beauty of the natural areas they are destroying.

Correspondence ID: 22288 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are plenty of authorized places in the US for off road vehicle usage. Driving through a national park is not only not necessary but is morally wrong. To bring harm to an area designated for wildlife for your own personal entertainment is not excusable.

Correspondence ID: 22289 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

Under the current plan, protected wildlife has seen huge and necessary 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 most certainly be impacted in harmful ways.

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

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

Cape Hatteras would be a lovely place to visit but as of now it sounds like a noisy and unwelcoming place.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22290 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I feel strongly that the National Seashore should be protected from off-road vehicle use.

Correspondence ID: 22291 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,16,2011 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. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 22292 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

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

The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. 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.

Correspondence ID: 22293 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't let this unrestricted off road vehicle use go on. It's so sad for our beautiful wildlife, for some idiots to play around on vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 22294 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles have no place in our wild lands. We must be able to show we as people can still value the outdoors and nature in all it's preserved beauty.

Correspondence ID: 22295 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save them, please!

Correspondence ID: 22296 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our precious wildlife need protection. These animals/birds are "wild" and do not need to be exposed to the dangers of beach traffic. It is not imperative that drivers drive on the beaches and in the wild areas. To these drivers, it is just an entertainment and they do it "because they can". Our wildlife depend upon us to maintain a safe and livable environment for them. Please use your powers to speak out for them and protect them from harm.

Correspondence ID: 22297 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am glad that there is finally a proposal for Hatteras Island ORV access, but have some concerns of a few specifics. First, there should be no restrictions on night driving. For most of the year, especially in the summer and fall, the best fishing times are before or after dark. There has been no evidence that night time driving on the beach is detrimental to the environment. Secondly, seasonal changes should be based around the summer tourist season: change driving patterns at memorial day and labor day weekends which mark the beginning and end of the season. Traffic drops way off the other times of year, evident of

the changes in speed limit on highway 12. Third, if new access routes (ramps) are planned, the current one should remain in place until the replacement is ready. Fourth, Cape Point, south point (hatteras inlet) and bodie island (oregon inlet) should remain open at all times. These areas are too important to the visitors of our island, and too important as fishing spots. Another suggestion would be to allow some of the local residents to police the beaches to assist the NPS rangers. This could work similarly to the USGC auxillary program. Please consider these revisions. We are all concerned with protecting the natural beauty of Hatteras Island, but we still desire the access to our traditional fishing and recreation areas.

Correspondence ID: 22298 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please save the Cape Hatteras National Seashore from Off-Road Vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 22299 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: You have to be kidding me. The Hatteras seashore is a treasure that shouldn't be overrun by idiots in cars and trucks. Let the play on the freeway and save the beach and it's solitude for those willing to use their legs.

Correspondence ID: 22300 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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: 22301 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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

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.

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

Correspondence ID: 22302 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00

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

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The entire outer banks is one of my very favorite places to visit. I would like to see specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle free areas for nesting.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID:	22303	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Keep vehicles off the beaches! Roads are for vehicles, beaches are for wildlife!						
Correspondence ID:	22304	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am a frequent visitor of Hatteras Island and the Outer Banks. Please protect the natural state of this beautiful area. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	22305	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.						
	The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate, pollute, and degrade the Seashore.						
	Thank You.						
Correspondence ID:	22306	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Need to support these creatures so they can survive and continue on in the cycle of life. We cannot continue to destroy the animal habitat because it will endanger all of us.						
Correspondence ID:	22307	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I have been going to beautiful Cape Hatteras since 1979 and to allow vehicles on the beach is hazardous to birds and anything else that gets in their way. Oftentimes Orv's are driven by children or teenagers that do not heed speed or safety regulations.						

This will make my two annual trips to the area most unwelcome. I love Cape Hatteras and do not want it spoiled by selfish, thoughtless drivers, although some are safely driven. The chances of the for the former are more probable. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22308 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Based on the fragile nature of coastal environments and the fact that Cape Hatteras is already heavily used, allowing off road vehicles access, especially on an unrestricted basis, seems to be unwise.

I recommend either no ORV access or low levels in areas well away from sensitive coastal environments. Do you think the millions of people who already visit "The Cape" will find the noise and exhaust of ORV activity a problem?

Correspondence ID: 22309 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: let the animals live in peace and raise their young

Correspondence ID: 22310 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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: 22311 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am for curbing the use of vehicles of any kind on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The damage to nesting birds by irresponsible vehicle usage is well documented. We need to eliminate the citizens who needlessly reduce the population of traditional nesting bird communities. These vehicles need to be totally banned during specific periods. The major consideration regarding the ban should be the needs of the nesting bird populations, not the needs of citizens who selfishly disrupt historical nesting bird communities. Preservation should trump heedless, damaging recreation.

Correspondence ID: 22312 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22313 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Is driving on the beach that important?

Correspondence ID: 22314 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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.

Correspondence ID: 22315 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please... let us save this beautiful world for our children and grandchildren and let them see how much we value all life.

Thank you so much, Shelley Schumacher

Correspondence ID: 22316 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I vacation on the beaches there and have seen the animals and they should be preserved. I also have seen the off-the-road vehicles, not only do they not have regard for the animals, they don't have any regard for the people either!

Correspondence ID: 22317 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am a resident of Western North Carolina, who visits the North Carolina coast quite often. I spent my honeymoon at the Outer Banks and Cape Hatteras. I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The plan caters to beach drivers instead of protecting the coastal wildlife.

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

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

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22318 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	22319	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please stop the use of off-road vehicles which endanger endangered animals!						
Correspondence ID:	22320	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do not let off shore vehicles drive along the shores. These birds and their babies need to be safe and protected. Thank you for understanding and GOD bless you!						
Correspondence ID:	22321	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off-road vehicles should not be permitted to be used for recreational purposes on our preserved national lands. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	22322	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	ear Superintendent Murray,						
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	As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.						
	Thank you for your consideration.						
Correspondence ID:	22323	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please restrict the use of off road vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, with a focus on protecting dunes, the lighthouse, and nesting birds and turtles. Run over all the nutrias you want.						

Correspondence ID: 22324 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 22325 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All off-road vehicles are a hazzard to wild animals and birds everywhere. I believe they should be restricted in many areas, nut just in this one. They disturb nests and dens, and in many cases cause death to species that are endangered. It is high time to eliminate, or at least control, where these vehicles are allowed to operate.

Correspondence ID: 22326 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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As a visitor to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I've seen the beauty and fragility of this coastal environment. I hope you will reconsider the potential for degradation of the environment and resulting harm to wildlife that the proposed regulations embody, opting instead to recommend specific protections for nesting and migrating wildlife. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Terry Vollmer

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 22328 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, it was 153.

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

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22329 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the animals and their habitats at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore by banning Off-Road Vehicles from this area. Preserve the beach and its inhabitants for the future. We are here to protect the planet not destroy it. It's not ours. We are only visitors.

Correspondence ID: 22330 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep precious wildlife safe and well in the beautiful state of North Carolina.

Correspondence ID: 22331 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22332 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We all have to care for life. Plants or animals.

Correspondence ID: 22333 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help save Mother Earth ... she is the only one we have!

Correspondence ID: 22334 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do something about the unrestricted off road vehicle use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.....it is completely disruptive and is ruining the beauty and nature of the area....not to mention the wildlife. The seashore, shorebirds and sea turtles are much more important than desire of someone to drive their vehicle on the beach!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 22335 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22336 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protect the nesting habitat of wildlife on Cape Hatteras National Seashore by making these areas off-limits to Off-Road Vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 22337 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do what you can to preserve Cape Hatteras wildlife. I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use, which threatens the sea turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife. We need to regulate vehicles! Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Correspondence ID: 22338 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off-road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife.

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

Correspondence ID: 22339 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Just because we can drive our off-road vehicles along the shore and it is fun for us, doesn't mean we should do it! If it is endangering wildlife that should be preserved, then we should be able to control our need for "fun at any cost," and be more responsible with this beautiful place God has given us to live. Leave the birds to live and nest in peace along the shore!

Correspondence ID: 22340 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Please regulate this laws

Correspondence ID: 22343 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It has been said that when it comes to our rare and wild places that it can be much more beneficial to be a guardian rather than a gardener. When talking about off-road vehicle management, it is difficult to think of a more pertinent element in the effort to better manage our wild places. Vehicles are a threat to so many species of plants and animals for a variety of reasons. Doing what we can to limit off-road vehicle passage within parks and wilderness spaces is no doubt beneficial and worthy of serious

consideration. Please do what you can to limit off-road vehicle access on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you!

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Name:	private						
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	We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						
Correspondence ID:	22345	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Get the vehicles out of there.						
Correspondence ID:	22346	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	North Carolina is my native state. I grew up there in Asheville and later spent many years living on the coast. It used to be an extraordinarily abundant coast with "boils" of shrimp a mile wide, runs of Blue fish so tremendous that you could hear their approach in the surf on a surf on a dark night, Blue Crabs that covered the beach at low tide and scallops, clams & oysters by the millions. The beaches were clean and for the most part you had to walk across large dunes to get to them. They were loaded with life above and below the sand. Vehicles compact the beach and cause the loss of a vital part of the chain of life on the Outer Banks. The decline in my lifetime (76 years) has been swift and avoidable. Please help stop the decline and do not allow vehicles on the beach.						
Correspondence ID:	22347	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The impact of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use will take a toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and seashore's beaches.						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	Please protect this natural habitat from the degradation that occurs whenever wild areas are opened up to motorized transportation and the ensuing influx of human traffic. Once a natural habitat has been altered by human interference it is lost forever.						
Correspondence ID:	22350	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	Please do not allow off road vehicles to disturb the fragile ecosystem along the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It is not worth trading the lives of endangered animals for a little thrill seeking by some people.						

Correspondence ID: 22351 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I am a landscape architect and am educated on public access, NPS, and ecological issues.

I am sensitive to NPS's need to balance public access to natural resources with the natural resources themselves. For example, I think that vehicle access to beaches is appropriate in some places. However, in some places, it is not. The resources themselves are too vulnerable and sensitive. This is one of those cases.

If we do not protect the resources, then there will be nothing for people to use their vehicles to come to experience.

Furthermore, if you allow anything but very tightly controlled vehicle access, many people (my family is among them) will no longer visit Cape Hatteras. We'll go somewhere quiet, where nature is respected.

In summary, off-road vehicles should be very, very limited and should be developed through a rigorous and comprehensive plan.

Correspondence ID: 22352 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't let our passion for toys take away our ability to appreciate nature later in our life, and in the lives of our grandchildren. The immediate gratification of having another place to be off-road isn't worth the lives of others of God's creation.

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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I am opposed to allowing people to drive their "toys" on public beaches, especially national wildlife areas like the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Wildlife protection and solitude is far more important than the selfish interests of a few irresponsible thrillseekers. There are roads for that. Beaches should not be for ORVs of any kind.

Protection of the natural resources and wildlife of the Seashore should come first, and recreational use should be consistent with this protection. Areas should be free of ORV use year round for wildlife including breeding, migrating, and wintering species. Wildlife protection must be based on the best scientific information. Wildlife disturbance buffers in the preferred plan are minimums and should be increased if necessary to protect breeding birds and sea turtles.

We come to the beach to relax and enjoy solitude and wildlife, not clowns in ORVs.

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Alison Stankrauff South Bend, Indiana

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Correspondence: Please consider stricter laws and enforcements of Off-Road Vehicles in the Cape Hatteras area. The wildlife there is dependent on our care of their environment to not be hurt, injured and/or killed. I strongly support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. These creatures are crucial to our web of life and are one reason I visit the outer banks years after year. There is a way to allow for people to have their ORV fun and let the creatures live in peace as well. Please create these protections and enforce them. Thank you.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would respectfully ask that you oppose unrestricted off-road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: please help in the protection of these vital creatures. Our planet needs all its inhabitants

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The rules to manage ORV use have increased nesting activity in the Seashore and should be continued.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please support strong rEgulations on Off-Road Vehicles Restrictions at Cape Hatteras (North Carolina) National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22365 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My family and I have been vacationing on the Outer Banks, specifically Hatteras Island, for more than 30 years. I have brought my children and now their children there and we love OBX. I am a birder and always take time to go birding at this incredible location. 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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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am strongly opposed to allowing off road vehicles to damage nesting, and endanger birds on Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 22367 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are enough beaches for people to drive on without endangering wildlife nesting areas. Nesting sites are getting fewer and fewer and those still remaining must be protected conscientiously and aggressively. Otherwise more of the precious gift we have been given will become extinct.

Correspondence ID: 22368 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As an environmentalist I strongly support stricter regulations of off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I feel that any type of vehicles, other than emergency, do not belong on our beaches. The seashore is used by threatened & endangered wildlife such as piping plovers & sea turtles. The use of off-road vehicles on our beaches threatens this wildlife immensely. It also endangers pedestrians that enjoy "a walk on the beach".

Please revise this plan to include explicit protections for our wildlife & beaches.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Cindy Lowery

Correspondence ID: 22369 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: While I understand the thrill of riding off-road vehicles, I deplore the fact that they are extremely dangerous and destructive to the environment!

Correspondence ID: 22370 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing as a property owner on Ocracoke Island and an enthusiastic supporter of the Hatteras National Seashore to request much more stringent controls than are currently proposed on ORV use of seashore beaches.

Before buying property on Ocracoke Island 16 years ago, my family and I began spending vacations every year at the Hatteras National Seashore beginning in 1976. Over our 35-year love affair with the Hatteras Seashore, we have seen population pressures on fragile resources increase dramatically.

Because of increasing population pressures, the Parks Service cannot back away from reasonable and science-based control of ORV use of the seashore beaches. Over the last few years such controls of ORV's have resulted in encouraging recoveries of fragile resources, such as endangered sea turtles, piping plovers, least terns and black skimmers. These reasonable controls also

have enhanced my family's recreational uses of the beach, free of the intrusion of trucks and other ORV's. Enjoyment of the beach will be compromised for us and others by the significant relaxing of restrictions on ORV use. ORV use of the beaches also must be understood as something that will increase exponentially with continued and increasing population pressures and decreased regulations.

But my biggest concern about the inadequacy of the proposed ORV regulations is as a birder and conservationist. I strongly urge the Parks Service to work closely with organizations like the National Audubon Society and the American Bird Conservancy to create appropriate ORV regulations that adequately protect fragile natural resources while still allowing restricted and responsible use of the beaches for vehicular recreation.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Correspondence ID: 22371 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: save the wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 22372 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: The North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has reviewed the proposed rule to manage off road motor vehicle use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore as noticed in the Federal Register, page 39351, RIN 1024-AD85.

The DMF has been involved with this issue for several years due to the importance of fishing activities in the National Seashore. The DMF and the NC Marine Fisheries Commission previously submitted comments on the draft EIS in December 2010. The DMF reiterates the comments from our previous letter, requesting that the park service be flexible regarding the closures and use of corridors as much as practicable to ensure traditional access to the Outer Banks beaches is maintained, while still providing adequate protection of the natural resources in the park, particularly federally listed species. Some additional comments are below. Mandatory training should be required only once per individual per lifetime, rather than annually. Training and permit acquisition should be available at multiple locations and online to make it as user friendly to the public as possible. The park service should consider that the permits be issued to individuals rather than specific vehicles and transferable between vehicles, since people may own more than one ORV. Permit fees should be kept as low as possible to minimize economic hardships on fishermen. The park should allow flexibility in adapting the ORV restrictions as resource conditions allow. For example, the dates of seasonal closures could be modified by the park superintendent, based on particular environmental or resource conditions, such as unusual temperature conditions shifting nesting periods. Before the rule goes into effect, the park service should ensure that the infrastructure, such as parking areas, corridors, and signage, is in place to prevent unnecessary access restrictions to pedestrian and disabled visitors.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop all vehicles that endanger animals!

Correspondence ID: 22374 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live only ten miles from Plymouth Beach here in Massachusetts and I have had the good fortune to visit and camp at Cape Hatteras on several occasions with my husband and children. Plymouth Beach, only 40 miles south of Boston and in a populated area, is a prime example of a beach where the breeding birds (terns of several species plus the piping plover) well as thousands of shorebirds on their fall migration from the Arctic, are heavily impacted by people and their dogs plus vehicular traffic and by picnickers arriving by boat as well as on foot and by car. Dogs are let lose to chase the birds, people ignore signs to keep out of the dunes and run and walk through the tern colony. If vehicles were confined to the parking area at the base of the beach, the disturbance to the birds would be much less, since most people would not take the 4 mile walk to the end of the beach where the birds congregate.

I have had the pleasure of camping at Cape Hatteras with my family, but we confined our vehicle to the campground. As a biologist I would not have driven up and down the beach even if permitted, for I have seen the results of disturbance on Plymouth Beach. I urge you to protect the wildlife that depends upon the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: As oil becomes more and more expensive because of depletion, and income disparity pushes more families toward or below the poverty line, the threat from ORVs in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore will diminish. I just hope that when this happens, there will still be something left for non-ORV users to enjoy.

Please don't eat into the recovery gains that have been made under present management plans by failing to set aside well-protected areas for beach-nesting wildlife, or ignore the needs of people who want to enjoy quiet, unspoiled areas of the Seashore and the wildlife they support.

Such nondestructive enjoyment should be given highest priority through specific, science-based provisions that, among other things, limit ORV use in this national treasure.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Barbara

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continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. We are suppose to share the planet, not ravage it every chance we get, all for pleasure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22379 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Previously, temporary protections have been very successful in increasing the numbers of threatened species who nest there. While only a limited number of people benefit from access to ORV space, we all benefit from the preservation of native wildlife species. Please keep a significant portion of the seashore pristine and protected for wildlife and wildlife watchers.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Correspondence ID: 22380 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Ultimately, what we do to the earth, we do to ourselves.

Correspondence ID: 22381 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very concerned about the proposed changes to the Cape Hatteras Seashore. Most of us go to the beach to unwind, relax, have peace and quiet. The OCEAN is the sound I want to hear, not the roar of vehicles. The nesting birds need quiet and safety also. Be very thoughtful with this -- it is your duty to look out for American citizens and keep the seashore as it was meant to be.

Thank you for listening to my comments.

Correspondence ID: 22382 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do the right thing!

Correspondence ID: 22383 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As an undergraduate student at NCSI I spent a summer monitoring piping plover populations on Cape Hatteras national Seashore. I saw first hand how vehicle traffic impacted shorebirds and turtle nesting sites. Baby chicks were ran over as they traversed the vehicle tracks and baby sea turtles would follow inside vehicle tracks until exhaustion.

I understand the desire to have off-road vehicle access and I think the two are compatatble with proper monitoring and management. Science and not politics needs to drive decisions for the sake of wildlife sustainability...cape hatteras national seashore is nothing without the wildlife that makes it special and unique.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife has no voice so I am speaking out for them . They were there before Off-Road vehicles. So you should at least ban the use of them when the birds and turtles are there. What chance does a small bird or turtle have against an ATV?

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Correspondence ID: 22387 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep the dunes and sands quiet, and protect the wildlife there at Hatteras

Correspondence ID: 22388 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The following statement issued by Wildlife professionals is reason for me to plead with you all, to protect Cape Hatteras National Seashore from intentional as well as un-intentional damage to our precious WILDLIFE - as long as we are still fortunate enough to share our environment with such WILDLIFE - and I mean all of it.

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

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: 22389 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: DO NOT ALLOW THIS!!! THE BEACH IS NO PLACE FOR VEHICLES. ANIMALS ARE LIVING CREATURES, AND SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF.

Correspondence ID: 22390 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: In July 2011, the National Park Service proposed new, permanent regulations for off-road vehicle use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore on North Carolina's Outer Banks. These proposed regulations jeopardize much-needed wildlife protections and put the future for birds like the Piping Plover, Least Tern, and Black Skimmer in doubt. The proposed regulations will control what happens at Cape Hatteras for decades and set a precedent for other national parks. As written, they do not mandate specific, science-based protections for the wildlife that depends on the Seashore and provide few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches.

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Correspondence ID: 22391 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I urge the Park Service to preserv the Cape Hatteras National Seashore against off road vehicles. With all the human infringement on habitat lands as it is, allowing unnecessary off road vehicles to disturb and destroy our lands for "entertainment" is irresponsible.

Thank you,

Barbara Miles bnmiles@milesbarryfurniture.com

Correspondence ID: 22392 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live in California, close to a beach that allows vehicle driving on the beach, Oceano Dunes, Pismo Beach. I believe this to be a lack of common sense, and a great disregard for the natural habitat. What necessity does this provide to drive on fragile natural habitat? The beach and dune areas are a transitional zone for migratory animals, and local species of plant life and animals. Asphalt is for vehicles, there are too many who decide to go driving over the dunes without consideration of what may lay on the other side. I took my daughter horseback riding there one day, and was appaled at the mentality of some drivers who showed no regard for anything other than other vehicles. Please don't make the same mistake with Hatteras. Thank you.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Robin F.R.Whitmore

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save Cape Hatteras

Correspondence ID: 22395 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: respect and protect our wildlife!!!

Correspondence ID: 22396 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help keep the wildlife safe from vehicles that don't belong in these wilderness areas. help to keep the animal life safe. People need to learn to respect wildlife also. Every time someone drives a dunebuggy or an ATV through the sand or brush, there is animal life that is being disrupted. Please, people, learn to respect the wildlife that we have. Soon there will be none left for anyone to enjoy. People are encroaching on the animals territory. That is why the animals are coming down to the homes to look for food.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22397 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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: 22398 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please keep all vehicles off Cape Hatteras National Seashore

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Correspondence: Please help save these beautiful creatures.

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

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. r nests and chicks could be disturbed.

Correspondence ID: 22403 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles should be limited to areas where they are not posing a threat to wild life. The riders of these vehicles do not have the right to endanger environments that are vital to protecting our wildlife.

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Correspondence ID: 22406 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sir(s), I don't believe that off-road vehicles should be allowed at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore or on any public lands. Off-road vehicles destroy native plants that are the basis for the ecosystem. The ecosystem of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore is very sensitive to disruption and off-road vehicles are a massive disruption. These vehicles will damage the ecosystem to a point where recovery would be impossible. If the ecosystem is damaged, other people won't be able to enjoy the natural beauty of this area.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

PS. We go to the Outer Banks every year and one of our best memories are from watching the birds play on the beach. Having vehicles on the beach will be a danger not only to the birds but to human children. Please keep them safe.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: With all the government agencies listed, it's all but impossible to determine where to send my comment, but hopefully it won't wind up in someone's circular file.

We are losing turtle nesting sights on our shores for a number of reasons, one of which is man-made lights along the various

shores, making the instinct-driven, newly-hatched baby turtles run towards them, instead of the ocean.

We also allow vehicles to race on the beaches of nesting sights, crushing turtle eggs.

We are killing our wildlife to extinction for the sake of our most mindless citizens. vrooooooooooom vrooooooooooom.

You, or SOMEONE in a government authority position, must act to post sensitive areas, disallowing vehicles and following up the posting with punishment of fines or jail time or both

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On the subject of ORV permits, it is important that the costs do not put access out of the reach of visitors intent on access to the seashore for the purposes of family recreation & recreational fishing. Visitors who will only be able to access the beach for a day, a weekend or a week, should not be made to purchase annual permits. Short term permits would keep the costs accessible to visitors. A one pass at \$15, or a weekend pass at \$25, and a 7-day pass at \$35-\$40 dollars would contribute enormously to the local costs of maintaining the access and keeping the infrastructure healthy. But, to pay \$150-\$200 for an annual permit that will only be useful to a visitor for a limited window would likely force visitors to go elsewhere where visitors are more welcome.

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The greatest protection would be an outright ban of ORVs. But at a MINIMUM, we need to create large buffers, enough to protect and sustain our wildlife.

Humans have already passed our carrying capacity. Do not allow even more extinctions to species that we rely on in the ecosystem.

We depend on the earth for our existence; not the raping of it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22415 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please prevent off road vehicles from destroying our wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22416 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am part of the Western Snowy Plover recovery team in Santa Barbara, CA and have been for 10 years - upon discovery of one single nest! This recovery effort has been a huge success, but extremely tough at first b/c many people do not like change-period. Most people do not want to give up any part of their recreation areas or their noise making toys. Bottom Line: We CAN live without 100% of this earth - BUT our wildlife CANNOT live without some part of this earth. Designated areas should be set aside for undisturbed wildlife resting and multiplying. And we need these areas to connect with each other, called a corridor. Anyone who is studying wildlife already knows this! I find the National Park Service proposal disturbing b/c they have taken this into consideration.

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Thank you, Sincerely, Theresa Bisson, UCSB

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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 to the detriment of native wildlife and visitors who prefer a quiet, ORV-free experience.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Sue Goldman

Correspondence ID: 22418 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please set aside a majority of Cape Hatteras National Seashore for wildlife. This would be best achieved by prohibiting driving through the National Seashore. Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a gem, some of the most beautiful beaches I've ever seen. Let's help keep it pristine.

Many Thanks, Dr. Katharine Westaway

Correspondence ID: 22419 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Put wildlife first. Humans have many options for their own entertainment. There is no NEED to do harm to others in the process. Wildlife have no options!!!!

Correspondence ID: 22420 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 22421 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Imagine you don't have any place where you can relax in silence. Allow wildlife their territory for their relaxation peace and quiet.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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 love visiting the shoreline. I do not like the irritation of ORV's. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. 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 ID: 22424 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please don't allow the people to drive on the beaches and endanger the wildlife who belong on the beaches. This also protects the people who use the beaches to walk or lay on. I don't want them on the beach when I visit.

Correspondence ID: 22425 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is high time we see politicians, who can change the course of the world in which we live, search their inner conscience and do what is right. What is right is protecting the species and habitats of this planet at any cost. Man has had his way with the world without much care or concern for thousands of years. Now when it is more difficult and expensive to step in and stop the carnage, it is crucial to make a stand for inhabitants of this planet that cannot speak up and/or defend themselves. We humans are at a moment in time and place that if the proper choices are not made, we will lose features and facets of this great earth that can never be regained, no matter how hard we try. I dread the day when I hear on the news that this animal or that animal has gone extinct due to man's decision not to..? You fill in the blank of what it was that you or your colleagues chose to ignore, or wrote off as bogus science, that led to this catastrophe for nature. We WASTE so much money and resources in so many other arenas, for what? News, Headlines, Votes... It is time to put a bit of that waste toward the future of this planet. I know you may not see immediate positive outcomes, blessings from your constituents, etc. But just know that you will be able to look in the eyes of your grandchildren, without shame, knowing you chose the right path and did the best you possibly could. Please do the right thing for the animals, the planet, the grandchildren, the future...

Correspondence ID: 22426 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please prevent off the road vehicles from endangering wildlife at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. There are plenty of opportunities for those vehicles to drive elsewhere. A beautiful seashore is a terrible thing to waste.

Correspondence ID: 22427 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hello,

The proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional which I do not feel is acceptable.

I want ORV regulations that include specific and enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife as well as pedestrians.

People should be able to visit the area without having to be harassed by noise and air polluting vehicles. The plan should set aside separate areas for those uses.

Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID:	22428	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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AS THE DESCENDANT of NEW ENGLAND COLONISTS who fought in the American Revolution I URGE YOU TO FIGHT FOR WILDLIFE AND MARINE MAMMALS.

PLEASE PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE HERITAGE and COASTAL LANDSCAPE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Correspondence ID:	22429	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I lived on the Outer banks of North Carolina from 1973 - 1988. During this time period we worked with the Cape hateras national Seashore to protect those species of birds and turtles that wer threatened due to lose of habitat. We still own property on the north end of Roanoke Island, and we still feel that the species that use the beach for nesting habitat deserve special consideration in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Management Plan.						

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID:	22430	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						

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I thought the park service was supposed to protect the park and nature, not destroy it for excess human use. Please do the right thing and protect more of this seashore for wildlife and non-vehicle usage.

Thanks very much for your consideration

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our parks were not established so that guys in their ORV's could tear up beaches. Beach "driving" is the most absurd concept of recreation yet devised. It would most assuredly destroy every favorable aspect of the Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22434 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We urge you to following the appropriate regulations to protect this valuable open space corridor for wetlands, wildlife and watershed protection. With the recent damage to many coastal areas in the aftermath of the flooding of the past hurricanes it is all the more important to protect these areas from destruction.

Correspondence ID: 22435 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Although I would like to see no driving on beaches at all, anywhere, I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. I want you too also.

Thank you,

Margaret Zoch Spring, Texas

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Correspondence ID: 22437 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I visit national and state parks and beaches regularly and strongly feel that both for the visitors and the wildlife that large vehicle free areas need to be protected. Here in Nort Florida people have been run over by vehicles on the beaches ! and the wildlife has been seriously affected !

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Correspondence ID: 22438 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's awful that people ruin the area and wildlife for their "good time" in off-road vehicles. Save our beautiful areas or we won't have a future to look forward to with actions destroying our natural environments.

Correspondence ID: 22439 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Like so many, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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

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pedestrians.

You see, as it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise 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: 22440 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's time to stop putting recreational wants before the needs to protect wildlife that is endangered. It is selfish to think that we can continue to drive over critical habitat without environmental consequences.

Sea turtles and many birds rely on the beach in order to nest and lay their eggs. What in the world are we doing driving all over these areas in the first place?

The only responsible way to manage off-road vehicles is to outlaw them in these areas. Not only to they kill nesting birds, crush eggs and tiny turtles, but they also are a source of pollution. NOISE pollution, AIR pollution and pollution from oil, gas or other leaking chemicals.

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT! Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

When I go to the seashore I want to see the local wildlifel, not ORV's running all over the place. I'll take a turtle or a bird over a destructive ORV any day.

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Thank you, for attending this important message.

Correspondence ID: 22445 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore, as well as many other coastal nesting sights, has the distinction of being the place where our newly-hatched turtles and birds get the opportunity to live life.

We, as the human element in the equation, are trespassing on their animal rights to survive and we do so with a sense of entitlement.

For example, we erect lights which send the newly hatched, instinct driven baby turtles in the direction of those lights instead of the natural glow of the ocean.

We allow those who enjoy the mindless pleasure of racing on our beaches, for the instant gratification of speed and noise, to take precedence over new life for a species which we have, through our careless stewardship, made an endangered one.

With all the government agencies which exist in the Federal Government and elsewhere, surely we can designate areas of wildlife hateries and post those sensitive areas as off-limits to intrusion of any kind, to include mechanical, electrical, and pedestrian. We can also punish trespassing, as we do so well in many areas of federal land.

We can't stop the sea-gulls from stealing our new life, but that is a balancing act that Mother Nature has control over.

Those "huddled masses" we ask to come to our shores should also include those who want to leave as their right to live in the environment they were born to inhabit, the ocean and the sky.

Correspondence ID: 22446 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep off the road the vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22447 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thanks for the chance to comment on the management of the National Seashore. The request is simple. As a unit of the National Park System I understand that the overarching management mandate is to maintain the natural integrity of the land while providing for the "pleasuring" of the citizens and America's guests. It's the natural integrity that matters to me the more. Beach sand wildlife are particularly the concern. Your regulations should provide buffers around prime nesting sites of Piping Plovers, Least Terns, and Black Skimmers. Vehicles should be kept below the high tide line and off the dunes themselves. Of course, you know that. So I'm just letting you know that when we visit relatives in East Tennessee and we choose a beach to go to, we'd like to find a place with reasonable populations of wildlife if not pristine conditions rather than seeing pickups and fat-tired vehicles zooming about minimally restricted.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments, Kathy Hirsch

Correspondence ID: 22449 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help keep our shorelines safe

Correspondence ID: 22450 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No harm should ever come to wildlife and birds from any legislation--PERIOD!

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Superintendent Murray:

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

The current interim plan has been very good for wildlife in that 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 severely 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 attention to this very important matter.

Correspondence ID: 22454 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: If we do not protect our wild life, we will have none. We must begin caring and help the environment sustain itself because if we do not, we will lose what is so dear to many of us.

Correspondence ID: 22455 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. 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.

Please Protect ALL Forms Of Life In Our National Parks. Vehicle -Free Is The Key For Our National ,Natural Seashore and Protection Of ALL Wildlife. Please Respect Our Natural World By Protecting It From Destructive Vehicles and Those Who Care Nothing For The Health of Nature. "Barriers" Around The Nests Should Exceed 1,000 Feet At The Very Least. Please.....Protect Nature For Generations To Come.....

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: 22456 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I strongly urge the protection of the beaches and sands that are essential to wildlife nesting. Vehicles can access almost every inch of our land, but they need not interfere with unique areas that allow turtles, seabirds and other wildlife their essential (and dwindling) mating and nesting areas that are driven by instinct and ancient migration/reproduction patterns.

Hatteras is a national seashore and should not be a national highway.

I have seen the damage that vehicles on the beaches can do: Florida beaches have been ruined, wildlife disrupted and destroyed, oil and trash polluted dunes and tidal areas, and even small children and sunbathers have been run over and killed or threatened.

Keep cars on the roads, and leave our shorelines for critical wildlife activities that cannot be otherwise protected or relocated. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22457 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. I grew up in NC and love this seashore with its wildlife diversity. Please keep it that way for my grandchildren.

Correspondence ID: 22458 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Having lived in an area of Colorado where off-road vehicles were allowed into National Forest lands, I can tell you that wildlife, and the land itself, will undergo immense changes. Any endangered species will be traumatized if not pushed out of the area all together, and the land will become torn up and scarred. The invasion of fast-moving vehicles is not the only problem; the noise of these vehicles is just as disturbing to wildlife in these areas. Please do not allow this to happen at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22459 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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: 22460 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I think use of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore by off-road vehicles should be restricted as appropriate to protect shore birds and turtles that use the sea shore for nesting and feeding.

Correspondence ID: 22461 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am in strong favor of a ban on vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I, like many others, travel great distances to get away from city life and camp at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, but the trucks and SUVs on the beaches are a major nuisance, and it may prohibit me from future trips. The dunes are in great shape and it's amazing to get a glimpse of what our coastlines used to look like. But camping near the beach and walking down there is downright dangerous.

I camp with a group of friends and we all complain about close calls from being hit while carrying our belongings onto and off the beach. The driving also prohibits any activities between the 'car line' and the dunes because that area becomes a well-traversed road. The views of the beach become blocked because the only sitting area available also happens to be a parking lot. It's also difficult to relax from the sound of the engines. The vehicles often get stuck and must be towed off the beach, causing more noise and annoyance.

Driving on the beach also seriously threatens nesting sea turtles and birds. You wouldn't be allowed to build a new road through endangered sea turtle or bird nesting habitat in these areas without serious ESA permitting, and yet vehicles are allowed to disturb these sites readily at Cape Hatteras. We also witnessed people driving on the beach at night during sea turtle nesting season on several occasions, although they were seemingly prohibited.

It has been easy for me to access the beach without driving on it, and I think the vehicles create more problems than solutions for how to manage the seashore. Thanks for your time.

Correspondence ID: 22462 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save our wildlife, walk. No more roads.

Correspondence ID: 22463 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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: 22464 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

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

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

Please do your part to protect the resident species from being destroyed.

Correspondence ID: 22465 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is inconceivable that protections aren't taken to prevent the serious and permanent damage done to our fragile lands - all the more inconceivable that the destruction occasioning these lands is perpetrated by a very few. There are millions and millions of us who treasure and value these great resources and unique lands - and it is our voices that must be heard and our request for protection that must be implemented.

Do not ride over the care and concern of the many for the joy-riding of a few.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22466 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thank you for the chance 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. This is simply not just nor acceptable.

I support regulations to strictly manage ORVs within the Seashore. These regulations should 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.

We humans have no right to dismiss as insignificant the nesting grounds and needs of other species. Nor do some humans - ORV riders - have the right to ruin the pleasure others take in quiet, natural surroundings. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments, and again I strongly urge your protection of wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22467 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear U.S. Government:

I strongly object to the use of off road vehicles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I feel that these lands should remain pristine and that by allowing these types of vehicles onto the land, we are destroying not only the land but the wildlife that need these areas for nesting and breeding. It is enough of allowing a small group of people to dictate what they want over the majority. We are only a part of the whole that lives on this earth and we have no right to feel that we can do whatsoever we please.

Sincerely,

Michael Edwards

Correspondence ID: 22468 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: People don't need to drive on the beach. Animals need to live there. End of story. Keep off road recreational vehicles in some other place where they won't be disturbing the ecosystem--maybe a special big sand box for them in an old stadium or parking lot. Leave Cape Hatteras alone. It was doing fine before we got here. Leave it be. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22469 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22470 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: With regard to the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore: Sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback under the current management plan. I am extremely concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians

and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22471 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hi, please stand up and help protect our wildlife. They can't defend for themselves, so they need some to stand up and speak out for them. They are precious living creatures and deserve to have places to live also. We have to destroy everything we touch. Why can't we better society and protect the wonderful creatures and animals at the same time? It can be done! We just need people to step up and speak out for what is right! I beg of you to take the time and help save these animals. Thanks for your time, Amy

Correspondence ID: 22472 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No off road vehicles on the beach.

Correspondence ID: 22473 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are more than enough areas for vehicles in every state in every county everywhere. We need to preserve areas of our country for wildlife and those that seek to walk and enjoy the beauty that our country still has to offer without vehicle presence.

Correspondence ID: 22474 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22475 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose allowing any access for vehicles to be driven in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore area, sea turtle nesting sites must be afforded protection against motor vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 22476 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicle management: Cape Hatteras National Seashore ~ To those making a decision regarding vehicles on the shore ~

Two ton machines on sand and dunes are not codusive to the fragil wildlife that uses the seashore for it's home and habitate. Moving crushes things under wheels, but racing across the beach does even more damage. Nesting or seaching for food, animals - flora and fauna - are in danger. there is no place to go when your small place on earth has been invaded by the likes of off road vehicles. there are not enough rangers to survey the distance for people who are in obvious violation of driving on the shores. Please - when making a decision regarding this issue take into consideratin the millions of life forms that have depended on this very special place for generations and play a part of protecting the future with respect for the past. Speak with compassion.

Correspondence ID: 22477 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence:

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

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

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

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

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

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Please set restrictions on these vehicles and preserve the beautiful (and tourist-attracting!) area that you have.

Thank you, Emily Palmieri

Correspondence ID: 22480 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We need to protect our wildlife and environment, rather than letting it be destroyed. People should walk in natural environments and parks rather than riding on or driving motorized vehicles in order to enjoy nature as well as protect the animals and the environment. I am disabled and walk with a cane by still use a walking stick or wooden cane that was made for me rather than risk harming animals and the environment.

Correspondence ID: 22481 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I wish to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife on the Cape Hatteras seashore, and provide additional vehicle-free areas for nesting there. These members of the seashore wildlife deserve to live in a safe environment free from vehicle traffic.

Correspondence ID: 22482 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My family and I have enjoyed vacations at Cape Hatteras National Seashore for many years. Recently we spent time at houses on a beach that allowed vehicles and were dismayed at the hazard to visitors, especially children, as well as the obvious harm to beach nesting birds. The overall disruption of tranquility left a negative lasting impression.

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Correspondence ID: 22483 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My tourism dollars follow wildlife protection.

Correspondence ID: 22484 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22485 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. 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 time and attention to this very serious matter. Our ecosystem deserves more and better attention for us to survive.

Correspondence ID: 22486 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: WHY DO REDNECKS HAVE TO FOUL UP AND DESTROY EVERYTHING NATURAL AND BEAUTIFUL WITH THEIR REDNECK TOYS. GO DESTROY crap on the farm!!!! LEAVE HE BEACH ALONE!!!

Correspondence ID: 22487 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help these birds survive!

Correspondence ID: 22488 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Every day we are losing more and more animal and plant species forever. They all enrich our lives in ways we cannot see. We have already dangerously upset the delicate balance of Nature, and in doing so, ultimately threaten our own existence. I ask you to please say "No" to allowing off-road vehicles to invade the Cape Hatteras national Seashore. Do not cater to the selfish and short-sighted whims of a few people. Environments such as these need to be protected, so that we all have a natural world to enjoy. There are already too many cars in too many places. The natural world is not meant or designed to be yet another "thrill ride" for people's entertainment. You have the power now to do something to protect the environment for future generations. Please do the right thing. Thank you, Judy Aizuss, M.S.

Correspondence ID: 22489 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The beach should not have vehicles driving every where. They were put there for man to enjoy and the animals to live and breed. Cars were never a part of the landscape.

Correspondence ID: 22490 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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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: 22491 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 22492 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect this area from All harm, especially ATV's.... I've traveled from the Arctic to the Keys and this is one of the countries most spectacular coastlines, please keep it pristine for the turtles and the natural beauty for the future of our planet and those who will need a place like this to visit when everywhere else is destroyed. I ocan will take it all sooner than we think and what will be will be..

Correspondence ID: 22493 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has made huge gains. Sea turtles that created only 82 nests in 2007 made 153 nests in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding.

If you expand ORV use across the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife will be impacted and their recovery stalled.

The Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

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

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Denise Bell

Correspondence ID: 22494 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have relatives in the Virginia/North Carolina area, and I have visited Cape Hatteras many times, most recently in June of this year. I write to emphatically oppose unrestricted ORV use on any part of Cape Hatteras shoreline. 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 have already taken their toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the Seashore's beaches. The fact that regulation is finally being considered is good, but the proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, gains under the temporary plan could be reversed. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please do not place

additional threats to wildlife into an area already threatened enough by nature. As far as I'm concerned, ORV use does not belong anywhere in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore; I hope you will be very careful in authorizing whatever use you decide to authorize.

Correspondence ID: 22495 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As stewards of the earth, it is our job to protect our lands, the plants and animals within our lands, from harmful intrusion and certain death. There are plenty of spaces for people to play and explore, so we must protect fragile ecosystems like Cape Hatteras. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 22496 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife.

I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22497 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no reason that off-road vehicles need to be driven on beaches. They kill nesting birds and destroy eggs (birds and turtles) as well as making beaches unsafe and unpleasant for people. Why should noisy polluting off-road vehicles ruin the environment, not to mention ruin any chance at life for shore animals?

Ban them from any beaches where animals build their nests.

Correspondence ID: 22498 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do the right thing and make decisions that help wildlife, not vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 22499 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

It was with great alarm that I read about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The cause for my alarm is that the new plan does not effectively protect the wildlife that use the seashore as their habitat. Under the current interim plan, the protected wildlife was able to use the beach and seashore well and effectively, as witnessed by the numbers. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. However, if you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could and will be negatively impacted. That would be a loss, not just to this generation but to future generations.

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

needs protection on the seashore to survive and bear their young. For the wildlife, it truly is a life-or-death issue.

I oppose the proposed regulations because, as they are currently written, they treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable to me and should be unacceptable to you. I urge you to revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22500 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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: 22501 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I agree that you should stop off road vehicles driving in this area. We need to protect all the animals that we can.

Correspondence ID: 22502 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In Support of Protection for Wildlife Nesting Areas

I am opposed to unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife, including their nesting areas. Wildlife nesting areas must be protected from off road vehicles so wildlife numbers do not decline.

Our seashores and wild places are national treasures, and millions of people enjoy their beauty every year, including the diversity of wildlife. The temporary plan that was in place to protect nesting areas had a positive effect on wildlife populations.

With this in mind, I strongly support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife with additional vehicle-free nesting areas.

Correspondence ID: 22503 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. Endangered animals need our protection to continue to exist.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22504 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow ORV's to dominate this refuge. Citizens & birds should have priority.

It is also important to provide a buffer zone around protected areas.

Thank you.

Bruce Blackwell

Correspondence ID: 22505 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cars on beaches can be fun but it is still a bad idea. Our National Seashore should be safe for wildlife. National parks are part of our heritage and making them safe for wildlife is part of that heritage. Please do not allow off-road vehicles in the park.

Callie Bowdish

Correspondence ID: 22506 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing in opposition to the prospective ORV use of Cape Hatteras beaches.

Here in Washington State we have miles of beaches which are open to car use, a policy that I am in opposition with, but that at least is curbed by the limited use of specific areas during bird nesting season. If vehicles must be permitted on beaches, there must be mitigations for successful survival of the wildlife residing there.

Ultimately I oppose any vehicle on a beach for the noise and disruption to the peace and quiet, not to mention the delicate ecosystems in place there.

I support the existing protections of the beaches at Cape Hatteras and the successful nesting numbers of both birds and turtles that have resulted of the 3 years of no ORVs.

Please maintain these protections and the wildlife that resides there.

Correspondence ID: 22507 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: i think its appalling that government would not protect the wildlife. there is a big problem in this world. if you continue to reduce forrests, wildlife etc. the world will continue to reap natural disasters because people are altering natural balances

Correspondence ID: 22508 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a wildlife rehabilitator, I see all too often the injuries caused by animal and vehicle encounters. Enough wild animals are maimed or killed on paved roads; please don't let that number be increased by allowing ATVs into the heart of their habitat.

They don't have that much and it's only humane to let them keep what's left. We must first AGREE TO PRESERVE the earth if we hope to LIVE TO DISAGREE on its use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22509 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I prefer that there off-road vehicles not have access to ANY of the National Seashores. They're noisy, obnoxious and I prefer not to go to places where they are allowed. Thanks

Respectfully

Donald Uphold

Correspondence ID: 22510 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please end off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 22511 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to any and all off-road vehicle "recreation"! People need to think of other ways to "entertain" themselves, that don't involve destroying the environment! I am completely opposed to allowing off-road vehicles at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore!

Correspondence ID: 22512 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

I have camped in my vehicle on both Hatteras and Padre Island. Garbage, less crabs, less undisturbed feeding time all ensured fewer shore birds. With habitat damage and encroachment there needs to be very cautious protection of remaining wild areas. Please restrict vehicles on the beaches.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22513 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore from people who off road for fun! Their habitat should not be destroyed! Please do what is right!!

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 22514 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road recreation should not ever include motorized vehicles. If you love nature, there is no way in hell to really experience it by loudly destroying it as you blast through. Go to an amusement park and ride the go carts, drive a motorcycle on a highway, go to a monster truck show, or learn to drag race on a race track, something where the damage is controlled and you can get your thrills with a bunch of other morons who will understand you. Leave sensitive areas alone. Couldn't you just get off on bringing your tv into your garage, blasting it full volume, having a friend revving up the engine on your car while you spin really fast on a tire swing installed from the ceiling? There must be other ways to be engulfed by noise, fumes and speed. Get creative. Leave the natural areas alone. Really, what is the point of being there for you???????

Correspondence ID: 22515 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please make the right decision for wildlife habitats. People have a world of roads to drive on, we don't need to drive everywhere!

Correspondence ID: 22516 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22517 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Because ORV use severely damages stabilized dunes (here as well as all dune areas) I feel that these vehicles have no place in our National Parks, Forests, or Seashores. Hatteras NS has been a significant refuge for sea turtles and birds which nest there, as well as for migratory populations. OR Vehicles must not be allowed to diminish our all-too-few areas of refuge and population restoration for such animals.

In addition, I know of NO beach users anywhere who wish ORVs using public lands for these polluting and noisemaking toys, ORV use is utterly incompatible with any other use, and to effectively close beaches and dunes to ecological restoration, protection, or multiple use of walkers, ocean swimmers, surfers, and others who use beaches at Hatteras through any allowance of these recent dangerous, polluting, noisy, and offensive vehicles is counter to all tenets of public lands management.

In short, because these vehicles have been invented is no reason whatsoever to allow their use on public lands, and ORVs should be banned entirely from public lands. Thank you,

Correspondence ID: 22518 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback.

I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of

pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID:	22519	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.						

The new regulations on beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

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

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

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

We have made great progress in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife , and we can't lose traction now. Please support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID:	22520	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect the wildlife on Cape Hatteras Island. Our environment and our wildlife are our most important resources.						

Correspondence ID:	22521	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 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.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22524 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Offroad activities cannot be sufficiently 'balanced' with the impact caused by use in sensitive areas. A prohibition on offroad is the ONLY way to preserve this ecosystem and its fragile nature.

Correspondence ID: 22525 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please regulate what you are doing. It is your responsibility to be sure that the natural habitat remains intact and that these vehicles do not disturb the nesting and quality of life of the animals who live there.

Correspondence ID: 22526 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. I urge The National Park Service to eliminate the unrestricted off road vehicle use since it threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. I strongly support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank You for considering my comment.

Correspondence ID: 22527 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

Wildlife has reaped major benefits under the interim plan that is currently in place. For example, I understand sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, had made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are also rebounding. Expanding ORV use across the Seashore, on the other hand, is likely to adversely impact threatened and endangered wildlife.

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

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is also unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include buffers currently being implemented 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: 22528 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence:

I am a frequent visitor to the Outer Banks and treasure the wildlife that is allowed to flourish there. I am worried about the proposal to open more of the beach to off road vehicles because the traffic will be damaging to the some of the species that are currently protected at Cape Hatteras. I have watched a turtle painstakingly try to cross the beach setting forward and retreating many times because of pedestrian traffic. I can only imagine the disruption to the turtles ability to nest if it additionally has to cope with fast moving vehicles. Drivers will not be able to see and avoid wildlife camouflaged in the sand. Drivers already have beach front on which they can drive. Please do not allow additional traffic in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22529 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Andrew Kozakow

Correspondence ID:	22531	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

As a first time visit to the OBX, I was amazed by the sandpipers and other wildlife as they dodged the offroad vehicles as they zoomed past them on the beach. Please stop this senseless killing. The loggerhead turtles deserve better.

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Thank you for your consideration.

/s/ Marjorie Fuhrmann

Correspondence ID:	22532	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please maintain nature's sea shores...						

Correspondence ID:	22533	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please limit off-road vehicle use. It is osooo much better for the enviroment. Thank you.,						

Correspondence ID: 22534 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In Southern California, we outlawed most all motor vehicles on our beaches years ago. We have so many people using them the animals don't have much chance.

Correspondence ID: 22535 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict off-road vehicles on the Cap Hatteras National Seashore. I am concerned about the habitat of the turtles and sea birds. And personally, I don't like vacationing on the beach with cars. Thank you so much for considering this comment.

Correspondence ID: 22536 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: help save the birds.

Correspondence ID: 22537 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There are other places to use off-road vehicles without putting animals in danger. Protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore--outlaw all off-road vehicles. Mahalo

Correspondence ID: 22538 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. 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 protect our wildlife while we still can.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do not vote for Off-Road Vehicles to be allowed to drive at Cape Hatteras Nat'l Seashore. Keep it pristine for all of us.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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It is unacceptable to treat wildlife protection as optional - which is how the proposed regulations are currently written.

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Thank you for considering this matter.

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Correspondence ID: 22546 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Having these vehicles on the beach defeats the whole purpose of protecting the endangered species that make it their home. No one wants the vehicles there as it ruins the beach, too.

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name:	private						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.						

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID:	22550	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	It is our duty to save nature.						
Correspondence ID:	22551	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Stop						
Correspondence ID:	22552	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Sirs, My wife and I have been driving down to Hatters for about twenty five years now. We drive our old classic, a 79 Jeep CJ7 all the way from Ney Jersey down to Frisco. We rent a large house on the ocean and invite some New Jersey friends down for great time fishing on the beach. Once down on the OBX if I can't drive from the airport at Frisco to Diamond shoals to fish I'll never go back down to Hatters Island. I'll just find somewhere else we can drive the old jeep to and fish. Sincerely Russ Schroeder						
Correspondence ID:	22553	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I do not go to the shore to be inundated by noise and fumes. My best experiences at a beach have been in France. That is sad. Can we not have a place for quiet?						
Correspondence ID:	22554	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
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Correspondence ID:	22555	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please help to protect wildlife nesting areas.						
Correspondence ID:	22556	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID:	22557	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	To whom it may concern,						

Please do NOT allow off-road vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This does damage to the dunes and to the wildlife of birds & sea turtles.

Thank you, Joy Nishioka

Correspondence ID:	22558	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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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. 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 year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas ARE strongly 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 as their home!						

Thankypu for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	22559	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am adamantly oppose to off-road vehicles at Cape Hateras. Permitting such use could severely degrade the environment. It could harm all types of wildlife and erode protective dunes. It could even endanger human life. This area is too important historically, ecologically and recreationally to take such a risk.						

Correspondence ID:	22560	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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sincerely, Kathy Kuyper

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Correspondence ID: 22562 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Endangered species and habitat are currently protected by Federal Law. Spoiled, mindless, destructive arrested development little boy men are not.

Correspondence ID: 22563 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is so much land available to off road vehicles. These animals don't have the same options about where to build their nests. Please help provide them with a greater chance to nest successfully.

Correspondence ID: 22564 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect what we have left on this Earth, everything has value.

Correspondence ID: 22565 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I don't think ORVs should be allowed at Cape Hatters, but if ORVs are going to be allowed then, I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please consider the environment while you are providing places for people to play with their polluting machines..

Correspondence ID: 22566 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Do the right thing and help save the birds and wilderness of the Outer Banks.

Correspondence ID: 22567 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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.

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These figures show the importance of restricting ORVs on certain parts of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Julie Beer

Correspondence ID: 22570 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict ORV on our beaches!

Correspondence ID: 22571 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a wildlife advocate and activist I am distressed that more protected terrain isn't being afforded the wildlife on the Hatteras

Shoreline.

Please consider the gains made by sea turtle nests over the years of protection and gains made by piping plovers .

The threat of ORV to wildlife is real and devastating. Please make appropriate regulations for wildlife safety and sustainability.

Thank you, Sandra Perkins

Correspondence ID: 22572 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is VITAL to protect our fragile ecosystems and wildlife habitats - especially those for endangered species. OFF-road vehicles can go other places, PLEASE DO NOT allow them to DESTROY LIFE.

Correspondence ID: 22573 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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 believe strongly in conservation and the protection of the creatures that we share this planet with. It is imperative that we protect those that cannot protect themselves It is such a simple thing to not allow vehicles in nesting areas. Turtles need a safe area to haul out and not have to "worry" about getting run over. Personally I don't see the need to allow vehicles on the beaches but I do realize that we need to share recreational areas. We just need to be very careful as to where and when we allow vehicles to access beach areas that are home to a variety of creatures. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore

Correspondence ID: 22574 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is very important to halt the passage of unrestricted access to sensitive wildlife areas. Be the stewards you are meant to be, and stop bending to special interests with money in mind.

Correspondence ID: 22575 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Give the animals and birds a break!

Correspondence ID: 22576 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: save the wildlife on cape hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 22577 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save Beach Wildlife....do not allow off road tires to destroy these sea beach animals & birds.

Correspondence ID: 22578 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: No WHEELS!!!

Correspondence ID: 22579 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As an American who values and treasures American Indigenous Wildlife, I am appealing to your sense of better judgement to STOP unrestricted recreational vehicle use on Hatteras Beaches.

My degree is Dr. of Veterinary Medicine, and I dislike seeing our shore birds, especially small ones such as the Piping Plover being decimated by some unthinking stupid, selfish two-legged self-indulgent moron, who needs to be incarcerated, for their reckless driving on beaches. I have seen turtles as well as birds killed in this way, by these human "vermin" who have also targetted women and elderly people, who protested at their reckless driving. No beach that has the potential that the Hatteras does, for hosting wildlife, as well as decent humans needs these bums to ride roughshod over whatever they wish. Their vehicles also pollute the air, as well as waste fuel indiscriminately, and I urge you to please NOT pander to the lowest common denominator, and their lobbyists.

Correspondence ID: 22580 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To me beach driving is wrong, polluting and destructive. Why can't people walk anymore ? There should at least be a good portion of restricted areas. We need to protect wildlife and the ecosystem, we are too greedy, always wanting more of life, but we miss it. Nobody cares anymore about the animals and their habitat. So sad !

Correspondence ID: 22581 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22582 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a vitally important ecological resource for the nesting shore birds, and should be protected from the ATVs that run through the nesting sites destroying nests, killing nestlings and ripping up the the environment!

There are plenty of over areas where the ATV users can ride. They do not need to use this particular area!

Correspondence ID: 22583 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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

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

pedestrians.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Please protect our wildlife

Correspondence ID: 22585 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: How can anyone not find your allowing filthy vehicles driving all over these areas permissible when it doesn't pertain to an emergency?! Take these ridiculous "boy-toys" off these shores and leave it to be what it was SUPPOSED to be, a peaceful and SAFE place for our voiceless animals! How can anyone remain so stupidly blind to this pertinent fact, I sure don't know!

Please! Stop this insanity right NOW!

Correspondence ID: 22586 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Previously I commented:

"I am for curbing the use of vehicles of any kind on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The damage to nesting birds by irresponsible vehicle usage is well documented. We need to eliminate the citizens who needlessly reduce the population of traditional nesting bird communities. These vehicles need to be totally banned during specific periods. The major consideration regarding the ban should be the needs of the nesting bird populations, not the needs of citizens who selfishly disrupt historical nesting bird communities. Preservation should trump heedless, damaging recreation."

The third sentence in the previous comment should be revised to read as follows:

"We need to eliminate citizen vehicle usage that needlessly reduces the population of traditional nesting bird communities"

Thank you.

William Campbell

Correspondence ID: 22587 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please help protect the wildlife ! they deserve to live in a safe environment without having to be killed or maimed by humans and vehicles! thank you very much!!

Correspondence ID: 22588 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cars don't belong on a fragile beach where creatures are simply trying to live and survive. Please, no more traffic over the sands!

Correspondence ID: 22589 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is for every one to enjoy it's beauty. Please protect the habitat of the nesting birds that live there. Make this a sea shore that forbid's motorized bikes,atv's , etc, from riding on Cape Hatteras Seashore. Thank you , Sharyn Pratt

Correspondence ID: 22590 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I hope you will protect all of the Hatteras area from destruction by humans. There is absolutely no reason to allow off-road vehicles or other forms of seashore damage in fragile areas of nature. Thank you. -- Geneva Andrews

Correspondence ID: 22591 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please preserve the cape hatteras area for wildlife and birds. i have vacationed there, and it is a beautiful pristine area, safe for wildlife. it is one of America's treasures.

Correspondence ID: 22592 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22593 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop allowing vehicles to drive on the beach. Preserve the wildlife. Vehicles on the beach promote drinking and littering. A beach is not place for vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 22594 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am asking the Park Service to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. If wildlife is not explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan, these numbers could easily decline. 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.

Sincerely, Ron Stepchuk

Correspondence ID: 22595 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 22596 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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 such as Sea Turtles and Piping Plovers have seen huge gains in the area. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife will certainly be negatively impacted.

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan prioritizes beach drivers over pedestrians and wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use; more vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians.

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

To throw wildlife protection under the wheels of off-road vehicles will destroy future generations' chances to experience the beauty these proposed regulations take for granted. Please leave some of the Hatteras Seashore for our children to enjoy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22597 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: this is important

Correspondence ID: 22598 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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: 22599 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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 an avid birdwatcher and naturalist, I am most concerned that enough protections are implemented to provide optimum space and conditions for wildlife to thrive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	22600	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.						

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID:	22601	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Peace						

Correspondence ID:	22602	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Stop the killing of our wildlife by letting gasoline engines run unrestricted over wildlife. Diabolical and disgusting.						

Correspondence ID:	22603	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,16,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22604 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles should not be allowed in areas where sea turtles nest. These turtles have enough problems surviving without being endangered by vehicles that operate in their territory. They were here first & hopefully they will continue to be around for a very long time. There are other places where people can ride their off road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 22605 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the seashore and flora and fauna from the degradation of off road vehicles. Because the vacant seashore is there is no reason to destruction of habitat by those who feel the need to drive up and down the beach. In fact large stretches of vacant seashore is even more reason to protect it. Recreation for the few should not be allowed. The seashore is not a private racetrack nor an interstate highway for people driving ATV's where ever they feel like it.

Correspondence ID: 22606 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop the killing of wildlife.1

Correspondence ID: 22607 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep vehicles off our beaches. There is a lot of fragile life on them, and motorized machines are grossly insensitive to the needs of living creatures and the life of our beaches and seashore. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22608 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Fortunately off-roaders and other recreational activities can go elsewhere. Unfortunately wildlife cannot. Please protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore before it becomes a thing of the past.

Thank you from my children's children.

Correspondence ID: 22609 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22610 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support the off-roak vehicle management: cape hatteras national seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22611 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22612 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife on Cape Hatteras and do not permit off road vehicles on this national seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22613 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please - do not let human leisure pleasure endanger helpless wildlife. These species depend on a fairly fragile system for survival and not respecting that for hapless fun is careless and just plain wrong.

Correspondence ID: 22614 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: we need to protect the wildlife. there are plenty of places for orv's away from the habitat and nesting grounds of wildlife

Correspondence ID: 22615 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Laura DeHaven

Correspondence ID: 22616 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ORV already have too much access to vulnerable environments. Please do not further destruction of habitat by dinosaur technology. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22617 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a frequent visitor to our National Parks. They are critical habitat for many species and I support protecting habitat in a condition suitable for wildlife. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22618 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose off road travel on Cape.Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 22619 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLEASE eliminate off road vehicles from Cape Hatteras National Seashore!! These vehicles will have very harmful effects on birds and wildlife in this area. Thank You!

Correspondence ID: 22620 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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: 22621 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,16,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22622 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please limit off-road vehicles! Protecting wildlife is protecting humans. We live in an ecosystem; one creature effects the other.

Correspondence ID: 22623 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have recently learned of the new proposed plan for unrestricted off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and I am greatly concerned by the impact this will have on the wildlife. I believe it is imperative that the National Park Service provide explicit protection for wildlife on the Cape Hatteras Seashore. I urge you to revise the current proposed plan to include more ORV free areas, and in turn, more safe areas for wildlife (and pedestrians!).

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely, Anna Brown

Correspondence ID: 22624 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Let the poor birds and turtles have some peace and safety. Keep the vehicles far away how hard could that be? It's the only option. Just do it. Robin Kladke

Correspondence ID: 22625 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save the Wildlife to save ourselves.

Correspondence ID: 22626 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would love to put in a few words to help the cause but would prefer you leave a brief model so that I can quickly transform the words to an original comment. There are so many causes I support but cannot spend too much time on any one and I know you cause is good.

Correspondence ID: 22627 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Thank you for accepting my comments. Our environment and wildlife are under constant assault. And I am very concerned that the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife.

I STRONGLY support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The

management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The 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: 22628 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 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. Tell the Park Service instead that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 22629 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

Off road vehicles have absolutely no business on a national seashore such as Cape Hatteras. Please have some good common sense and protect the species of plants and animals which live and nest on the seashore. Follow California's example and carry out ecological practices which are sustainable for the species and the environment.

Kay Gillis

Correspondence ID: 22630 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop off-road vehicle traffic on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22631 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore due to its wildlife sensitive characteristics. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 22632 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please, help all wildlife and protect them thanks

Correspondence ID: 22633 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to state that I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use n the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I support instead, specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 22634 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save Cape Hatteras wildlife.

The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas on Cape Hattera.

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 22635 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore does little to protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. 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.

The great progress that has been made in winning important protections for Hatteras' wildlife can't be lost now. The Park Service should support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 22636 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As an American taxpayer, I do not support unrestricted ORVs along the national seashore. We have a right to remain "natural" and preserve the creatures and birds wholive, breed and exist along the national seashore. Humans have other areas where they can ride their ORVs. Save the shoreline,save the birds and the turtles. Oppose unrestricted ORVs Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 22637 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Vehicles should not be allowed on park beaches. They leak oil and stress out the wildlife that live on the beach. I come to the beach for relaxing walks. To connect with the beauty of the nature. There is nothing worse then to almost get run over by a car speeding on the beach. Please, no cars on the beach.

Correspondence ID: 22638 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

Unrestricted off road vehicle use threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife; yet the proposed regulation does little to

protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 22639 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As an avid ATV enthusiast AND lover of wildlife, I realize that we have many great areas to enjoy our sport without decimating wildlife habitats. Why must we destroy everything in our paths with our urban sprawl and pollution? I'm ashamed to admit that humans are the ultimate destroyers of wildlife.

Let's try to be civil and humane and worthy of our supposed superior intelligence by realizing we don't need to have the entire planet at our disposal. We must someday realize (and I hope that day comes soon before we destroy ourselves along with everything else) that we SHARE this planet with millions of other creatures. It is not ours to destroy.

Correspondence ID: 22640 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback.

I visited Cape Hatteras many times as a child. The beaches were quiet and filled with birds and other wildlife. In my opinion, off-road vehicles are devastating to wildlife and upset the balance. They are noisy and polluting. They do great damage.

I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22641 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please vote to preserve the wildlife of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. My hope is that someday all humans will realize that we all, including the animals, creatures and plant life on this planet are all part of one big earth family, and what we do to each other comes back to us.

Correspondence ID: 22642 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use along Cape Hatteras National Seashore that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. If off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks will be disturbed, if not

outright destroyed.

There is no reason to allow this usage on this seashore - it is time to start protecting our wildlife and stop allowing this destructive motorized vehicle use on our National Seashores.

Correspondence ID: 22643 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: 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. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving, this is unacceptable, instead the NPS needs to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 22644 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: off-road vehicles do so much damage to the environment. They harm sensitive eco-systems. They spread seeds and pollens from one local to another. And, in the case of Cape Hatteras Nat'l Seashore it harms the nesting birds and critters.

Please make off road vehicles against the law.

Correspondence ID: 22645 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is NO way that human activity should interrupt this environment, especially through something like offroading. Please, PLEASE do not allow this to happen.

Correspondence ID: 22646 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22647 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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 had a chance improve. 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 does more for beach drivers. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional. Please revise this plan to include explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your consideration. Shari Wakiyama

Correspondence ID: 22648 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The proposed regulation does little to protect wildlife nesting areas.

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

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

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

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

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

My wife and I have visited there and find the wildlife beautiful but vulnerable. Please protect this entire area for them. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22649 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: You absolutely can not have vehicles on this beach. We are the intelligent species, so let's act like it!! Do the right thing and protect these birds and sea turtles. They can not fight for themselves.

Please do the right thing.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 22650 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We have to make sure that animals and humans can coexist without too much suffering from one side or the other. I don't think 26 miles is enough for the shorebird and turtles. We can clearly see that if we care for the sea turtle and protect them that they have more nest. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 3 years of temporary protections, that number rose to 153. We need to find a way to ensure that the shorebird and sea turtles are protected. The ORV should be forced to find another place where they will not endanger animals.

Correspondence ID: 22651 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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: 22652 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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. 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.

Often ORV users are younger people who enjoy driving with abandon along the water. It is a wonderful feeling and while they should be free to experience the ride, unfortunately, they are not aware of the local wildlife and may not see the turtles or birds until it is too late to avoid a collision. Even worse, if alcohol is involved. I'm not minimizing the tragedy of a pedestrian being hit, but they are easier to see, whereas, tiny birds and turtles aren't.

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.

Correspondence ID: 22653 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: SAVE BIRDS, WILDLIFE; SAVE CAPE HATTERAS!

Correspondence ID: 22654 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is important to provide safe areas for our wildlife and protect the ecosystems that provide for them. Allowing for off-road access in these areas goes against all attempts to protect these areas.

Correspondence ID: 22655 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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.

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Correspondence ID: 22656 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a former resident of North Carolina (1976 - 1983), and I respect and appreciate the coastal environment. I think we should find ways for people to enjoy the National Seashore without destroying it. I think it is absolutely necessary to regulate off-road vehicles so that important nesting and wildlife areas are protected.

Correspondence ID: 22657 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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

Seashore.

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:	22658	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do not open Cape Hatteras seashore to off-road vehicles. This disruptive action will destroy habitat for plant and animal life and despoil the beauty of the seashore which is our legacy to future Americans.						
Correspondence ID:	22659	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Must not allow vehicles where threatened species are nesting!						
Correspondence ID:	22660	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	It is much more important that our wildlife be protected and able to live and reproducibile than meaningless fun be enacted that endangers these animals. Sea turtles especially, whose population is already being devastated by the oil industry and the fishing industry. The sand is where they lie their eggs and undoubtedly that vehicles will crush the eggs and not to mention running over the birds. These wildlife habitats need much stricter rules that will enforce an ethic to teach people how they should already know to respect nature, but unfortunately, these teachings have been mostly lost to time. Let's make sure earth remains a beautiful and diverse place in the future.						
Correspondence ID:	22661	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please be instrumental in preserving out national treasures, our national trust. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	22662	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 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. Instead I ask that you support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						
Correspondence ID:	22663	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22664 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: stop the destruction please.

Correspondence ID: 22665 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: NO WHEELS in my sand!

Correspondence ID: 22666 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sherrill Doran-Perez

Correspondence ID: 22667 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is little or no need or benefit for allowing cars at Cape Hatteras National Seashore and tremendous benefits in not allowing cars. We have to protect the wildlife we have not destroyed if we want to save the planet. We must protect nesting sights. We need to be good stewards and work as hard as we can to protect the environment we have so badly abused. Fabian Smith

Correspondence ID: 22668 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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. 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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WITH GRATITUDE, RACHEL

Correspondence ID: 22669 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I cannot believe a government department would allow the destruction of ANY breeding habitat for animals. i know you all think of the NEXT election, but this is incomprehensible. People's leisure activities should NEVER hurt the environment! I am tired of watching the corruption! YES CORRUPTION!! You S.O.Bs know it. Try making a decision with out taking into account where the campain funds came from. Try , just once try not to listen to the lobbyists. Please use your conscience , and think of your own grandchildren. Dont let the greed of today ruin the outcome for the future generations. We HAVE to think of the world in 20 yrs. Every decision made today will determine the future for everything that exists today.

Correspondence ID: 22670 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Ari Meyer

Correspondence ID: 22671 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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 seashore's beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore 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.Take responsibility and protect them

Correspondence ID: 22672 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hello,

I write to say I strongly oppose the use of off-road vehicles on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The use of these vehicles hurts endangered shorebirds and sea turtles. Please forever ban them from this beautiful area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Carsten

St. Louis, MO

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Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicle drivers are a small portion of those who visit Cape Hatteras National Seashore each year, but they are among the most vocal. In order to speak up for all of the piping plovers, sea turtles, sea and shore birds and all of the other wildlife that relies on this region. Please keep our wildlife safe.						

Correspondence ID:	22675	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 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:	22676	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please ensure that off-road vehicle use is restricted to specific monitored areas which have minimum if any ecological impact. Thanks.						

Correspondence ID:	22677	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I think off road vehicles are an abomination. They destroy and deface the landscape as well as the creatures who live there, AND, they are just plain noisy!!! Whatever happened to hiking? ...or horseback riding? Much better ways to explore the great outdoors.						

Correspondence ID:	22678	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 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 protect wildlife and restrict off road vehicles from Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Correspondence ID:	22679	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please stop off road vehicles						

Correspondence ID:	22680	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please stop this

Correspondence ID: 22681 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sir, Please restrict access of Cape Hatteras National Seashore so that off-road vehicles are prohibited from disturbing this fragile ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 22682 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I'm planning to vacation on Hatteras next month and I appreciate being allowed to take a truck onto the beach. However, I also know that the very things that make this place unique are endangered by my exercising this privilege. There must be a compromise in here, some way that allows us to take a vehicle onto the beach without trampling the nesting grounds of turtles, plovers and other species. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22683 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road enthusiasts have plenty of areas in which to enjoy their hobby without putting additional wildlife areas at risk. Do not open up this pristine area to offroad vehicle usage.

Correspondence ID: 22684 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 22686 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLEASE PRESERVE THE PLANET AND ALL LIFE FORMS.

Correspondence ID: 22687 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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. 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 ID: 22688 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Sea turtles and piping plovers and other wildlife that choose to lay their eggs at Cape Hatteras National Seashore cannot discern protected areas from unprotected areas. They are programmed to lay their eggs where they were birthed. I think setting off the entire area as a protected wildlife area and keeping people and vehicles off the seashore when wildlife, like sea turtles and plovers, are reproducing is the only way to ensure that the wildlife is safe. Let the off road vehicles use the seashore during the off "nesting" season.

Correspondence ID: 22689 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: stop the destruction of our planet.

Correspondence ID: 22690 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our lives our so mechanized that we rely on vehicles of all types to provide entertainment. Unfortunately that entertainment has a large cost. Not only does it cause noise and air pollution, but it can damage delicate ecosystems that by their popularity are all ready becoming more fragile. I urge you to maintan the pristine beauty of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore by becoming stricter in your regulations regarding off-road vehicles. Most individuals in the throes of riding the dunes along that shoreline often are not aware of the damage their wreckless habits are. You will need to help them be responsible in their vehicle use by making the regulations stricter and longer.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22691 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: wouldn't it be nice if we didn't have to come to the aid of all the beautiful creatures the man has a tendency to either kill or maim? All I seem to get are emails trying to save the wolves from disaster or some poor sea turtle. When will it stop? and when will we as a group learn to appreciate the wonderful animals that we have to share planet earth with?

Correspondence ID: 22692 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I believe off-road vehicle use on most of Cape Hatteras should be restricted in order to protect wildlife. The current proposal does not protect enough habitat.

Correspondence ID: 22693 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Please free our ocean beaches and shores from harmful machinery.

Correspondence ID: 22694 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep off-Road vehicles off the shoreway. They destroy the floral and fauna that live there. We must protect our natural resources for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 22695 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Every living being has the right to live its life to the fullest. We as human beings are the stewards of the land. It is not only our right, it is our duty to protect and stand up for those who can not stand up for themselves. Please protect these animals environment from further risk and endangerment due to Off Road Vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.Thank you very much for taking the time to consider this important issue.

Correspondence ID: 22696 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please disallow off-road vehicle usage in Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Thank you, Rick Nepola, Esq.

Correspondence ID: 22697 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22698 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the Cape Hatteras wildlife by limiting or eliminating traffic on the beach. These creatures deserve to live in peace and safety. Thank you, Linda Estep

Correspondence ID: 22699 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to oppose unregulated unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. ORV use threatens the existence of already endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

I am glad to hear that the National Park Service is ready to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. However, I am concerned that the proposed regulation will not do enough to protect wildlife nesting areas. The proposal reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for

year-round and seasonal beach driving.

The plan also does not explicitly protect wildlife. I urge the Park Service to specifically protect wildlife as part of its regulations.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 22700 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The human race destroys more wildlife habitat everyday with deforestation and taking over more and more land for construction and the pollutants we put into the waters, etc. Here we have this beautiful beach that could be shared by humans and wildlife yet we are ruining it, once again, by allowing off road vehicles access. Please do your part by banning these vehicles from beaches where there is sea turtle activity and/or bird nesting.

Correspondence ID: 22701 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Where do you go to find peace and quiet?

There surely won't be any place in this country to find it when we get done destroying all of it one acre at a time!

Correspondence ID: 22702 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing you regarding restricting off road vehicle access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. There are animals that need nesting, laying, and habitat protected from the intrusion by humans and off road vehicles. Just because we have the means to go just about anywhere doesn't mean we should. A beach may look open and unused but that may not be the case for turtles, birds and other wildlife that need it for habitat. Please restrict these areas from off road vehicle use and preserve the habitat for nature's creatures not for abuse by humans.

Correspondence ID: 22703 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles are a very serious threat to birds on the beach, especially to breeding birds. Some of the species which nest in the National Seashore are among the small relics of formerly much larger populations which have declined drastically due to human activity. An important purpose for setting aside land as a National Seashore is to preserve these wild species. Lenient off road vehicles rules are incompatible with this mandate. There is no question that the proposed rules are inadequate to protect the birdlife. Off road vehicle access must be much more restricted to sustain these populations and to allow them to grow as they naturally would without thoughtless human interference.

Correspondence ID: 22704 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please prevent off road vehicles at the seashore! They are noisy and destructive, and in no way promote "balance" with nature.

Thank you for listening and doing your part.

Correspondence ID: 22705 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a visitor to Cape Hatteras, I fully support measures to protect wildlife and bird nesting areas. This unique area belongs to all of us and to future generations, and must not be given over to the destructive use of vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 22706 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLEASE MAKE THE MORALLY AND ETHICALLY CORRECT DECISION REGARDING WILDLIFE, HUMANS, HEALTH, SUSTAINABILITY, AND THE FUTURE

Correspondence ID: 22707 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 22710 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protection of wildlife habitat in the long term is much more important to me than the temporary pleasures gained by off-road driving. Please establish restrictions that provide minimal loss to our valued ecosystems.

Correspondence ID: 22711 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am from N.C. and this has always been an issue for wildlife. Please pass better regulation to protect all of the wildlife on the national seashore of the Outerbanks and North Carolina.

Correspondence ID: 22712 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22713 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 22714 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore 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. 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 was glad to hear that the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife, but this most recent proposal 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. This is not acceptable as this kind of traffic will have a serious impact on the nests of sea turtles and shore birds. PLEASE put in place regulations that will go much farther toward protecting the nests of sea turtles and shore birds...they are depending on us for their survival.

Correspondence ID: 22715 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We visited Cape Hatteras several years ago, and decided not to visit again because of all the vehicles on the beach. It was very off-putting to be inundated by cars and ORV's. Not really a natural beach experience!

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22716 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Everything in the Bio-system is important in sustaining life.

Correspondence ID: 22717 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence:please stop this immediately

Correspondence ID: 22718 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a beach user, I enjoy getting AWAY from the noise and bustle of traffic. I enjoy watching wildlife using the beach. I enjoy hearing the sounds of bird song, surf, and wind. I enjoy the scent of sea air not gasoline exhaust. I enjoy walking in the "sand of the day"--dry, soft and yielding; damp and firm; wet and grasping. I enjoy searching amid the wrackline to see who and what the tide has deposited.

I am not alone in seeking this enjoyment.

PLEASE do not drive away birds, sea turtles, and ME by allowing vehicles on the beach. We have big-tired wheel chairs for those who cannot walk. All others can use the exercise. Join me: ENJOY!

Correspondence ID: 22719 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support the National Park Service proposed rule to manage off-road vehicle use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina. Identifier Number 1024-AD85

Correspondence ID: 22720 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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: 22721 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stop killing wildlife by restricting the use of off-road vehicles. Every creature has a right to live in peace in the environment, and off road vehicles destroy the peaceful living of wildlife in their environment.

Correspondence ID: 22722 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please carefully consider the possible impacts to wildlife and other natural systems by allowing off-road vehicles unfettered access to large portions of the park.

I enjoy riding off road too, but am more concerned about destroying habitat than I am about having a little fun.

There is a place for off-road vehicles and near nesting places for endangered species is not one of them.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22723 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22724 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The restrictions to Cape Hatteras ORV Shore access are without merit. This country was founded on principals of freedom. Freedoms that I am many others have fought and/or died for over the centuries of this great land.

Private groups with unreasonable objectives and agendas do not have the right to restrict access to public land authorized by our forefathers. (Three football for the safety of two migrating birds for 6 to 8 weeks or greater if said by unreasonable parties, that

in itself shows how ignorant this issue has become). Evolution will not be changed with actions like this.

It is not the sportsmen of this country that needlessly harm these animals but nature's way of survival. There have been many acres of land already set aside for a safe haven for these creatures to survive on there own.

I am totally against all changes in the free access for ORV's Hatteras Island or anywhere else. No excessive restrictions, no closures, no permit fees, and the rule changed to 24 hour access to all areas.

I am an active sportsman that lives to enjoy all the wonders of this great country has to offer without having to adhere to unreasonable special groups with their own ideologies.

My children and all their children's children should be entitled to the same access our forefathers provided to me.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22726 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
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. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation does not consider the adequate protection of wildlife and provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches. It seems to favor the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife.

For many years I visited the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and looked forward to the opportunities it afforded for wildlife observation. It has a unique location and, as a barrier island, a fragile existence. I fear that opening much of it to ORVs will only increase its vulnerability. Nature created the island, let us not interfere with its course.

I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. I would like my children and their children to be able, nature withstanding, to observe the unspoiled beauty of this barrier island.

Most sincerely,

Elizabeth Blumer

Correspondence ID: 22727 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like to see specific, enforceable, science-based Protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 22728 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I was born in NC, grew up there, and as soon as I can I will return. The ocean, beaches and and the wildlife there mean so much to me. It's all part of the whole that draws people to NC. Please save the wildlife from easily avoidable pain and suffering.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22729 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: keep the vehicles on the road and off the beach.

If humans where dying there would be no question.

Give the animals the same rights

Correspondence ID: 22730 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hi, Blessings for all

Correspondence ID: 22731 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no reason at all why any vehicle of any sort should be allowed to drive on a seashore or within hundreds of feet of a seashore. Is nothing sacred? Is there no space where the animals and environment are not violated or impacted by vehicles? Are these "off road" vehicles let on the beach just for "recreation"? Perhaps people should be allowed to drive on each other's lawns.

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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 22735 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do no allow off-road/any vehicle to put endangered species at risk at Cape Hatteras.

Correspondence ID: 22736 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 22737 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sirs:

Please do everything you can to protect all wildlife and also to protect the nesting areas of wildlife which are rapidly diminishing.

Correspondence ID: 22738 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Preserve the beauty of the cape hatteras save the birds from vehical destruction

Correspondence ID: 22739 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Having lived in Daytona Beach for four years I have seen some of the effects of driving vehicles in the beach environment. Allowing people to drive in a sensitive area like the Cape Hatteras seashore is effectively letting one group of people destroy a habitat many animals depend on and also a resource treasured by many who would enjoy it in less destructive ways. Please do not allow the use of ORVs in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22740 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow Off-Road Vehicles on the beaches of Cape Hatteras Seashore. This would be very detrimental to wildlife, especially nesting sea turtles.

Correspondence ID: 22741 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

Artineh Havan

Correspondence ID: 22743 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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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Correspondence ID: 22744 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: How can off road vehicles be allowed in areas where the plovers are breeding and raising young. That is not right, especially since the birds are already struggling to exist. They should not have to compete against the noise and fumes of those yucky vehicles. Please do not allow the plovers to become even scarcer than they already are. Our wildlife has suffered too much already due to peoples' disrespectful interests.

Correspondence ID: 22745 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 22746 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am very troubled about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am upset the the regulations appear more focused on human beach riders pleasure than care for endangered species and general wildlife protections.

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This issue of animal welfare is extremely important to me and my family.

Thank you for your care and consideration of my comments.

Correspondence ID:	22747	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	My family and I have visited the Cape Hatteras National Seashore a number of times and have enjoyed its natural beauty immensely. There are places for loud noise and extreme action...I don't think the National Seashore is one of them. The wildlife in that area, such as sea turtles and beach-nesting birds, are such a wonderful asset and treasure that I think we need to protect them. I am concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional and provides few areas for them and pedestrians to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches. My family and 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 it's natural, vehicle-free state. 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.						
Correspondence ID:	22748	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Does having "fun" have greater value than other precious life. If so, it is predictable that we will do ourselves in quickly. Our insensitive condition assures that outcome.						
Correspondence ID:	22749	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Opposed to off road vehicle use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore threatening wildlife by exisatance there. Pleas stop this at ALL times, MINIMALLY drugin nesting season til birds & babies grown & independent. Thanks						
Correspondence ID:	22750	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray, I am writing to you as a private citizen. 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 considering my input.						
Correspondence ID:	22751	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 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:	22752	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please stop the destruction of wildlife habitats by off road vehicles in Cape Hatteras. We've destroyed enough habitat in this country already for "destructive pleasure". As we treat our wildlife and land, we treat each other.						

Correspondence ID:	22753	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.						

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID:	22754	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please do not allow off road vehicles on the sea shore. Our wildlife and planet cannot be replaced.						

Correspondence ID:	22755	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	To whom it may concern:						

This is to express my opposition in general to allowing the unrestricted use of off-road vehicles in National Parks, and specifically, in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The area is particularly sensitive environmentally, as it is a nesting area for a threatened species of seabird, the piping plover, and for sea turtles, also endangered.

While I recognize the need for the National Park system to provide opportunities for human recreation, our position as the dominant species on the planet carries with it a responsibility as stewards of the environment.

Americans generally have no problem following laws and regulations, and it is a simple matter for the Parks Service to establish areas wherein the use of off-road vehicles, ATVs and motorcycles is not allowed, and ENFORCE these rules.

Such action will protect our right to enjoy the National Parks, without sacrificing other species that contribute to the health and

diversity of our world.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID:	22756	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I believe there should be no fee for island residents. if there is a fee it should be a small one. Asto equipment required by the rule. A jack stand is an unecessary expense. If one has a flat on soft sand a jack without a base is of very little use. A jack stand will give the unexperienced a false sense of security. The rule stated that there is no effect to employment on Hatteras Island. This statement is totally false. The proposed rules and closures have cost the people of Hatteras both lost wages and jobs. As to the education in order to obtain the proposed permit. This should be offered on line so as to make attendance easier. Unless these education coarces are offered throught the east coast attending will create a hardship.						
Correspondence ID:	22757	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	KEEP OFF ROAD VEHICLES OFF CAPE HATTERAS...AND ANY WHERE ELSE!						
Correspondence ID:	22758	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Your current proposal DOES NOT INCLUDE ORVs that are destructive to wildlife! Why not?						
	Get all ORVs off our beautiful national parks including Cape Hattaras. Protecting of the environment & wildlife is so much more important than a bunch of yahoos ramrodding our lands in the name of fun! Abuse is more like it.						
Correspondence ID:	22759	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	There has to be a way for wildlife & humans to coexist - it really shouldn't be that difficult to restrict drivers fr entering onto wildlife property.						
Correspondence ID:	22760	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We have visited Cape Hatteras National Seashore yearly since 1984. No other area of US coastline is as pristine and favorable to wildlife. To save this treasure for the future should be the overriding priority. There are other areas that can be used for recreational purposes. We are opposed to opening the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to such usage.						
	Thanks for whatever you can do to save its unique place in our country's heritage.						
Correspondence ID:	22761	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Off road vehicles should not be allowed on protected and/or sensitive areas of our earth. I do not support off road vehicles in any National Park. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Off road vehicles are a menace not only to wildlife, but also to humans who want to enjoy that peace, beauty, and natural life which man cannot create.						
Correspondence ID:	22762	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Be the hero to save the Seashore.						
Correspondence ID:	22763	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	In regards to Cape Hatteras National Seashore I oppose open ORV use. However, I do support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Thank you for your consideration, Andrea Rivera						

Correspondence ID: 22764 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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: 22765 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22766 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Use science-based protections. The drivers are not at risk of dying from the wildlife, it is the other way around. This is a place for wildlife, not a parking lot or speedway.

Correspondence ID: 22767 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please assure that indefensible self-indulgence is not given priority over the nesting grounds of endangered shore birds, turtles and other wildlife.

Isn't it time for the human species to begin to live as a responsible member of the fauna and flora of planet earth?

Correspondence ID: 22768 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our shoreline for nesting wildlife by not allowing portions of it open to off-road vehicles. Thank you !

Correspondence ID: 22769 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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: 22770 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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 greatly oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

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.

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: 22771 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I urge you to protect nesting areas when deciding when and where to allow ORVs on the beach. I live in Chesapeake Virginia, an hour's drive from the Outer Banks, and greatly enjoy visiting the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I am an avid bird watcher and the coastal habitat is a precious resource that must be protected both for this and future generations.

I urge you to take a science based approach to managing driving on the seashore. Nesting shorebirds and Nesting turtles and SUVs do not mix. Fragile eggs get crushed and tiny nestlings get scattered and if not run over then easy prey for predators.

When it is safe for wildlife, let the ORVs use the beach. When it poses a danger to wildlife, restrict access.

Thank you, Rogard Ross

Correspondence ID: 22772 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the Cape Hatteras National Seashore! Thanks for keeping all species alive.

Correspondence ID: 22773 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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: 22774 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have visited Cape Hatteras National Seashore while on birding and family trips and appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Why any group feels their use supersedes that of the flora and fauna, not to mention other users, is beyond my comprehension. Sadly, my experiences with ORV users have been very negative.

Low impact on this fragile environment should be the highest priority.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22775 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My husband and I took vacations to Cape Hatteras back in the mid 70's. We took our three young children with us. We went to Cape Hatteras off and on with our family for 10 years. Our children are adults now and they say the best vacations were in North Carolina and visiting Cape Hatteras and the seashore. I do want my grandchildren and great grandchild to experience these wonderful memories. Please take adequate action and protect the wildlife in and around Cape Hatteras National seashore. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22776 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: please do not allow these vehicles to invade this fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 22777 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: PLEASE REMOVE THE OFF ROAD VEHICLES from these very important nesting areas!! Surely it is possible to provide other riding areas for those who need to drive an ORV.

THESE NESTING AREAS ARE TOO CRITICAL TO TAKE CHANCES. I WANT MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO SEE THESE SPECIAL BIRDS AND TURTLES.

PLEASE.

Correspondence ID: 22778 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendant Murray:

I must point out that your proposal for Cape Hattera by the National Park Service 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. This is wholly insufficient support for the wildlife.

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. As it is written the current proposal treats wildlife protection as an option and this is unacceptable.

Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. Please do all that you can do to help the wildlife. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22779 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very upset about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, more wildlife has been protected wildlife. 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 further harmed.

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Correspondence ID: 22780 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Driving on our beaches is absurd under any conditions but when it is causing the deaths of sea birds it is ridiculous. Driving on all beaches should be stopped but especially on our national seashores, which is for the enjoyment of everyone, not just those bent on their destruction.

Correspondence ID: 22781 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The birds don't know where the protected nesting areas are, they need as much land reserved for them as possible. If these vehicles keep destroying nests, soon there will be no shore birds left there. The beach is a place for nature and beauty, it's not for off-road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 22782 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help to keep ATVs and such off the beaches. These public lands belong to the animals as well, and it's our job to ensure their safety. We all need to coexist peacefully.

Correspondence ID: 22783 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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There are many more areas where ORVs are able to roam. (I say this sadly because personally I feel with our climate and obesity issues that ORVs should be a thing of the past. I realize there are many who would disagree with me on this issue, and for now they need places to roam--but not this precious habitat.) There are not many areas that are suitable habitat for these precious bird and other species. Please do the right thing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22785 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles are harmful to wildlife in the area which are vital to our eco-system and economy via tourism. It is crucial that turtles and other such animals are protected from off road vehicles!

Correspondence ID: 22786 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hello, I have been visiting Hatteras Island for over 20 years. It is a beautiful area to visit and relax. Part of the charm and attraction is the natural beautiful and plentiful wildlife. Obviously, if off-road vehicles are able to roam free the attraction to Hatteras will decrease..

This argument should go beyond any special interest groups. What is the right thing to do? Without off-road vehicles, the area will be less polluted, produce less trash and mess, and be a unique treasure. However, if off-road vehicle access would increase, trash, pollution, and avoidable wildlife death will increase. Plus, Hatteras Island will be one step closer to becoming like beaches in Jersey, Maryland, etc. Obviously, if Hatteras would like to become a dirty, filthy, and undesirable vacation resort, increasing off-road vehicles is something that should be done. However, if Hatteras Island would like to remain one of the top beaches in the United States, restricting or eliminating off-road vehicles must occur.

I would seriously consider never coming to Hatteras Island again, if off-road vehicle access increases. This past summer, I had the fortunate experience of swimming with a Green Sea Turtle close to Hatteras Village just off shore. If off-road access would increase, I would most likely have a higher chance of swimming with plastic bottles, cans, and other trash. Wow, how memorable would that be?

Please drastically restrict or eliminate off-road access. Hatteras Island would thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22787 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please make sure that any management plan enacted contains specific, enforceable, and science-based protections for wildlife. And allow for more than 26 miles of vehicle free land for pedestrians and wildlife, especially preserving the most popular wildlife nesting areas with a wide berth.

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Name: private
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Correspondence ID: 22789 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not let off road vehicles in Cape Hatteras. Please protect the piping plovers. There is no reason to allow off road vehicles in area set aside for public use. These lands were meant to be preserved.

Gina

Correspondence ID: 22790 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am against further misuse of the Gulf Shores and that is what allowing driving of motor vehicles would be. The beaches are not roadways. Please do not consider letting off roading on our beaches.

Correspondence ID: 22791 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 22792 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: See no need to ride vehicles of any kind on beaches. Keep them serene and peaceful like they are meant to be. The riding on beaches is dangerous also, very easy to tip in the sand or water. Wildlife depends on the food that is found in the sand and young animals can not get out of the way of a 4 wheeler flying down the beach dodging in and out of the waves. Young turtle hatchlings would not have a chance. Even to regulate the time of year that vehicles could be on the beach would be asking for trouble. you give most people an inch and they will take a mile. Drinking does take place on the beaches, regardless of rules, and a drunk on a vehicle or in one is dangerous. Protect our beaches from extra erosion, protect our animals, the future of our animals and protect the people. Please Vote Against Vehicles on the Beaches!!!!

Correspondence ID: 22793 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles should not be in this area unless it's an emergency or rescue operation. It belongs to the wildlife first and foremost! Humans have taken and destroyed most of wildlife's habitat.

Correspondence ID: 22794 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect wildlife!!!!

Correspondence ID: 22795 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is important to protect sea birds and turtles from off road vehicles on our national seashore. Allowing drivers to joy ride on the beaches seriously endangers the life cycle of these creatures and detracts from the beauty of our shore for the rest of us.

Correspondence ID: 22796 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It is a National Seashore NOT a recreation area!! Don't let it get messed up on your watch...

The current interim plan protects wildlife and 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 likely be impacted.

Keep your eye on the science not on the those who would permanently wreck our wildlife and grasses for a few moments of fun.

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: 22797 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please prohibit the use of off-road vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22798 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Take care of these birds

Correspondence ID: 22799 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, Please accept these comments regarding the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORVs at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I vacation in Hatteras and love the unspoiled beaches. I support a regulation that closes all of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife and to protect this resource for future generations. The regulation prohibits ORVs year round on only 26 of the 67 total miles of Seashore beach. This is inadequate to protect wildlife and people walking on the beach. 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. For example, non-driving buffers around nesting birds and turtles, their nests, chicks and hatchlings, and specific protections for migrating and wintering shorebirds. 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.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Patterson

Correspondence ID: 22800 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have witnessed even in northern MN what huge devastation that off road vehicles do to wildlife. Please tighten the rules. You can always make atvs, motorcycles and race cars but you cannot create god's creatures once diminished.

Correspondence ID: 22801 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: DEAR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I AM A MEMBER OF THE MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, I ALSO AM A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF SEVERAL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS. THERE IS SO MUCH DESTRUCTION OF WILD LIFE AND WILDERNESS, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU DO NOT ALLOW MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN THESE AREAS.

Correspondence ID: 22802 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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: 22803 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: When will people wake up and realize that you need to preserve nature undisturbed to be enjoyed by future generations? Save and protect the silence of wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 22804 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is critical that you consider the fate of wildlife and implement strict regulations to minimize or eliminate the harmful impacts of off road vehicles on the wildlife in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Animals, including shore birds deserve a clean environment to survive and thrive in. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Correspondence ID: 22805 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you.

Correspondence ID:	22806	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	please take care of the animals, they share our beaches						

Correspondence ID:	22807	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

As one who values the natural beauty of the sea and the seashore, 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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Correspondence ID:	22808	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Keep motorized vehicles off bird breeding areas,we do it here in New Jersey you can do it in North Carolina!!!						

Correspondence ID:	22809	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22810 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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: 22811 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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: 22812 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22813 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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. 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 ID: 22814 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulations 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 tremendous comebacks. However, it is very disconcerting to learn that the proposed regulations treat wildlife protections as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. This, I feel, is misguided. 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, peaceful, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

These proposed regulations will protect the species that depend on the Seashore only if they mandate specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please include buffers and other wildlife protections in these regulations so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important issue.

Correspondence ID: 22815 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unless strict guidelines are set in place off-roaders will do as they please and claim they ignorance later. Vague guidelines will not deter them, get them fined or protect the wildlife of the beach. Please protect them.

Correspondence ID: 22816 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach, while neglecting the rights of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include science-based protections for wildlife and for walking humans 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.

Under the current management plan, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a comeback, which could see a reversal. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to degrade the Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22817 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep Cape Hatteras safe from any harm

Correspondence ID: 22818 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22819 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Back in thye '60's when my Grandparents took me over the dunes, no one was there. Now everyone goes to "OBX" and we as a people are supposed to know better. When all these folks from NY & NJ take their buggy's onto the beach it will ruin them forever, and destroy wildlife habbitat.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	22820	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Save the Hatteras						
Correspondence ID:	22821	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am adamantly opposed to vehicles being given free reign and destroying animals habitats. Off road vehicles should not be allowed on the "beach".....(they should be restricted to ONLY EMERGENCIES).						
Correspondence ID:	22822	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	There is no need to endanger existing wildlife by allowing more areas for ORVs.						
Correspondence ID:	22823	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Totally agree When you off road you could be running over crabs birds and other things it's wrong make it illegal!						
Correspondence ID:	22824	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Save the Cape Hatteras						
Correspondence ID:	22825	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	This is really a terrible situation for these poor birds..There must be an alternative method to avoid killing the birds.						
Correspondence ID:	22826	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras is a national treasure and people should be allowed to visit and enjoy its natural beauty. However, visitors can enjoy the Cape without contributing to its degradation. Off Road vehicles have little to offer to the experience of a visit to this vital natural treasure but destruction. A day's enjoyment for a few may result in the longterm desolation of critical seashore habitat for the animals that call the Cape their home and for all who seek a coastline untouched by mechanized human disturbance.						

Please consider establishing an enlarged vehicle free area for the sake of threatened sea turtles and nesting sea and shore birds. Their nesting sites are extremely vulnerable and the proposed plan simply does not do enough to protect their critical nesting and gestation habitat from encroachment and destruction.

Please do the right thing for all living creatures and all people who spend time and live critical parts of their lives in Cape Hatteras. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22827 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22828 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22829 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off-road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds, and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22830 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We definitely need some specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife! We need LOTS of vehicle-free areas for shorebird and sea turtle nesting. Let's help out the critters for a change instead of pushing them to extinction! Keep vehicles OUT of nesting areas (and preferably out of other wildlife areas)!

Correspondence ID: 22831 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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: 22832 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Sad, that we don't take care of what we have.

Correspondence ID: 22833 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protection our shores and the oceans.

Correspondence ID: 22834 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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.

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.

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.

Thank You

Correspondence ID: 22835 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off road vehicles do not belong everywhere. They disturb nesting animals, those who want to wade in the water and just someone out for a stroll.

Once the turtles have left there could be a discussion regarding off road vehicles, but for the most part I am opposed. There are too many who like to drive them as fast as they can and harass whatever they can plus the noise doesn't belong in a National seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22836 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I encourage you to limit ORV use in this area as much as possible, up to and including a full ban.

Correspondence ID: 22837 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private

Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Correspondence ID: 22838 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Humans have PLENTY of other places to destroy. Why this one??

Correspondence ID: 22839 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no reason that vehicles should be permitted on the beach, except those of law (fish and wildlife, etc) enforcement. Driving on the beach poses potential hazards to wildlife and also contributes to beach erosion. Cape Hatteras National Seashore needs to remain uncluttered and pristine. It is not only a historical landmark, but also a major part of NC tourism/revenue. Parking close by and walking is ample. The sea-oats are also an important part of maintaining the beach, driving over them damages them beyond repair. There are plenty of off beach drives that will fulfill sight seeing.

Correspondence ID: 22840 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Sirs: Kindly desist from allowing off road vehicles to harrass shore animals off Cape Hatteras - i.e. turtles shorebirds marine mammals. Thank you. Jean Hanna , citizen representing myself and some other like-minded individuals who may or may not be affiliated with Green Peace, Wildlife, et al.

Correspondence ID: 22841 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As someone who vacations on Cape Hatteras, 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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Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect wildlife from off-road vehicles. They should not be allowed near this crucial area. It's bad enough that the poor animals have to deal with hurricanes and other natural disasters. You can do something about limiting human disasters as well. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22843 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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.

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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.

Correspondence ID: 22845 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This wildlife needs to be preserved. Duh.

Correspondence ID: 22846 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please limit the use of off road vehicles in Cape Hatteras

Correspondence ID: 22847 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: How are helpless animals to protect themselves? We must realize we SHARE this planet with them, many of which were on this planet before us.

Correspondence ID: 22848 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I live about 4 hours from the Outer Banks. I love to go birding and watch the ocean and wildlife there. I was privileged to watch a nest of turtles hatch and crawl to the sea one night.

Please do not allow off-road vehicles to kill this wildlife. All the birds and animals are having a hard enough time, especially with the hurricane we've had this year. Please limit ORV use in this fragile area. Thank you. Susan D. Williams.

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Name: private
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Name: private
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Thank you.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22853 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I agree that Cape Hatteras National Seashore should be protected from ORV use. there are other places they can go. we need to save as many species as we can by not needlessly putting them in harm's way.

Correspondence ID: 22854 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This was one of my favorite vacation places as a child. Please do what is necessary to preserve this beautiful place.

Correspondence ID: 22855 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, I am very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current interim plan, protected wildlife has seen huge gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be impacted. I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan sets aside currently only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. More vehicle-free areas are needed for wildlife and pedestrians. As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. To truly appreciate nature one must walk with it rather than speed through in a vehicle.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22856 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's bad enough with all the roadkill on the road. And our animals are all ready having trouble surviving as is.

DON'T LET THESE IDIOTS DRIVE THEIR CARS OFF ROAD! IF THEY WANT TO GO OFF ROAD THEY SHOULD NOT BE LAZY AND WALK!!!

Correspondence ID: 22857 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We humans cannot afford to continue to ride over, pave over, walk over, turn over, or do any other "overs" of our wildlife. We must accept that our very existence depends on the richness and biodiversity on our planet without which we could not adjust to the many changes this earth is undergoing.

Correspondence ID: 22858 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: SAVE WILDLIFE ON CAPE HATTERAS

Correspondence ID: 22859 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The beach doesn't belong to the ORV's. It belongs to the creatures who call it home! Don't allow their home to be destroyed by man and their toys.

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Robert R Hamilton

Correspondence ID: 22861 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: don't do it

Correspondence ID: 22862 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protecting wildlife including shorebirds and sea turtles is crucially important at our National Seashore. I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle there. Please ensure that ORV use is limited to specific areas that are appropriate. Thank You!

Correspondence ID: 22863 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
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Correspondence ID: 22867 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Beaches are for foot traffic, not vehicles. Beaches are soothing and relaxing, not for traffic. This is just one more place people want to destroy, for profit. Can't we leave just one place as it was meant to be??

Correspondence ID: 22868 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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. ORV should not be allowed on the beaches. They have plenty of other places to go but the wild beings that call this place home, have no where else to go.

Correspondence ID: 22869 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the animals and wildlife

Correspondence ID: 22870 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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, and its likely impact on wildlife. Not only do I want the wildlife protected for its own sake, but I believe the wildlife is an important part of the beauty of the seashore and very much do not want to risk reducing that in any way.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22871 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,17,2011 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. My family and I vacationed for many years at Hatteras and would like to come back again.

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

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Correspondence ID:	22872	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	guard God environment						

Correspondence ID:	22873	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Protect wild birds and lands. Keep motorized vehicles away.						

Correspondence ID:	22874	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,17,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Sir/Madam:						

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. Please do not allow vehicular trespass into the Cape's shoreline.

Thank you,

Brian Betz, Jr. Syracuse, NY

Correspondence ID:	22875	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 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 strongly oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. It has taken years of advocacy and litigation. Finally, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

In reading the fine print, 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. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. I want the Park Service to know that I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

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Correspondence ID: 22877 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: How can it possibly be more important to give mindless yahoos (human wildlife) a place to race around on their macho toys than to give our nation's endangered animal wildlife a place to breed and raise their young? Far too many animal species are losing their habitats to humans and may not be around for our children and grandchildren to observe and enjoy. It's disgusting!

People hate having to see and jump over tire tracks and gulleys on their beaches, too.

I enjoy rough-riding on natural terrain as much as the next guy -- but not while running over and destroying the habitats of our natural animal inhabitants.

Correspondence ID: 22878 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 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 protect these animals!

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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: 22881 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service members;

I am asking that the temporary plan limiting off-road vehicle use be continued at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The proposed plan does not appear to adequately protect the needs of the wildlife, which is the ultimate reason for the protective regulation. The temporary plan has been scientifically shown to aid in the local wildlife population; I strongly support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting, for the good of the wildlife and natural beauty, and in that form, the good of future generations of park users.

Correspondence ID: 22882 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I lived in Kill Devil Hills for 4 yrs & have always enjoyed the OBX. I am disappointed that your USFWS does not give DEFENDERS credit on the RED WOLF SUCCESS that visitors enjoy. I see in the OBX Hospital & Lawyers & Doctors offices & motels there & stores..the Sea Turtles & Birds, that You are allowing drivers to Kill? That is wrong to discredit Defenders & what they do for our wildlife. They care about US & the residents too! They want our children to enjoy the wildlife that even WRAL5 had young teens to film the wildlife in the red wolf sanctuary, what if you never allowed them to make that a success? Mother Turtles have it bad enough with the oils in the sea & the eggs from coons & foxes & baby turtles making it to the shore, without Humans driving over them!?! Enough! COEXIST! & stop with bad comments against Defenders in your paper. very concerned about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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

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Correspondence ID: 22883 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: NIX ORV's! It's highly inappropriate to allow destruction of endangered species habitat, or destruction of Any Public lands! & waste taxpayer\$. Discused. These precious nature wild areas- are Not thrill/chills/ 'sacrifice areas!' - numerous species are trying to survive/live there. It's extremely disrespectful/ignorant/expensive to allow ORVs to destroy. Do your job- Protect Our Public lands, waters, wildlife, economy & health! Your attention to this most urgent matter would be much appreciated by all present & future generations of all species. Thank you Lydia Garvey Public Health Nurse

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Name: private
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Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 22886 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The hurricanes destroy enough... heavy vehicles compact sand, uproot grass, and crush bird's nests. Leave the barrier islands alone.

Correspondence ID: 22887 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please manage Off-Road Vehicles to save wildlife on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22888 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It's time the Govt. helps and supports the people's wildlife and open spaces and quit selling out to big business and support the people that pay the taxes and help give us a country to be proud of because we care and want to be a role model for the rest of the World.

Correspondence ID: 22889 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: stop letting these putz's ruin the national seashore

Correspondence ID: 22890 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: ATVs are dangerous to drivers and poor animals whose habitat is being eroded by this self centered stupid activity.

Correspondence ID: 22891 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to oppose any permitting of offroad vehicles on the sands of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. This stunningly beautiful place and the animals it shelters must be protected from those noisy, polluting, and most-important;- animal-killing vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 22892 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22893 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

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

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.

Thank YOU

Correspondence ID:	22894	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	off road vehicles destroy nature, habitats and wildlife. their use must be prohibited. thank you!						

Correspondence ID:	22895	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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

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

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

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	22896	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	There is no up side to allowing vehicles on the beach. It will only increase the animal deaths, garbage, noise, erosion, and beauty of the beach.						

Correspondence ID:	22897	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Thank you for your consideration.

Douglas Berg

Correspondence ID: 22898 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence:

1. I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. This to the benefit of us all. 2. 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. As a father I fear that vacations on the Outer Banks will be a thing of the past, never to be enjoyed safely again. 3. 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. Four wheel vehicles have long been allowed at the Cape, for fishing and have been part of the experience, but only in certain areas.

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 and family 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: 22899 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence ID: 22900 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am concerned with several items in the proposal.

1. If permit fees are imposed the fee should be reasonable for vacationing families. If a fee is implemented homeowners/residents should have the fee waived. They are already paying enough taxes for the property an additional fee would be un-called for, for that group of people.

2. VFA's (vehicle free areas) should be at the discretion of the superintendent. If a VFA is imposed on an area and pedestrians are not using it, the VFA designation should be lifted.

3. I do not agree with the removal of ramp 23 just south of Salvo. This ramp has traditionally provided a great access that keeps ramp 4 and ramps further south from becoming over-crowded.

4. The proposed rule change around additional access ramps concerns me. There is no verbiage to include any timelines for start or completion. Without some type of time constraint additional ramps may never come.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 22901 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. Please adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore that will protect wildlife nesting areas.

Correspondence ID: 22902 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: While I am in favor of people having recreational opportunities, I this must be subordinated to environmental needs and protections. Our responsibility is to restrict/control off-road vehicle activity, where possible, but ban it where the impact jeopardizes the survival of species. Management is not appropriate here. Please ban it.

Sincerely,

Wesley F. Hamilton

Correspondence ID: 22903 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 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 have taken extended vacations at the National Seashore many times and hope to continue to enjoy it in the future.

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 specifically oppose any attempt at lessening regulation of ORVs and in fact strongly support further restrictions of ORV. Vehicles don't belong on the beach except to management, security, and emergency situations.

I strongly support more 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 visit the Seashore to see the wildlife and to walk the beaches without the vehicles' noise, intrusion and marring the vistas. ORV use should be diminished and reduced and should not intrude into breeding areas utilized by wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22904 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 22905 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Honorable Park Service, The state of our Coastal Zones is precarious, nationally. We must do everything within our power to ensure the integrity and availability of the shorelines and adjacent areas provide more than ample protected habitat for all life forms to occupy. Off Road Vehicles (ORV) can be used wisely; however: experience has shown that the operators tend to step outside the careful range in the use of these vehicles. Whether for the thrill or specific purpose, these vehicles can be extremely destructive to any area in which they are allowed.

Sixty seven miles of open shoreline use, especially in a park, far exceeds any controlled confine. There should be dedicated areas for the ORV users to occupy; not an entire Park shoreline with existing sensitive species areas already existing. The result of ORV allowance would be potentially devastating to the resident brooding and breeding wildlife and plantlife.

We respectfully, adamantly, and resolutely implore you to deny this proposed OVR use; except for Park Personnel and Emergency Authorized usage. Respectfully submitted, as ever in service, I am, Russell S. Donnelly, Environmental Analyst.

Correspondence ID: 22906 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas sy Vs[r zjsyyrtsd zmsyopms; Drsdjptr has been working to protect wildlife.

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

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

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

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 22907 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 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.

I have seen the destruction that motorized vehicles can do to trails in the woods. I can only imagine what they would do to fragile nesting grounds on the beach.

Please do everything you can to protect our fragile ecosystem in order to preserve our earth for future generations to enjoy.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 22908 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence ID: 22909 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Before any off-road ranges are established an environmental survey should be made to determine in any region where the least environmental damage will be done and the maximum advantage to the local population will be afforded with an area review by Officials and citizens.

Correspondence ID: 22910 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Just wanted to make my voice heard. I strongly disagree with the closing of the beaches to ORV access on the Hatteras National Seashore. My husband and I would have a problem reaching the beach to fish or just enjoy the beach if this access was closed. We are getting older and having ORV access lets us get on the beach, if we had to carry fishing poles and beach items it would prohibit our access as we could not physically do it. We go to that area because of the ORV access.

We support the preservation of the beach and wildlife and after being on the beach realize that the majority of the people that we have talked to also believe that the beaches should be preserved BUT NOT CLOSED.

We would not visit that area without the access, and I feel that would be the case with numerous others as well, which in turn would devastate the local economy.

Please realize that people that use the access are law abiding citizen who do care about the area and the wildlife but want to be able to coexist with the wildlife in the area(all of the wildlife not just certain species)

I do hope that everything will be taken into consideration before a decision is made. Think about the residents and the retirees that depend on the beach access for their income and pleasure.

Correspondence ID: 22911 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please reconsider this option.

Correspondence ID: 22912 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: there needs to be more restricted areas to ORV, so that the natural wildlife can continue to exist and flourish. Man is not the only living thing on this great planet of ours. Imagine the tables could be reversed.

Correspondence ID: 22913 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22914 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I say that if these people really do not care about destroying wildlife then lets let all childern play on four lane highways so they can have fun also. DO care about the lives of childern? ANIMALS WILDLIFE ALSO HAVE TO LIVE. USE YOUR COMMON SENSE AND STOP THIS .

Correspondence ID: 22915 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have visited the Cape Hatteras National Seashore since 1953 and lived in Kill Devil Hills since 1994. I believe that the wildlife along the seashore needs protection. While some of the wildlife has increased since the seashore has had protections in place, the numbers are still small and more protection is needed. When I first started visiting the number of visitors was small so there wasn't nearly the danger to wildlife as now when the visitor population has greatly increased. I feel that areas need to controlled where ORV are allowed. I do not want to take away their use, but as the number of visitors increase so does the damage to the environment. Please continue to protect the wildlife by limiting ORV usage areas and limit their usage to daytime hours.

I often take my dogs to the seashore at Coquina Beach. I would never consider letting them run loose, but I have seen people who do let their dogs off leash. The leash law is another area which needs to be kept and enforced as much as possible.

Correspondence ID: 22916 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am not sure if I commented on this issue already or not. If I haven't, I would like to say that people can use their ORV's on private property, not on a National Seashore. When I go to the beach I want to hear Nature - animals and waves. I do not want to have to dodge ORV traffic and I do not think that wild life should have to dodge ORV traffic either. We go to our national parks and wildlife refuges for peace and quiet, not more hustle and bustle. Thank you. Michele Johnson, MD

Correspondence ID: 22917 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: All other animals have feelings, emotions, and morals; why can't we humans leave them alone ?

Correspondence ID: 22918 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off the road vehicles do not need to be used on any seashore. They destroy the landscape.

Correspondence ID: 22919 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is a shame that it has come to special interest politics hijacking a way of life, income, and enjoyment that affects so many

people that have enjoyed OUR National Seashore for so many years. Any ruling abolishing ORV traffic on Hatteras Island will effectively kill business and pleasure for countless people. We simply do not need more government regulation in our lives. Not for one minute do I believe that this is about what is in the best interest of the environment or wildlife. It is about controlling citizens, and "slippery slope" regulation. These are the same people that perpetrate the hoax of global warming, global cooling, off-shore drilling, ect. They come down on the stupid side of wrong EVERY TIME! Everyone I have meet over the course of 20 years that I have been fishing in Hatteras, have all been better stewards of the environment than any of these frauds that have lent testimony to this issue.

Correspondence ID: 22920 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To whom it may concern, just want to comment on the ORV in the Outer Banks. I grew up in Va. Beach and now live in Chesapeake and have been an avid lover of the Outer Banks for many years including off road driving on the beach. As much as I love driving on the beach, common sense and a sense of stewardship with the world in which we share with many other creathers screams for protection of these animals who use this area for their living and breeding grounds. I implore that you give them more area of protection and off limit areas completely during the breeding seasons. To not do so is unconscionable. Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 22921 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose to the unrestricted off road vehicle that threatens the animals!

Correspondence ID: 22922 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

In addition to the fine words below, may I just add my opinion that man's enjoyment should not come at the cost of any wild life. We are supposed to be caring for the planet and all forms of life, not routinely decimating it. Thank you for your kind attention.

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22923 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Simply put - DO NOT ALLOW OFF ROAD VEHICLES ONTO THE SEASHORE. Can nothing be safe from man anymore?

Correspondence ID: 22924 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: NPS/National Park Service please hear the cry and calling out from the residents of this great island. To the environmentalist & their supporters please listen with an open mind to suggestion AND COMPROMISE! FRIST ORV in Cape Hatteras Seashore DOES NOT IMPLY THE USE OF ATV/4WHEELER'S/ETC JUST 4X4 ROAD VEHICLES. I am a state law enforcement officer and my job requires me to patrol both the beach and water ways. I am employed to preserve & protect our states resources that live in the water. A huge portion of my job depends on the local economy thriving with people coming to visit for

fishing off the beach. The few years that I have been living here I have seen a sad decline in the people which my job depends on & the island depends on to maintain the island way of life. I would ask that the NPS/National Park Service take a really close look at these comments from LOCALS OF HATTERAS ISLAND & don't take them lightly but take them to heart. I personally believe there is a reasonable compromise that will enable full/maxium ORV access without the need to close portions of beach permanently. Simply allowing an area large enough for vehicles to pass and park close to the water would keep the peace. All we want is to access the beach to fish, we (residents,tourist,etc) don't require a whole open beach to enjoy the area just a section down by the water reasonable enough for ORV to pass & park is all we request. A closure from dune line to water line is unnecessary w/out compromise. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE THE VOICE OF THE ISLAND. The lives affected here will not go silently into the night. Please also note Im in agreement that NPS ruling violates violates the "Enabling Legislation" 16 USC 459 sec. 3, (1937) authorizing the establishment of the "Seashore" (hereafter referred to as the Seashore or CHNSRA) as well as the "Redwoods Amendment" 16 USC 459 sec. 1a-1 of 1978.

Attached files will expand on how NPS ruling for 1024-AD85 is violating congressional actions.

Correspondence ID: 22925 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 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. However if you expand ORV use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be in danger.

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

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife that relies on the Hatteras Seashore. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Correspondence ID: 22926 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Give wildlife a break,keep the vehicles off the beaches at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It's their home!

Correspondence ID: 22927 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please properly regulate the use of off-road vehicles in order to ensure adequate protection of wildlife and their habitats on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22928 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: TO NPS/NATIONAL PARK SERVICE and SUPPORTERS FOR CLOSING OUR BEACHES DUE TO WILDLIFE ETC.

EVERYONE IS MISINFORMED ON THE WAY OF LIFE HERE.

THINGS NEED TO BE MADE CLEAR TO ALL OF YOU WHO SUPPORT THIS RULING AND ASKING FOR MORE INCREASED VEHICLE FREE AREAS. OBVIOUSLY YOU HAVE NOT VISITED HATTERAS ISLAND BEFORE. SO LETS CLEAR IT UP, HATTERAS ISLAND SEASHORE IS NOT,IS NOT, IS NOT, IS NOT LIKE MYRTLE BEACH,SC/OCEAN CITY,MD/MIAMI BEACH,FL ETC....WHILE CLEARING THINGS UP ORV ACCESS IN THIS CASE IS REFFERING TO EVERYDAY 4X4 ROAD VEHICLES, YUP THATS RIGHT YOUR CHEVY PICKUP, FORD PICKUP, AWD SUBARU, JEEP, ETC NO ONE HERE IS ALLOWED ATV 4WHEELERS/GOLF CARTS ETC THEY ARE OUTLAWED! Next there are no high rise hotels with 1000s of tourist/families sitting/walking up and down the beaches having to dodge in and out of vehicles. It simply is just not that way. Cape Hatteras Seashore beaches are only accesible by driving to them. Sure you could get out and walk a few miles carrying all your beach gear with 4 screaming little kids just to go spend a few hours on the beach and I invite you to do so because I promise it would change your mind about ORV access. The ability to drive on the beach here is what makes this National Park so great, you can visit here and access some of the most remote beaches our nation has to offer. It's a great way for your family to see the peacefulness offered by such a remote environment while you enjoy your family vacation, unlike the popular beaches Myrtle, Ocean City, Miami, etc it's a complete different

environment here.

Yes I agree wildlife needs to be taken care of, and believe me they are. ORV users are not degrading the seashore by any means, there are no idiots driving through the dunes disrupting the eco system. In fact wildlife and humans get along here. Also in fact ORV access allows wildlife lovers to visit the remote areas to view birds,turtles, etc in a natural setting its a beautiful thing.

THERE IS COMPROMISE, PLEASE HEAR IT!

Correspondence ID: 22929 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Thank you for your consideration

Correspondence ID: 22930 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stope off-Road vehicles from terrorizing our wildlife treasures forever!

Correspondence ID: 22931 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Very few people go to the beach, any beach, to hear the roar of ATV engines. If enough of the birds and other species who use the beach for reproduction or sustenance find the noise and habitat damage intolerable, they will abandon their nests and in a few years their numbers will diminish dramatically.

Get the noise machines off of our beaches!!

Correspondence ID: 22932 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose beach driving on nesting habitat for loggerhead sea turtles and Piping plovers.

Correspondence ID: 22933 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22934 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22936 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Let's give wildlife a break!! Please!

Correspondence ID: 22937 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: As a tax paying member of this United States of America i feel that our lands are being taken away from us and we cannot use them as they were originally intended. The towns on the Outer Banks are home to families and the creatures that have been coming to these places for centuries. We can change the way we live with better cars, bigger tv's and more comfortable homes. But we cannot change the way a family must live to survive on a sand bar that is ever moving. People have lived there for many years and nobody wanted ant part of them. Now that the Audobon society has challenged them with all there money and pull to save birds that are at the extream outskirts of there range let distroy a family. Lets stop what we have done for the last 50 years. This National Park was givin to the people. The communities that have servived from the bounty of the ocean. To the dollors that are made from fisherman and vacationers you now choose to move to another area. Why? Because money makes people do strange things and not always the correct thing. I have been going to the OBX for 30 plus years and have enjoyed every bit of it. A fisherman and ORV user I could get to location walker could not. Every trip I would meet fellow anglers and out door lovers and we all cleaned the beaches. Taking out bags of trash that washes to the shores. Telling people what they were allowed to do. The last few years with the low economic activity what I noticed was a lack of park rangers. Who is going to clean the beaches if fishing orginazations are not? With lower vacationers coming to the OBX who will be needed to patrol the park? Who will help the locals? Who will be able to fish the Point? Who can just get away from the walk on area that now will need to be expanded? Who will pay for expansion Tax dollars?. Please remember what the Park was given to the people of the OBX and of our USA. For people to use and enjoy. Towns people sevice now from Tourisim not bird waching. Fisherman spend money.

Correspondence ID: 22938 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22939 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: i don't know what kind of comment is required but what i do know is we need to save our animals in this country

Correspondence ID: 22940 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect wildlife in this area. This is one of their most valuable natural resources. Don't delay!

Correspondence ID: 22941 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles not only threaten wildlife, but degrade sensitive beaches and dunes by damaging plants that stabilize these areas, making runoff from even ordinary storms cause serious erosion. There are many ways to enjoy our beaches and coastlines, without the use of off-road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 22942 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Park Service,

I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22943 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I find it disconcerting that people care so little about life. Every thing is affected by everything else and how we care for our planet and the wonderful creatures who co-habit with us will eventually result in consequences we may not be able to handle.

Correspondence ID: 22944 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: President Obama should be impeached. He is not qualified to be President of the United States.

Correspondence ID: 22945 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: ORV drivers don't need to tear up huge areas of beach. There needs to be specific, enforceable, science based protections for wildlife and additional ORV free areas for nesting

Correspondence ID: 22946 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do NOT allow off-road vehicles on the beaches!! Birds, turtles and other species rely on clean beaches to nest. Allowing off-road vehicles could destroy nesting areas and otherwise harm all wildlife dependent on them!!

Correspondence ID: 22947 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please revisit the plans to restrict ORV access to the Hatteras seashore. These restrictions greatly impact an already fragile economy, especially in the wake of Hurricane Irene. Those seeking these restrictions are part of an extremist lobby and do not represent the majority of residents, owners or visitors to Hatteras Island.

Please limit ORV access to Hatteras Island seashore in the LEAST RESTRICTIVE WAY POSSIBLE.

Correspondence ID: 22948 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 22949 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

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

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

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

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

I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and

other wildlife. ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. I am asking you to support support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID:	22950	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	We have an obligation to the future. Please do the right thing and protect Cape Hatteras!						
Correspondence ID:	22951	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The following comments are in regards to NPS Regulation Identifier Number 1024-AD85: As a regular visitor of the OuterBanks NC and the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I feel that it is imperative to allow free access to ORVs in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The Cape Hatteras point is one of the most well know and most visited fishing spots in north america and is very laboring to access via foot. An ORV is required to haul gear and supplies needed to fish it's shores. It's a shame that this area is shut down during nesting seasons, no bird requires that much space to nest successfully...limited access can still be provided for ORVs. Please keep our shores open for all to enjoy.						
Correspondence ID:	22952	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	National Park Service identifying number 1024-AD85.						
	As a private citizen and frequent visitor to the Outer Banks of North Carolina, I would like to simply state that permitting ORV access only makes sense in the big scheme of events in this short life we have. It is no secret that beaches bring great joy to anyone who frequents them. The "nature" that the Outer Banks provides is irreplaceable in my mind. I am definitely animal friendly, but there comes a point in which powerful well-funded lobbying type organizations should lose their voice when it affects such a HUGE population of people up and down the Atlantic Coast. There are obvious financial ramifications in an already "down economy". I advocate ORV access at the maximum level possible. Now is NOT the time to take away JOY from the Outer Banks.						
Correspondence ID:	22953	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please keep ORV access available on Hatteras Island.						
Correspondence ID:	22954	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 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:	22955	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I can't imagine letting anyone drive on the beaches of Cape Hatteras. That simply does not make sense. There are plenty of other places for people to drive off road if that's their passion. Why should a few be allowed to spoil the beach for everyone?						
Correspondence ID:	22956	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The way I see it is that we hired you to PROTECT the environment. I'm counting on you to STOP the destruction caused by these off road vehicles and to do your job. PLEASE!						

Sincerely, John S Cheney

Correspondence ID: 22957 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 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 have spent time viewing wildlife and fishing at the Outer Banks for the past 40 years. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 22958 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Any changes to or regulations regarding ORV regulation must consider the following: 1)Beach driving is a cultural and historical activity and is essential to maintain the heritage of the outer banks. 2)The primary tourist activity for the Hatteras area is fishing and beach access is essential to maintain the income of the residents of Hatteras Island. 3)As a property owner I am concerned because the offseason rentals are primarily for fishermen and that an already suppressed realstate market will suffer if beach access is limited. 4)I have been coming to the outer banks since 1968. If beach access disappears or is significantly curtailed I will consider going elsewhere to surf fish and I am sure other people will as well. 5)As the father of a disabled child I am lucky to be able to drive my child out to where the best fishing is and this opportunity will disappear for her if beach driving is curtailed. As my parents get older I have this concern for them as well.

Correspondence ID: 22959 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In favor of more seashore protected for pedestrians and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22960 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray

I am writing this letter to make sure you know the consequences of your actions. Your plans could very well impact the animals in that area, including threatened and endangered species. Why should you care? You see, there are absolutely no reason for treating animals like they didn't exist, or if they were a piece of garbage. They have a heart, a brain, lungs, nerves, and so on and so on, just like you and me. Why treat them differently? They may have smaller brains, and it's up to the individual to believe whenever they have a soul or not. But it's about RESPECT. Respect for those animals, that you share your world with. Plus, there are thousands of people (and possible tourists) sharing my thoughts: do you think they'll like this idea?

Thank you for reading this.

Correspondence ID: 22961 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use for the Capre Hatteras National Seashore, because it threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife. Instead, I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 22962 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I live on Cape Cod in Massachusetts. We used to be able to drive on and use a large portion of our seashore. Now we are severely restricted on our usage for the sake of the Piping Plovers. The birds are making a large comeback. If we have to sacrifice I think Cape Hatteras should too. Recovery of threatened or endangered species will only work if everyone involved in their habitat helps. It is also not fair if we here are forced to protect them and others are allowed to kill them.

Correspondence ID: 22963 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is one of our absolute favorite places in the world. We have visited all 50 states but the Outer Banks is our favorite. Without access to the beach what are we preserving it for? Without vehicle access we will be unable to enjoy it as we age and hiking is not an option. I am 58 with bad knees and hips and need to be able to use my vehicle to access the beaches. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: private
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Correspondence: I just want to add that we here in San Francisco Bay Area are trying to set guidelines for dogs that currently run off leash causing habitat destruction. I just want to add that I agree with J. Rylander Atty Defenders of Wildlife.

Sometimes we have to lower one voice to here another. The vehicles satisfy few while new life brings joy and peace to many.

Thank you for viewing my coment.

Respectfully, Elaine Morgan

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Correspondence ID: 22969 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep off road vehicles OUT !

Correspondence ID: 22970 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y

Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that that threatens wildlife. Please support specific, enforceable, science based protection for wildlife and additional vehicle free areas for nesting.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
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The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 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 oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 22974 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: There is no valid reason for allowing vehicle traffic thru on-ground nesting areas! A public appetite for using gas to get thrills can & must be sated elsewhere.

Correspondence ID: 22975 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

As an educator in the natural resources field, I am very concerned that the National Park Service, although attempting to regulate ORV use on Cape Hatteras, may be taking a step backward as far as the piping plover is concerned.

Why, while trying to regulate ORV use, is the NPS actually expanding the amount of shoreline which is open to them?

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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I wholeheartedly endorse limitation/restriction of vehicles in any areas within the Cape Hatteras National Seashore whenever deemed appropriate by authorized personnel.						

Correspondence ID:	22977	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Motor vehicles of any type should not be allowed along Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Maintenance and care of wildlife are of upmost importance.						

Correspondence ID:	22978	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I believe that there should be NO off-road vehicles allowed on Capae Hatteras National Seashore. The off-road vehicles do not own our wild spaces and should not be allowed to behave as if they do. They do exactly what their name implies, go off road wherever they want, destroying whatever they run over, and having no consequences for their destruction. There is no way to monitor and police all the spaces they go and so there is no penalty for destruction of habitat, and harassment and killing of wildlife.						

Our parks, beaches, and wild spaces belong to everyone. If off-road vehicles want to destroy the places they go, let them pool their money and buy their own land for off-roading. When it is barren and desolate, they will realize that their practices are destructive and irreparable.

Nature has no choice and no say in what we force her to endure all so special interest groups can have what they feel they are "entitled" to. We need to wake up and realize that we are not entitled to anything and everything we want. All our actions have a consequence and we need to be responsible stewards of our planet. If we do not speak up for those that cannot speak for themselves, we are neglecting our role as the higher species on this planet.

Please help protect our beaches from off-road vehicles and do NOT allow the ORVs on the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID:	22979	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
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Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles should not be allowed on the Cape hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 22981 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help these innocent creatures of God that can not help themselves. We need to respect our lands, we have already done extreme damage that can not be undone, please do the right thing before this can not be undone as well. God Bless all his creatures great & small.

Correspondence ID: 22982 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose off road vehicle use that threatens wildlife

Correspondence ID: 22983 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Don't destroy what is good and necessary.

Correspondence ID: 22984 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not consider unrestricted off-road vehicle use in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Foot traffic should be the mode of transportation. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 22985 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do all that you can to protect the wildlife of Cape Hatteras National Seashore from the damaging effects of ORV'S. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 22986 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Comment on proposal to charge user fee for ORV. I am a family using the OBX's for 17 years and have two children who have grown up to love the beaches accessible by ORV.

The economy has forced us to be very careful in vacation spending and we are very apprehensive about the proposed fees. We have recently as a family, towed a second 4x4 to the beach so as to allow my wife and kids to go back and forth to the beach house, bathroom or other ladie stuff, and I can stay and fish a bit longer.

My suggestion is: 1. Please keep the fee low and affordable for struggling families. No fee at all is best if you can find a way to educate the ORV user. 2. Allow an ORV permit to be for the total immediate family, with two stickers for the same fee, in other words, two vehicles. It seems to me that the desired effect is to be sure the ORV public is educated on safe and carefull ORV driveing. Charging a fee will never result in a positive cash flow, so please focus only on what it takes to educate the public ORV user. 3. Allow the vehicle permit to be designated to a person or family rather than a specific vehicle. On a recent trip we lost the engine on the Suburban. If the Suburban is the holder of the permit, then we are stuck with the option of waiting to fix it or pay for another vehicle permit Remember, the vehicle is never the problem. If there is a problem, it is always the one driving.

My family enjoys this part of heaven on earth (Hatteras). We enjoy the wildlife and the recreation, fishing, shelling or just playing. I resent the comments I have seen in the past that defines me and my family as "Red Necks who tear up beaches". There may be some of those out there, but they are few. Most of us are responsible.

Remember also that much of the beach area on Hatteras is known for a "one of a kind" fishing and recreation destination. There literally is no other place like it. Please do not take it away from our family. It really does belong to us.

Correspondence ID: 22987 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We desperately need the strongest protections for shorebirds. So many are in decline.

Please use the strongest protections in your plan.

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Kathy Grabowski

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Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I respectfully ask that you reconsider allowing cars to run on Cape Hatteras seashore. Areas like this are better enjoyed walking and part of that enjoyment is the wildlife. Allowing cars has to have a detrimental effect on any bird, etc that gets in their way. We have many conveniences in this life, and driving in this area does not have to be one of them. Thank you for your consideration. Ruth

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Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protecting most of the beach and wildlife from ORVs should be the priority, not allowing temporary recreation that has long-lasting fatal consequences. Please do not allow destructive vehicles widespread freedom to destroy the natural beauty, peace and quiet and wildlife in this special place.

Thank you.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: HELP SAVE NATIONAL SEASHORE AND IT'S WILDLIFE NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!!

Correspondence ID: 22994 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

These ORV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. Please do not allow this. Thank you.

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Margaret Wypychoski

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Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I believe that it is vitally important that we protect our breeding birds and our wildlife. Vehicular traffic along the delicate shoreline is very destructive, not only disruptive to nesting birds but also of the entire eco-system. The Cape Hatteras area is known for its importance to wildlife, please ensure that it is preserved and indeed improved with that purpose in mind, thank you, Cheryl Lavers

Correspondence ID: 22998 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: We don't have to continue to rape and pillage the land. We can actually show some respect and leave something for our children and grandchildren.

Correspondence ID: 22999 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Finally, after years of advocacy and litigation by Defenders and our partners, the National Park Service is poised to adopt regulations for beach driving on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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

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

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

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

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

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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You must not allow this poorly drafted legislation to continue!

Correspondence ID: 23000 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Proposed changes in management will put the rights of ORV users above the rights of wildlife and pedestrians/hikers on extensive beach areas and access. I do not want a national seashore to become a national road or raceway. Wildlife protection must not be optional. It must be paramount, and only activities scientifically justified as being benign to wildlife, especially in nesting areas and seasons, should be tolerated.

I hold a lifetime National Parks Pass, and often visit our country's special places, with intent to find the peace and beauty of nature undisturbed by human works to the greatest extent possible. I do not want a degraded experience caused by noise and speed. Allowing or opening areas to ORV use caters to a specific interest group whose focus is the opposite of peaceful quiet contemplation. ORV use is most appropriate for areas designated for Amusement, and while such may be ok with privately owned places, they degrade national parks and national seashores when they go where roads are not. Any places in the national seashore that are considered for ORV use should be as limited as possible and ecological science must establish their harmlessness to potential wildlife; the process must not be reversed by allowing use until a problem has already happened. Night driving should not be allowed as it is never a part of nature.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 23001 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE 1024-AD85

I am writing in response to the proposed changes to the ORV laws of cape hatteras national seashore. I think the unfair and unjustified actions of the national park service are completely ridiculous. The number of piping plovers has remained unchanged before and after the unjustified closers.

With President Obama stating how our economy is in ruins and we need to do everything we can to preserve jobs and livelihoods. I think it is assinine to even consider closing beaches to public access in a town thats entire economy is based on tourists that use the beach. There is no way that any of the businesses, resturants, and rental houses will survive with no tourists to come a use those services.

No one here is questioning the drive to help conserve the enviroment that we all share, however we question the tactics and inaccurate science used to reach the conclusions that the NPS has set forth.

I please ask you to keep all beaches free and open to those who they truly belong to, us, the american people. With no special closures for the bird nests, and current fenced areas for the sea turtles. Thanks Nick Barrell.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-road vehicles are destructive and obtrusive. Please keep them out of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 23003 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed. The proposal only sets aside areas for ORVs and does not mandate any specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers. And it reserves just 26 of the Seashore's 67 miles of beach for pedestrians and wildlife year-round, setting aside the rest for year-round and seasonal beach driving. 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: 23004 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Thank you for giving me 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 extremely upset that the proposed regulation treats wildlife as immaterial and wildlife

protection as optional, provides few y vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID:	23005	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 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. thanks

Correspondence ID:	23006	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	This is sad, a waste of taxpayers money, the only ones who will benefit from this are the lawyers. Seems like it was written by someone who is looking for a consulting job after they retire. They have done everything they can to push WE the People off the island. It's not about the wildlife, if it was they would spend their budget on moving turtle eggs and pushing the birds to safer nesting areas. More nests are lost from storms in one year than all the years combined from humans.						

Correspondence ID:	23007	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	For the protection of beach visitors and residents (people and wildlife) off Road vehicles should not be allowed on the beach.						

Correspondence ID:	23008	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am concerned about the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use on shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.						

The proposed regulations are not strong enough for wildlife protection. Please revise this plan in favor of wildlife over off road beach driving and to strengthen rather than reduce buffers and other protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Correspondence ID:	23009	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,18,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

As a N.C. 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.

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.

Correspondence ID: 23010 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I think all off-road vehicles should be banned from use in all National Parks, however I realize that some people want noise, speed and power, instead of enjoying the quiet and beauty of nature seen on foot. These vehicles certainly should be banned from use in sensitive areas, especially wildlife breeding and nesting areas.

I grew up in NC and as a child saw the Outer Banks when they were undeveloped, had metal grid "roads" and no bridges. Too bad we cannot return to those "good old days," but the least we can do is protect what is left of these wild places.

I am a VIP on the C & O Canal here in MD and know that we all work hard to save and preserve this great National Park. I am sure that many people feel as strongly about Cape Hatteras.

Please do all that you can to protect this area from the undisciplined assault made on Cape Hatteras by these annoying motorized vehicles.

Thank you. Carol

Correspondence ID: 23011 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: we're in a very positive position in our evolution of consciousness! We no longer live in disconnected ignorance of our impact on all life forms on our planet. We know when we are in the wrong place at the wrong time for other species that we share the Earth with.

Off-road vehicles have been detrimental since I was in the 7th Grade.....I am 64....back then the concern was erosion. I think we were thinking that the animals and birds simply got out of the way or that there was enough of them to carry on the life of species.....or , we just didn't care enough to involve ourselves beyond the pleasure points.

Thanks to our technological advances and arrogant up-bringsings, we've become almost all knowing of relationships on this planet.....what we choose to do is now a case of Moral opinions and judgement calls.....

so!!!! let's allocate areas for ORV's.....for the fun and for the safety of ALL...INTRIBE,KATHY

Correspondence ID: 23012 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is insane that thrill seeking humans have no compassion for the wildlife they are destroying!!

Correspondence ID: 23013 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray, As someone who holds a degree in biology, I am deeply worried about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing off road vehicle use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The current plan has helped protected wildlife make gains in the area. Sea turtles that only created 82 nests in 2007, made 153 in 2010. Piping plovers and other shorebirds are rebounding. If you allow more off road vehicle use across the Seashore, threatened and endangered wildlife could be severely threatened, and more of their lives will be lost...something we cannot afford simply so that some few individuals can have "fun" in their off road vehicle while destroying the lives of animals. I strongly support regulation of off

road vehicles 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 appreciate your consideration in this serious matter. Sincerely, Laura Ruha

Correspondence ID: 23014 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable,science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting shorebirds and sea turtles.

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. After 3 years of temporary protections, sea turtle nests almost doubled, so we know protection works. Wildlife must be explicitly protected under the Park Service's plan.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 23015 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 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 VEHICLES ON CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE.

Correspondence ID: 23016 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why must recreational pastimes like off-roading endanger the lives of the wildlife that requires that habitat to survive? Are we really that thoughtless and self-centered as a nation? I hope not. There are plenty of cultivated areas that are available for "sporting" and "recreational" activities without killing the habitat and endangering the species that live there. Preserve the Cape Hatteras National Seashore as a wild life area and manage off-road recreation by prohibiting it from the area.

Please take care of our country and protect the wild lands and life that lives there. The compassion of a country for all types of life that is used to judge that country's moral fiber and the character of its citizens. Please help the US remain a leader in the fight to save our planet and all forms of life that share the space with us.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Daun Lameier Cincinnati, OH

Correspondence ID: 23017 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off road vehicles along the beach at Cape Hatteras national seashore. We humans must make some sacrifices for nature. Vehicles on the beach is not a necessity. It is senseless to destroy bird nesting habitat simply to yahoo around.

Correspondence ID: 23018 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

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

and endangered wildlife could be impacted.

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 23019 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 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: 23020 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is 67 miles of natural shoreline, and is visited by millions of people yearly. I cannot comprehend how you can possibly entertain the intention to allow off-road vehicles there, without specific measure to protect natural beauty and wildlife. I support specific science-based protection for wildlife and also more vehicle-free areas.

Correspondence ID: 23021 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 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: 23022 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: National Park Service 1024-AD85. Free and open recreational access to Cape Hatteras beaches should be permitted until sound and lawfully peer reviewed science can demonstrate that recreational access to this Seashore is harming the resources.

CHNSRA was created as a Recreation Area (not a wildlife refuge) so the common man, woman & child would have a beach they could go to and enjoy. Please return the park to like it was prior to the consent decree. I love wildlife but the NPS needs to work smarter to provide maximum access for visitors while protecting wildlife, such as relocating turtle nests for better survival rates from storm over wash as currently done in other areas of the country. The proposed bird buffers are too excessive, they should be reduced in size until lawfully peer reviewed science proves they need to be larger. The biggest threat to plovers comes not from humans but from nature itself: predators such as raccoons, opossum and foxes. Smaller buffers and human presence will benefit plovers since it deters the presence of predators.

Because of the great distances involved to access the beaches at CHNSRA the only viable mode of access is ORV, so travel corridors need to be maintained. The prime recreation areas of Cape Point to South Beach, Hatteras Inlet and Ocracoke South Point should have a mandatory ORV beach corridor open year round with detours around nests. This would provide for the

public enjoyment of beach and recreation opportunity by park visitors, bird watchers, fisherman, surfers, walkers, sunbathers, beachcombers, swimmers, children, parents, grandparents and future generations. Beach access has peacefully coexisted with coastal wildlife for generations on the outer banks and will continue to do so if given the chance. Free and open access was promised when the people gave up their land to help the park get established. My family would like the historical access restored to the beaches that we are entitled to. This current

Correspondence ID: 23023 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help us and do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 23024 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: NPS ORV PROPOSED RULE (RIN 1024-AD85)

NPS is required to have an ORV management plan. This does not represent an ORV management plan, it represents a species protection plan demanded by Special Interest groups.

This plan is not acceptable because it is not based on real Science, facts, or historical data.

This plan also falls short by having multiple items that are based on funds being available and we all know they aren't. ie. The plan mentions parking and ramps that do not exist and will not when it is enstated.

A permit fee that has not been predetermined shows that adequate research was not conducted to put the plan together.

What special training do NPS employees recieve to drive in "resource closures" The plan states vehicle free areas, and resource closures, this should include NPS vehicles.

What facts or data support that vehicles disturb nesting birds and at what distance this occurs? I can't find any documentation showing this.

This rule has and will devastate the local economy and the hard working taxpayers that make your choice of profession possible.

This plan has larger buffers and more strict closures than any other park. Why????

This plan is flawed in that it counts beach that cannot be accessed due to adjacent closures as open beach. That in itself is misleading to the general public.

The people of Hatteras would be best served if NPS would give the land back and leave.

Lastly the amount of form letters submitted by people who want the Beaches closed to ORV access shows that they have not read enough about the situation to form their own opinion, they are replying in response to a call to order by the very people who are suing NPS and their comments should be disregarded.

Correspondence ID: 23025 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: these animals need to be protected.

Correspondence ID: 23026 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am a US citizen residing in Canada. I travel for my work and I am an avid birder. I have visited Cape Hatteras National Seashore several times and intend to visit next summer.

I have concerns about the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the current management plan, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds such as Piping Plover and Least Tern have made a tremendous comeback.

The proposed regulation favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. Instead, what we need are specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who want a natural, vehicle-free experience.

Specifically we need 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: 23027 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: NPS 1024-AD85. CHNSRA was created as a Recreation Area (not a wildlife refuge) so the common man, woman & child would have a beach they could go to and enjoy. I love wildlife but the NPS needs to work smarter to provide maximum access for visitors while protecting wildlife, such as relocating turtle nests for better survival rates from storm over wash as currently done in other areas of the country. The proposed bird buffers are too excessive, they should be reduced in size until lawfully peer reviewed science proves they need to be larger. The biggest threat to plovers comes not from humans but from nature itself: predators such as raccoons, opossum and foxes. Smaller buffers and human presence will benefit plovers since it deters the presence of predators. Because of the great distances involved to access the beaches at CHNSRA the only viable mode of access is ORV, so travel corridors need to be maintained. The prime recreation areas of Cape Point to South Beach, Hatteras Inlet and Ocracoke South Point should have a mandatory ORV beach corridor open year round with detours around nests. This would provide for the public enjoyment of beach and recreation opportunity by park visitors, bird watchers, fisherman, surfers, walkers, sunbathers, beachcombers, swimmers, children, parents, grandparents and future generations. Beach access has peacefully coexisted with coastal wildlife for generations on the outer banks and will continue to do so if given the chance. Free and open access was promised when the people gave up their land to help the park get established. The Outer Banks already has a Wildlife Refuge at Pea Island and the undeveloped Cape Lookout National Seashore. Please use common sense to Balance national beach use and return the recreational access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area so current & future generations can enjoy using the park as was the intention when originally established. Thank You

Correspondence ID: 23028 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am against the noise and the damage done to the environment by off road vehicles. I would keep them out of all national Parks, seashores, forests, etc. Please commit to maintaining the preservation of national lands by banning off road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 23029 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I do not believe that off-road vehicles have ANY place on beaches, especially in sensitive wildlife areas like Hatteras. I was recently on Cape Cod, and observed vehicle tracks right through a posted Piping Plover nesting area. Even though it is probably past nesting time, the blatant violation of the posted area is all too common in my experience.

In addition, these vehicles belong to only a small number of the visitors to the National Seashore, but their impact is huge--not just in damage to vulnerable wildlife, but to enjoyment of natural, unpolluted areas, increasingly rare in our world. These beaches are too valuable, in almost any way you can imagine, to let noisy, smelly, gasoline-using vehicles degrade them. The National Seashore should be balancing the protection of wildlife and those seeking solitude, education, and solace from the hubbub of life with the more damaging uses. There just aren't many places like Hatteras, or Cape Cod, and wildlife has no one but you to speak for it. Please consider a complete ban on ORVs on Hatteras beaches. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 23030 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am against any off highway vehicles as they kill wildlife and damage wildlife habitat. I urge you to discontinue allowing OHV's to use and abuse the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 23031 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cars are everywhere - we don't need them on the pristine beaches!!! I go to the beach to have peace & quiet and enjoy nature - please don't ruin the beach by letting loud, polluting, obnoxious cars on the beach. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 23032 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 23033 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 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. Being a North Carolina resident I love and appreciate all of the coastline and wonderful beaches. It is extremely important to keep the natural wildlife of these places safe and keep the areas beautiful. I would hate to stop visiting Cape Hatteras because the wildlife I come to see is gone. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 23034 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Federal Government,

Please keep ATVs off Cape Hatteras National Seashore. They are triple polluters. *Their noise is way too loud. *Their tire treads destroy the pristine beach environment *Their tire treads can also carry invasive species to Cape Hatteras.

They are also extremely dangerous to the people who are on the beach. They can kill or severely injure people.

Perserve and protect Cape Hatteras National Seashore by banning ATVs.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Larry Bogolub

Correspondence ID: 23035 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am disappointed that the NPS would consider permitting vehicles on the Cape Hatteras shoreline and believe it would only increase the number of wildlife killed or injured (and people as well). Please do not allow this. There are always people that think the rules do not belong to them and I fear the wildlife would be the ones to suffer. ORVs have no business being on the beach. Thank you for your time and attention.

Correspondence ID: 23036 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In the rush to establish an ORV for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, the NPS wants us to forget that it was established first as a FREE Recreational Park and not as a Wild Life Preserve. This was established when Pea Island was separated from the rest of the island.

It is nice that the NPS wishes to grant easier access to the beaches by building larger parking lots with easier access points to the

beach. However, it is a well known fact the ORV provides the easiest access to the beaches through the use of the existing ramps as they exist. The idea of charging for a privilege that already exists and provides for no other end than just to provide for another form of taxation. If the claim is made that the fee would help provide funds for improvements, this cannot be believed as the NPS is always pleading too limited funds to do the necessary improvements.

Under section 7.58-2 where the " Superintendent administers the NPS special park use permit system at the Seashore, including permits for ORV use, and charges fees to recover NPS administrative costs.", this statement leaves it too open for the amount of the fee that could be charged. Without an upper limit being set the Superintendent could set the amount at his own whim without outside comment by the public. An example of this is given by the National Register for Salt Water Fishermen. There is \$15.00 fee for the National Register, but yet the states of NJ and NY have established this same register for NO FEE because it is all computer based and the end user uses their own computer and ink to print the registration card. Right now other than the initial work performed for the Night Driving Permit there has been no claimed expenses for this program. If a claim is made that an instructional tape has to be made on how to drive on the beach, I invite them to go to U-Tube. A number of them already exist without any cost to the Federal government.

Correspondence ID: 23037 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 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 environment is very important to me.

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

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

As it is currently written, the proposed regulations treat wildlife protection as optional, which is unacceptable. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore. It would be a sad day when we had to travel to other countries to see sea turtle because they were no longer in the USA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 23038 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I feel strongly that motorized vehicles should be prohibited access to environmentally fragile areas, including areas populated by endangered species. They should also be prohibited access to wilderness areas, as they themselves are endangered species in our benighted, technology-mad world.

Dont just divide the beaches of C. Hatteras between ORVs and pedestrians, prohibit ORVs altogether.

Are we to have no treasures to bequeath to our children and their children and children's children? For shame!

Correspondence ID: 23039 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Continuing my comments Also, pertaining to Section 11 (ii) C, where it states, "An operator may park on a designated ORV route, but no more than one vehicle deep, and only as long as the parked vehicle does not obstruct two-way traffic.", this rule is far too limiting especially as applied the "South Point " or any other inlet point where vehicle owners have already established an unwritten code of conduct when it comes to both parking and fishing. This statement is an outright denial of fishermen's rights to govern themselves and lack of common sense in stating "Government always knows best". This same again is reiterated by Section 13 "Vehicle carrying capacity. The maximum number of vehicles allowed on any particular ORV route, at one time, is the linear distance of the route divided by 6 meters (20 feet)." Spits and inlets are fish drawing magnets. Parking etiquette has already been established by those that come to an established area. Again it is not the government's right to take away the rights of the public to govern themselves in simple matters, parking being one of them. Peer pressure works wonders in these situations and thus frees up park personnel to perform more important duties. As for this ORV plan having little to no effect on the local economy, the loss of even 1% of jobs has a large effect on the local economy that relies on the tourist trade to support the inner structure of the local economy. Remember the trickledown effect. The loss of 1% of the job force also means

lower wages for the other island occupants. In this day's economy that can prove disastrous for the given area.

Thank you for your time and hopefully common sense will prevail and not infringe on already established privileges that work.

Correspondence ID: 23040 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Part 1: In the DEIS a study was made concerning how jobs would be effected by imposing the different alternatives. I will be focusing on Alternative A and F as these appear to be both the most favored by two different groups but also the most extreme. For history purposes I will also be referring to the plan for the Edwin B. Forsythe Wildlife Refuge, in particular the Holgate section that was put into effect in late 2000. Cape Hatteras is one of the unique parks in that there are four towns that act as the gateways to the park. By gateways I refer to the ability of each town to offer housing, guiding, support structure of convinces such as gas, food, and other amenities for the enjoyment of the visitors. Each of these Gateways towns' incomes is based on the tourist trade. In turn the people that fill the needed job market rely on other businesses that provide service to them (i.e. Building and repair to housing, Repair of their vehicles, food shopping, and clothes).

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Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Part 2: In referring to your own studies under Plan "A" (p574) at the extreme worse, only 135 jobs would be lost causing long term minimal effect. Under Plan "F", 400 jobs (p.594) will be lost. Neither mentions how this will have the "ripple effect" to the local economy for those that live from paycheck to pay check. All of the studies are put into a model that predicts out comes, but not real life. Just as an example, with the statistics being drawn from the 2000 census (http://mcdc2.missouri.edu/websas/dp_products_overview.shtml) there was a working population of 2241 and a total of 3371 capable of working; this gives 66% of this population working. Now if we go under Plan "A", 62% would remain working or 94% of the original population, under Plan "F", 55% would remain working or 83% of the original population. The difference in the un-employed is 6% under Plan "A" and 17% under Plan "F". This is a difference of 11%, would have a big ripple effect to the both the local and regional economy. Now speaking from my own experience where I was out of work for close to two years in the mid 90's, I still have not fully recovered after 15 years as I had to 1) dip into my savings to make ends meet which included my retirement fund. 2) My salary income has been greatly suffered because I had to take a lower paying job resulting in a loss of seven years of income that also affected both my savings and spending ability. This again affected local business that I patronize. Though this is only the "ripple effect" of one person, multiply this by 400 jobs and families. If the families decide to stay in the area hoping for the promised turn around, there is a burden put on the local governments that must help to supply support for them, lost tax revenue and an increase of government costs for the other support activities such as trash pick-up, schools, medical facilities, and school support.

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Correspondence: Part 3: One has to remember that most of the work in the gateway towns is small businesses which are the backbone of this area. By your own model studies under Alternative "F" would experience "Negligible to moderate adverse impacts". (p.595). However, this is based upon the improvements and projects for accessibility to the public over a short period of time. The history of the park system has been to slowly respond where improvements are concerned and 11% difference to me would have a major effect in the region. Now let us go to the plan as it was put into effect at the Holgate section of the Edwin B. Forsythe Wild Life Refuge. In this section the island of Long Beach island services as the gateway with the small town of Long Beach Township, which includes Holgate and Beach Haven Heights being closest to the referenced beach. Under that study it was stated that just on the beach permits alone a loss of income may result, but this was never followed up. Also over the five year period where the businesses that relied on tourist income alone, four businesses failed because they relied on the extra income that the fishermen provided in both the off season that had limited access and during the summer months when the beach was closed to all access. During this five year time period, none of the added anticipated jobs materialized such as the Boat Ferrying system that was expected to contribute to provide other support jobs for this service. This may be considered small, but the businesses that failed were small family owned, which were the main incomes for those families. These families if they stayed in the area would still be struggling because the predicted jobs never materialized. Tax revenue was lost to both state and local governments. For this reason, Alternative "A" is the preferred plan. This plan would allow for the greatest flexibility as long as common sense is used And not one that charges for a privilege that has operated without fees.

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Correspondence ID: 23045 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My main concern is protecting the wildlife but also to save as many people as possible that's all i can say about this matter.

Correspondence ID: 23046 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Murray,

I urge you to prohibit ORV's from all of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Since moving to southwest Florida 25 years ago, I have been deeply involved in sea turtle conservation and in shorebird conservation. I am a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Marine Turtle Principal Permit Holder responsible with others for monitoring beaches with the highest nesting density on the Gulf coast.

Five species of shorebirds and seabirds also nest on sections of our beaches.

It is nearly impossible to see turtle hatchlings or shorebirds - chicks and adults - in the wrack line, even when looking for them. From a moving vehicle, they are virtually invisible.

On the sand, hatchlings and chicks are more apparent - assuming movement. Most little turtles emerge from their nests and scramble to the sea at night. Some, however, emerge in daylight, and on their trek to the water, they stop and rest. Chicks sensing vehicle movement or other threats, flatten themselves on the sand increasing their vulnerability.

Vehicles have proven fatal to sea turtles and shorebirds during the February - October months of overlapping nesting seasons. During the rest of the year, vehicles disturb resting and foraging birds and also harm vegetation vital to the beach ecosystem.

Recently, in northeast Florida, vehicles have caused the deaths of people.

Beach driving is a bad tradition. Moreover, the practice began in days of fewer people, certainly fewer vehicles, and generally, much more abundant wildlife. ORV enthusiasts can have their fun elsewhere, but beach nesting wildlife is not nearly as flexible.

As a conservationist and as a citizen/stakeholder/owner, I urge you to ban ORV's from the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. These beaches should be managed to provide safe haven for beach nesting wildlife and for the tens of thousands of people like

me who enjoy the wildlife and for those who simply enjoy beach walking.

Correspondence ID: 23047 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Reps and congressmen,

I have been to Cape Hatteras just once with my family, but our time there was majical. It was so beatiful watching my family enjoy the beach with the sounds of the waves, and seagulls. I feel it would hurt the natural beaty of the hatteras if you allowed for motorized vehicles to disturb the natural landscape. Even while w were there a life guard drove past on an atv, it disturbed our peace and serinity.

Let's help presever the gifts that mother nature has enlisted for us to use, admire, and maintain.Allowing the use of atv's is not why families such as mine go to the beach for peace and relaxation.

Sinsereley, Lucy L. Ridgeway

Correspondence ID: 23048 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To: Michael B. Murray,

Superintendent,

Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Recreational Area)

1401 National Park Drive

Manteo, North Carolina

27954

Re: National Park Service Proposed Rule (RIN 1024-AD85)

Mr. Murray,

I am against your proposed option for rules of off road driving for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. You did not take into consideration the local economy or heritage in making this decision. You bent to special interest groups and did not keep your word from when you came down to Cape Hatteras.

I do not think anyone who does not visit or live on Cape Hatterasd should have any input in the rules making process. Only people who have spent considerable time on the Outer Banks can truly understand the environment unique to this sea shore.

I also hope you do not accept any form letters that have been sent in regards to the proposed off road management.

What you and the National Park Service are doing is illegal but for some reason congressional directives are being ignored by the courts. You are allowing a small group to ruin the lives of the majority. And you are paying these groups to do so by reimbursing legal fees.

I am quite disturbed to see members of these special interest groups riding around in NPS vehicles in areas that are supposed to be closed.

The Seashore is not a wildlife refuge. There is Pea Island and the Core Banks. We should protect wild life within the CHNRS by using common sense and historical knowledge. Nothing proposed by the special interest groups has been peer reviewed.

You are doing an injustice to the common man. Had the NPS been doing its job correctly and enforcing rules historically used for many years we would not be in this situation today.

Thanks

Correspondence ID: 23049 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Keep vehicles off of the beach and protect the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 23050 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The National Park Service's primary responsibility is to protect the natural and cultural resources within our national parks. It is not to provide for activities by some that would damage these resources. Therefore, the Park Service must adopt ORV rules that would provide the greatest protection for natural and cultural resources--namely wildlife such as shorebirds and sea turtles. These and other wildlife must have safe nesting areas free from the threat of beach drivers who could (and have in the past) crush adults, young, and nests. The current proposed rules do not provide sufficient protection and should be revised to provide specific measures that protect wildlife and critical nesting areas.

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Thank you for your consideration.

N. Haller-Wilson

Correspondence ID: 23053 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow unrestricted off road vehicle use which threatens our wildlife, especially seabirds, turtles and other shore life. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 23054 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please give consideration to restricting off-road vehicular use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The damage caused by the minority who use the vehicles effects the majority who seek to enjoy the environment, as well as the animals who call it their home. thank you.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,18,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The damage that ORVs cause is a nationwide concern. Please regulate and strongly limit the use of ORVs in the Cape Hatteras area to preserve the shorebirds and the sea turtles that use it as nesting or home. The protection of these animals are up to us.

Correspondence ID: 23057 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please safeguard Cape Hatteras from off road vehicle damage. This fragile place needs to be protected from the destructive effects of these recreational vehicles. It is indeed a natural treasure.

Correspondence ID: 23058 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would request that you restrict off roading at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore immediately.

This type of activity is extremely dangerous to the birds and turtles, etc, that make this area their home.

I can just see all the people racing up and down the beach, being so careful not to run over any turtles and bird nests -- right? I don't think so.

This is why you must keep this area off limited to off road vehicles.

Really - there is no choice - ban the off road vehicles - they can go do their racing someplace else.

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Correspondence ID: 23060 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: My comment is simply this: Birds on the nest cannot protect their aggs, nor can they remove them from the onslaught of off-road vehicles.

Please consider the plight of birds and other wildlife if off-road vehicles are allowed unlimited access to our beaches.

Thank you for reviewing the matter, and I hope your decision is in favor of the birds.

Correspondence ID: 23061 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Beaches are increasingly fragile environments that are periodically harmed by hurricanes we can't control or prevent, but if the proposed changes are enacted, the greater threat to wildlife in these areas will be manmade. The beaches on Cape Hatteras are too valuable as habitats for shore birds and sea turtles to be opened up to off road vehicles. Protection of these areas in the last several years increased their numbers and if these areas are not explicitly protected by the Park Service, those numbers will decline. Proposed legislation does not mandate specific measures to protect wildlife from beach drivers, and does not reserve enough seashore for pedestrians and wildlife year round. The primary function of a Park Service is to safeguard its properties. Please do not falter in that effort. Limit ORV use and expand protected areas.

Correspondence ID: 23062 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I greatly appreciate this opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Under the present management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made an excellent comeback. I am deeply 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 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. We can find other places to drive ORV's but we can never replace our wildlife

once it is extinct. We need our wildlife and we need to use science-based protections to save those species we still have!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 23063 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off road vehicles to destroy the safe habitat for shorebirds that inhabit the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Thanks Claudia McNiff

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

Correspondence ID: 23066 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please take steps to restrict off-road access to areas where it will impact wildlife everywhere, including Cape Hatteras.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: In this correspondence I submit additional comment relative to the National Park Service (NPS or the "service") proposed rule (RIN) 1024-AD85. On September 6th, 2011 NPS announced that the service had extended the public comment period pertaining to (RIN) 1024-AD85 aka the proposed new "rule", until midnight September 19th 2011 in order to accommodate those that may have been affected by Hurricane Irene. Hurricane Irene struck the Outer Banks of North Carolina on the 27th of August however, NPS waited until the 6th of September to announce an extension of the public comment period, the last day comment was supposed to be accepted. Almost immediately, NPS received many thousands of comments which were simple "cut and paste" copies of an "action alert" published by Jason Rylander, an attorney for the Defenders of Wildlife; one of the environmental organizations which have for years has sought to severely restrict and ultimately disallow, ORV and pedestrian access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. (As defined within 16USC459 sec.3) I am certain that NPS is aware of the source of these "cut and paste" comments which are repetitive and designed to do nothing than to "stack the deck" against those that live, work on, and visit these islands with the intention of enjoying our public lands as congress directed NPS to facilitate. What is alarming is that NPS accepts these comments in spite of the fact that they do not fulfill the basic requirements set forth by the service regarding comment submission. The service made it very clear within the instructions for comment submission that all comments must contain two items. On the first instant, NPS declares that all comment must be addressed to either NPS or the National Park Service, on the second; all comments must contain the rule identification number (RIN) 1024-AD85. As per NPS: "Comments submitted through Federal eRulemaking Portal:<http://www.regulations.gov> or submitted by mail must be entered or postmarked before midnight (Eastern Daylight Time) September 19, 2011. Comments submitted by hand delivery must be received by the close of business hours (5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time) on September 19, 2011. Comments will not be accepted by fax, email, or in any way other than those specified above, and bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted. All submissions must include the words "National Park Service" or "NPS" and must include the identifying number 1024-AD85.(emphasis added) Comments received through the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> will be available on the regulations.gov web site, usually without change. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment -- including your personal identifying information -- may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. To view comments received through the Federal eRulemaking portal, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter 1024-AD85 in the Keyword or ID search box." As such, by the services own requirements for comment submission, all comment received through this "cut and paste" effort, which fail to comply with the above mentioned requirements, need disallowed and should be rejected. If NPS won't follow its own rules, the service has no right to expect the owners of this seashore, the American people, to do so either. In addition, NPS claims within its federal register announcement of the proposed "final rule" that one of the endangered species that makes this "rule" necessary is Seabeach Amaranth. However, the service announced recently (2010) that this plant species was extirpated, aka, "locally extinct" within the Seashore. The service then went on to explain that it could take up to five years before any seeds remaining from the previous generations of the Amaranth might germinate. The proposed rule which is based upon "Alternative F", found within the NPS published Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Recreational Area) Final Environmental Impact Statement (NPS 2010), speaks of reintroduction of this plant species to the Seashore. This proposal will of course involve the creation of what NPS deems suitable habitat and is likely to result in further beach closures and loss of traditional access to the American public within our lands, and at the public's expense. I find it odd that NPS is willing to adapt habitat for an extirpated species of plants and yet is so unwilling to modify other previously proven successful habitat so that avian species such as the barely threatened Piping Plover and other assorted non threatened, non endangered species might thrive without impeding public access to our Seashore. Superintendent Murray was recently quoted in reference to modifying habitat around the dredge pond near Cape Point, Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. This area, having been previously and successfully modified for avian habitat will not be considered by NPS as an option. Murray was quoted (relative to current habitat) as saying, "it is where it is". Well Mr. Murray, if you propose to create habitat for a plant, then you must consider modifying habitat for avian species as well. This is especially true considering your congressional mandate to develop this area for recreational use, else all you do is end up developing and furthering an agenda to remove the American people from their beaches which results in a breach of federal law and the public trust.

Correspondence ID: 23069 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not destroy Cape Hatteras National Seashore but letting people drive on it!!! Doesnt make sense...

Correspondence ID: 23070 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras National Seashore is a national treasure visited by millions of people each year taking in the natural beauty, the wildlife diversity and 67 miles of shoreline. But the impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

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

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

round and seasonal beach driving.

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

In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. And in 2010, after 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 urge you to support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID:	23071	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect species who nest on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore from offroad vehicle users. Piping plovers and other endangered shorebirds and sea turtles need these areas for nesting, and they need to be protected by specific, enforceable rules.						
Correspondence ID:	23072	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I live on Cape Cod, where the National Park Service, thru the National Seashore Park, plus individual Cape towns, has had a successful piping plover nesting protection plan on the beaches in place for years. The numbers of nesting pairs has increased probably 3 fold (don't have exact figures) as have the fledge numbers. Both the Seashore and towns have worked hard to keep beach users (over sand rv's, tourists, surfers, etc) happy and contiue to make money off the beaches. I don't understand why the our National Seashore Park can't be used as model for Hatteras????						
Correspondence ID:	23073	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I am opposing legislation which would allow vehicles to drive on our fragile beaches and dunes. Not only do the vehicles interrupt and destroy wildlife habitat, they are deleterious to the vegetation that protects the fragile coastlines from erosion, and could destroy species that are crucial to it's survival.						
Correspondence ID:	23074	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Pleas place wildlife over sport...ban off road vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National seashore						
Correspondence ID:	23075	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please accept this support of a stronger off-road vehicle management policy re the beaches at Cape Hatteras to protect shore birds.						
Correspondence ID:	23076	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I strongly support the strict management of off-road vehicles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. These types of vehicles can do a great amount of damage to the environment and its non-human inhabitants in a very short period of time. It is essential that animals who cannot protect themselves from motorized vehicles be protected by those of us who can control motorized vehicle use.						
Correspondence ID:	23077	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 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:	23078	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray, Please reconsider the NPS's proposed regulation for managing ORV use on CapeHatteras National Seashore. I believe that it is unnecessarily overdone, with repercussions that spill over to pedestrian lack of access and that there are better ways to handle the situation.						

Any gains in wildlife numbers have little to do with the current interim plan since these are the very same increases in these same fauna in areas that are not held to overdone restrictions.

ORV use is a history on the islands and can remain so if it has some limitation puts on it: • close off only the nesting areas not the shoreline and not entire beaches

• limit the number of ORVs at any given time (consider the first-come-first-serve limit that Chincoteague uses.)

• provide access ways to the waterline

• tourists should be charged a ORV access fee, just like all other beaches • Island residents should not have a fee

Pedestrian access can safely be allowed along all waterlines. Like many beaches in other states that allow pedestrians access, this will not harm any nesting animals. Come up with a consistent "wet feet" policy for all pedestrians and provide pedestrian walkways through nesting areas like other beaches do.

The killing of other animals such as nutria and raccoons is an unacceptable practice and one that is condoned by these environmental groups.

As you will note, the plover populations in northern beaches , where they have always been much higher than the Cape Hatteras beaches are doing well. The numbers in the Great Lakes area still out number the numbers that have never been in Hatteras.

Your park already does an excellent job with the turtle program (I have done some work with them) but I believe that there should be a pedestrian wet feet policy right up until hatching time when the front of the turtle crawl space could then be closed off for a limited amount of time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID:	23079	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	To Whom It May Concern:						

I just wanted to drop a quick comment in regarding the notice on ORVM in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS - 2011-0005-0800).

This past summer, my 8 year old son, Tyler, and myself, decided to go on a Father/Son adventure. The last few years, it has been a night here or there. This year, we decided to head to The Outer Banks. I have heard about the area for quite some time,

but had never visited.

We landed in Hatteras Village. I could tell you all about how great everything was, and how cool the people are in your area, but that is not the point of me submitting this comment.

I set Ty up with a surfing lesson from a young fellow we met one night at dinner. We met him up at the break in Buxton. We wanted to look for shells and the young man recommended that we head out to "The Point". We drove down past the lighthouse, and found the fish table he told us about. We parked and were getting ready to walk out, not at all knowing how far it was.

A man was letting air out of his tires on his 4x4, and we asked him which way to "The Point". He told us and asked if we were planning to walk. He told us if we could wait a few minutes, he would take us out with him.

What we experienced is hard to put into words. On our way out, this man gave us a tour and historical recount of the area...and the view...awesome! When we reached "The Point", I was speechless. It is a very special place that God has created for everyone to share, wildlife and human beings alike.

All I saw were very happy faces, lots of laughing, no trash, and just a gift to all who were there. Sure there were cars, but other than a spaceship, there is no other way to reasonably get to our equivalent of the moon.

It was a very moving experience that neither myself nor my Tyler will ever forget.

Please do not take this gift away from others who have not had the chance to experience what we have.

Thanks,

Joe Herkalo, Jr.

Correspondence ID:	23080	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	My Name is Ernie Evans, I am 54, I have lived here in Kitty Hawk since 1989, i have visited Hatteras Island since late 70's, as an angler and conservationist I am committed to taking care of our great outdoors and support efforts to ensure our natural resources are available now and for future generations to enjoy. Numerous, long-established ORV routes are being closed without a commonsense basis, far outweighing what is needed for resource protection. Vehicle-Free Areas should be instituted only when found necessary and should be the smallest size possible. The final ORV plan's night driving restrictions are based on supposition rather than science and should not be included in the final plan. Never was there a reported incident of a turtle death caused by a vehicle, until 2010 with night driving restrictions already in place. ORV permits add an unnecessary impediment to a time-honored tradition of accessing and enjoying the seashore's public resources, particularly if set at a cost that could not be readily afforded by the average citizen.						

Ernie Evans Kitty Hawk, NC

Correspondence ID:	23081	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	As an angler and conservationist you are committed to taking care of our great outdoors and support efforts to ensure our natural resources are available now and for future generations to enjoy.						

Numerous, long-established ORV routes are being closed without a commonsense basis, far outweighing what is needed for resource protection.

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ORV permits add an unnecessary impediment to a time-honored tradition of accessing and enjoying the seashore's public resources, particularly if set at a cost that could not be readily afforded by the average citizen.

Correspondence ID:	23082	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						

Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Beaches, birds and other wildlife are beautiful and necessary to our environmental health and enjoyment. Off-road vehicles are not. Sure we're not selfish enough in our desire to drive all over everything and create noise and air/water pollution that we will sacrifice what is more important: life.

Do the right thing and restrict off-road vehicular traffic in order to preserve our far more precious and irreplaceable natural resources.

Correspondence ID: 23083 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: For decades and decades now we have seen what damage is done when we ignore the environment with blind progress: by building roads; filling in wetlands; strip mining; dam building; ALWAYS putting human before habitat, before other life on this planet... and so often for the stupidest of reasons... The evidence of this is screamingly obvious but most of us JUST DON'T CARE. We are much more interested in \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ and political gain and power plays, (whatever form they take) than protecting our environment. Putting 'recreation before environment' and allowing irresponsible, capricious jerks to tear around the national seashore on ATV's just for kicks and a good time, is just one more way we are stating WE DON'T CARE - IT'S JUST A... bird, turtle, salamandar, tree, fox, sand dune...

AND ONE DAY, in one of our lifetimes, THERE WILL BE NOTHING LEFT TO SAVE. If you don't see this, you are fools. If you don't do what's right to protect the environment then you are just like the fools before you and the fools who will come after - irresponsible and arrogant whatever your excuses.

Correspondence ID: 23084 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I ask that protections for wildlife be included in the Cape Hatteras plan. Part of the beauty of the area is that it serves as a home/nesting area to wildlife such as sea turtles and piping plovers. The damage to these species could be tragic if no limits are put on off-road vehicles.

Correspondence ID: 23085 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Sea turtles need all the help they can get. Loss of habitat polluted seas, shrimp boats plus global warming have all played a part in their decline

Please at least make the beaches a safe haven for them while they visit our shores...

Thank You

Correspondence ID: 23086 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have lived on Hatteras Island since 1991 and have always enjoyed being able to drive on the beach. It saddens me to think that those days may be coming to an end. Before the consent decree I believe the NPS used common sense on having minimal areas of closure. Now the closures are way too large in size and not only ban ORV but pedestrian access as well. The Pea Island Wildlife refuge, located inside Cape Hatteras Seashore, has never allowed ORV and I think that should be counted as part of the designated year round closure areas to ORV. If you are going to have ORV permits please make sure they are easy to obtain and are a reasonable cost. I also hope you reconsider how much area you ban to pedestrians. The small Turtle closures are reasonable but the larger bird closure areas are not. People should be able to get around any closure without having to risk their lives by having to go through the surf.

I hope future generations will be able to have ORV access to Cape Hatteras Seashore and coexist with nature as we have always done before.

Correspondence ID: 23087 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I believe that we can find a plan that supports sharing our valuable beaches with both wildlife and ORVs without sacrificing the very limited and rapidly decreasing breeding and nesting areas for wildlife. I strongly support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Correspondence ID: 23088 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To whom it may concern; Although I realize that opening the Cape Hatteras Seashore completely to ORVs would increase revenue, I support keeping it as it is currently, with limited usage areas for ORVs designed to keep the existing wildlife habitats safe. With our expanding populace and declining natural areas, it is important to keep the areas that we have where wildlife can survive human intrusions. Thank you for your time. Richard Conrady

Correspondence ID: 23089 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I wish to register my opposition to the use of off-road vehicles on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore in order to protect the nesting site of endangered sea turtles, shore birds, and other wildlife. Thank you for your consideration. best regards, Peggy

Correspondence ID: 23090 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I just wanted to let you know my opposition to the closure of ORV access to the Outer Banks/Cape Hatteras Seashore without sound science and an understanding of the tradition honored activity that this area provides. I grew up in Eastern NC as a proud outdoorist that cares for the environment. I fish, hike, cycle and climb. I am a taxpayer of this State and this Country. I am tired of "outsiders" limiting or completely doing away with the things I have been raised and taught for almost 50 years. As a responsible outdoor enthusiast, I see the great majority caring just as much for the environment, in most cases more, than the tree hugging conservationists. We are raised to take care of what we love. We have not taken care of the Outer Banks this long to have it taken away without through science proving that it is absolutely necessary. Once again though, it is the little guy with his truck, parked on a desolate beach, surf rod in hand, standing in the wind and sometimes rain, hoping for a strike, that gets picked on. Not the guy, or company with the big expensive boat that goes offshore and over fishes for profit. Policing of the resources we have needs to be the answer, not exclusion. This is a way of life, a tradition, a right passed down from one Outer Banks lover to the next. Haven't the Banks had a hard enough time without destroying their economy too without first proving that it is necessary? The natives of the Banks deserve that.

Correspondence ID: 23091 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please consider the impact that your decisions will make. Life should always take preference over entertainment. Please protect these creatures. We are their voice for they have no choices here.

Correspondence ID: 23092 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 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. Under the current management plan at the Seashore, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a tremendous comeback. I am very concerned that the proposed regulation treats wildlife protection as optional, provides few areas for families to safely enjoy vehicle-free beaches, and favors the rights of ORV users to drive on extensive areas of the beach to the exclusion of pedestrians and wildlife. I support regulations to manage ORVs within the Seashore that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and for pedestrians who wish to visit the National Seashore in a natural, vehicle-free state. The management plan should also set aside additional areas for those uses.

The regulation will only protect the species that depend on the Seashore if it mandates specific, science-based protections, such as non-driving buffers around nests. Please add buffers and other wildlife protections to the regulation so that ORVs will not continue to dominate and degrade the Seashore. I have vacationed on the Outer Banks since I was a child. Please add regulations to protect Shore Birds and Sea Turtles. With additions for their protection you will be saving species that are in trouble and making the beaches safer for families as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Maureen Webb

Correspondence ID: 23093 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: This issue is totally idiotic. Why visit such a beautiful place and have to listen to car noise, pollution, and the destruction of vehicles? I thought the whole idea was for peace, quiet, and contemplation.

Correspondence ID: 23094 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please take the time to maximize the potential of this bill. Include definitive wording that will protect the amazing wildlife in this area. Future generations are depending on us to protect their inheritance.

Correspondence ID: 23095 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I have been surf fishing in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore for the last 20 years (several times a year). It is a great treasure and I have many unforgettable memories there. It is a shame to think that the over-protection of a single bird could destroy the family memories experienced in the Outer Banks.

Correspondence ID: 23096 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the natural environment and the native species that inhabit Cape Hatteras National Seashore from invasion of vehicles that would damage/destroy their lives/habitats. This area needs to be preserved for future generations of both people and wildlife.

There is too much destruction and lack of concern for plants, animals, etc. presently in so many of our natural environmental areas already. When will it end? When there is no wild life or wonderful creatures left?!

Make the right choice for all of us.

Correspondence ID: 23097 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please work to keep environmentally sensitive areas protected for the birds, amphibians and mammals of the National Seashore.

Off-road vehicles disturb/destroy important nesting and feeding areas used by countless numbers of birds, both residential and migratory.

Off-road vehicles disturb/destroy area occupied by native amphibians and animals, from the very small on up to the wild dune ponies. Coastal regions are also frequented by nesting ocean turtles.

There is a place for wildlife in the important Outer Banks coastal system, just as there is a place for tourism and off-road vehicles on designated beaches.... these, however, should NOT be allowed to dominate and destroy.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 23098 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Protecting wildlife is crucial to the ecology

Correspondence ID: 23099 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Mr Murray I Whole hearted support the efforts that have been made to preserve and protect the sea shore and the wildlife therein. It is my understanding that in the history of the park lands that are now Cape Hatteras every effort has been made to protect the wild lands and wildlife from vehicles. Thus the only easement that I know of was given to create a right of way for vehicles to pass through the area on the roadbed that now exists. So please keep controlling the ORV traffic. Protect the open spaces and wildlife for all of us and those that follow. David Elder

Correspondence ID: 23100 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Save cape hatteras wildlife

Correspondence ID: 23101 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like to see more scientific information presented prior to implementing such drastic changes. Also please keep in mind the economic impact that will be felt in the Hatteras community from such a move.

Correspondence ID: 23102 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 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: 23103 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please limit all vehicular traffic on a beach to emergency vehicles only. Traffic leaves unsightly and erosional ruts, runs over things (and people- in Florida where I live), and is noisy. People need to coexist with wildlife. The wildlife is an economic driver, without the wildlife, people may just try to vacation at places more easily accessible. Also, park rangers removing trash, etc. should also be limited to very slow moving, large tire properly inflated vehicles. In Massachusetts where I grew up, there were certain places that issue trash bags and you are required to bring everything you brought in along with being encourage to bring out everything else you find. People who want to PLAY with off road vehicles should be directed inland to appropriate areas. I'm especially interested in decreasing populations of nesting shore birds, marine turtles, etc.

Correspondence ID: 23104 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 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: 23105 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 23107 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect nests and wildlife. It's their world too!

Correspondence ID: 23108 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please, please help to protect the wildlife at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Off-Road Vehicle management is very important to help preserve our wildlife for now and the future. Let's keep some kind of humanity in this world. The wildlife is God's creations for us to cherish, not just destroy.

Correspondence ID: 23109 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do a more effective job of managing any off-road vehicle transportation.

Correspondence ID: 23110 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Lets start helping the animals and protecting the environment that they live it and not ruin it.

Correspondence ID: 23111 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As humans, we have an ethical and moral obligation to care for those creatures that cannot defend themselves.

Correspondence ID: 23112 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose further restrictions on human access to the beaches. The people who live on the Outer Banks rely primarily on money from tourism to survive. In the past few years, hurricanes and the damage they leave behind have cut back on tourism. It is easy to see that the Outer Banks area is now much less prosperous than it used to be. Restricting beach access to humans in vehicles

will discourage recreational fishing. If you are going to shut the beaches down to all but walkers, you might as well go ahead and evict everyone living there, take the land by eminent domain, and make the place strictly a wildlife sanctuary. That is probably what you ultimately plan to do, anyway, but I want to go on record as saying I oppose that plan. Perhaps you should listen to what long-term residents of the area have to say.

Correspondence ID: 23113 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife on Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 23114 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Wildlife is important to all of us. Please protect the wildlife of Cape Hatteras

Correspondence ID: 23115 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do not allow off road vehicles in Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 23116 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Why is this even being proposed! There are plenty of places for off-road vehicles. This will be a disaster for all of the wildlife that calls this place home. In this shrinking world for wildlife to live in this plan must be thrown out. Consideration for all life there must be number one.

Thank you for considering my voice.

R. Terry

Correspondence ID: 23117 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Unfortunately, humans aren't following the rules & some even take joy in squashing the birds with their vehicles; that is unconscionable. Oooh, big man in his vehicle, showing how superior he is - give me a break. Time to take their privileges away & stop allowing vehicles on the beach when the birds need it. I don't care how many pockets the vehicle users line. Stand up for what is ETHICALLY RIGHT. Vehicles can use the road; there's no reason for them to be on the beach. I've spent the better part of my life on the beach & I've never had to use a vehicle. It's a luxury that irresponsible idiots are ruining - time to end it!

Correspondence ID: 23118 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: off roading & bird nesting areas ARE NOT A GOOD MIX. i enjoy off roading & there is places where it is appropriate, but due to the noise, vibrations & closeness to nests i think this is a REALLY BAD IDEA. HUMANS HAVE OPTIONS birds generally don't have the same options. IT'S rediculous to inperil the species JUST FOR RECREATION that could be done elsewhere.

Correspondence ID: 23119 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please restrict off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife

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

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Thank you

Sincerely

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Correspondence ID:	23120	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I oppose unlimited off road vehicle use.						
Correspondence ID:	23121	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	America's wildlife has never before been under a more serious attack than right now, and the key agent of this attack is habitat loss! More habitat loss has occurred in the past 50 years, than in the previous 200 years and the rate of acceleration increases every year! It is of utmost importance to have in place significant restrictions regarding Off Road Vehicular Use on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore!!						
Correspondence ID:	23122	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect wildlife by limiting the amount of driving done on beaches by any vehicle. Honestly, I'm not sure why driving needs to be done by anyone who is not doing so in an official capacity. Thank you.						
Correspondence ID:	23123	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Dear National Park Service; Thank you for your time. Please protect for the future the land and the water and wildlife at Cape Hatteras National Seashore by limiting ORV use. Set aside an area for the ORVs while preserving what people come there for. Promote access to areas by no impact trails or guided tours. Having spent many of my 55 summers in Buxton, Frisco and Ocracoke I have seen the changes to the solitude and the spirit of the barriers and it has not been for the better. Is not the National Park Service to be stewards and protectors of the lands and wildlife under their care? Is it not true that the more a person connects with the land and nature the more they value and respect it so let the feet be one's ORV and leave the PVC pipe laddened behemoths in the parking lot so wonderfully provided. Good day and God Bless all you do in protecting the greatest seashore in the world. Carol						
Correspondence ID:	23124	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	I have been bringing my family to the Outer Banks for 20 years now - from Corolla & Duck, down to Avon, Buxton & Ocracoke. My sister married an "O'coker" 45 years ago. From my observations, the Ecology and general environment of the Outer Banks is so delicate, and hurricane activity so devastating, that I feel no further stressors (like ATVs & dirt bikes, etc.) should be allowed. These beaches are too fragile to support this type of activity, and then still be able to bounce back from storm damage, on top of it. It's just too much to ask of these fragile areas.						
Correspondence ID:	23125	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
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Correspondence:

The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of its more than 1,000 members with businesses in Dare, Hyde and Currituck counties, continues to have concerns about the validity of the economic impact analysis included in the Environmental Impact Statement for the new rules governing access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Since the EIS is the foundation of the rule, the premise that the rule has been developed based on sound science and statutory mandates also is now in question.

The National Park Service failed to adequately address or even recognize the economic impact of the rule. The data published in the EIS was incomplete, misleading, and the statements issued as facts are without basis. Much of the economic data was released after the EIS was published and most is without support of adequate statistics and surveys. Assertions that because the impact is less than \$100 million, and considered negligible, is simply wrong. Cumulative impacts to the area due to closures under the court order imposed in 2008, show that, as time passes, the businesses on Hatteras Island are drawing less visitors and their money. Much of the business on Hatteras Island is directly tied to the opportunities for beach fishing, but as visitors find year after year that they are denied access to their favorite sites, they are deciding to go elsewhere. Hatteras and Ocracoke islands are unique in that most of their beaches are too far from basic infrastructure for most to be able to walk to the shoreline. In addition to fishermen, young families, seniors and the disabled have always taken advantage of being able to drive to the shoreline.

The unemployment remains higher on these islands than the other parts of the Outer Banks. And occupancy tax receipts for June ' the traditional first month of the tourism season ' show that in Dare County occupancy remained almost flat with just a 1.4 percent increase for all of Dare. But on Hatteras Island, receipts were in the red compared to last year for each and every village. The drops ranged from -10.46 percent in Buxton to -0.01 percent in Waves. None were in the black.

This has been an ongoing trend. In September 2009, (the first full year under the Consent Decree) the beginning of the prime fall fishing season ? Dare County as a whole experienced an unemployment rate of 6.8 percent, one of the lowest in the state, but when the North Carolina Division of Labor Marketing broke the unemployment down to zip codes it showed that Hatteras Island's villages had extraordinary unemployment. The island as a whole had 12.8 percent unemployment. When broken down to the villages, Salvo was at 28 percent; Buxton 16.5 percent; and Rodanthe was 12.4.

According to data provided by the Dare County Social Services, in 2009, the first full year under the Consent Decree, the Hatteras Island increase in individuals applying for food stamps was 81.6 percent over 2008. The remainder of Dare [north of Oregon Inlet] 56.6 percent, and the countywide 59.3 percent. In October 2009, Cape Hatteras United Methodist Men's Emergency Assistance and Food Pantry reported that requests for food and other assistance in the seashore villages were continuing to rise. In 2008, the group paid out \$56,000 the entire year to help with utility bills, rents, etc., but in 2009, that amount was surpassed before the end of October.

The rule appears written in a manner in which the authors are trying to satisfy a judge rather than complying with rule of law.

The rule, as published, does not comply with the following.

Regulatory Flexibility Act ? There was not adequate consideration given to economic impacts, both direct and indirect, nor to cumulative impacts of the small businesses on the islands.

Antideficiency Act ' the rule makes forward-looking statements about infrastructure improvements which NPS claims will lessen the economic impact. There are no funds in the NPS appropriated budget to pay for these improvements and it is still unknown what, if any, revenues will be collected through the sales of beach driving permits. Examples of these forward-looking statements cited in the Chamber's earlier comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are:

Page 80. "...by improving interdunal road and ORV ramp access. Pedestrian access would be enhanced by providing increased parking capacity at various points of access to vehicle-free areas..."

Page 81. "would include the construction of a short ORV route to access a new pedestrian trail to the sound on Ocracoke Island..."

Page 593. "...additional pedestrian and ORV access would be facilitated by construction and relocation of access ramps, and the designation of ORV access corridors at Cape Point and South Point."

Page 598. "The extra efforts to increase ORV access and pedestrian access should increase the probability that the impacts are on the low rather than high end of the range." Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ' A large number of those commenting at the public hearings and those who submitted written comments on the DEIS specifically expressed concerns about those with disabilities and others who have an inability to walk long distances and would no longer be able to enjoy the seashore, particularly those who fish. Without the projects mentioned above, these issues remain unaddressed.

In the DEIS, Page 58 states: "Beach access points and boardwalks compliant with the American with Disabilities Act requirements would be provided at Coquina Beach, the Frisco Boathouse, the Ocracoke Pony Pen and the Ocracoke day use area...Beach wheelchairs could be checked out at each district on a first-come, first-served basis." Science-based management - In March 2010, "A Review and Synthesis of the Scientific Information Related to the Biology and Management of Species of Special Concern at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina" by authors Jonathan B. Cohen, R. Michael Erwin, John B.

French, Jr., Jeffrey L. Marion, and J. Michael Meyers was published by the U.S. Geological Survey's Patuxent Wildlife Research Center (PWRC) which conducted the original study at the National Park Service's request in 2005. There are continuing questions about whether it was peer reviewed per the USGS guidelines and although the published version states that there is no new science or additions to it, there are a number of changes that are referenced as being the result of research that occurred after the original document was produced. Questioned about the peer review process, a spokesperson for USGS responded that the acknowledgments at the end of each chapter of the original document were actually the list of those who peer reviewed that particular section. Some of the 15 scientists referred to as peer reviewers said that they had never seen the document and, therefore, had not peer reviewed it. Those acknowledgments are not at the ends of the chapters in the published version of the report. Federal environmental regulations are to be based on best available science, yet the process to ensure that seems to be missing in this instance. This matter should be referred to the Department of Interior Inspector General with a request that the science be reviewed and that an investigation be conducted to determine if in fact the USGS complied with its own peer review guidelines. The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce is committed to all reasonable efforts to maintain our environment, not only because it is the right thing to do, but also because our unique environment is what draws millions of visitors to the Outer Banks each year. It is the primary basis of our economy.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Threatened species like piping plovers rely on lands along Cape Hatteras National Seashore to survive. But if off road vehicles are permitted to use huge portions of the Seashore, their nests and chicks could be disturbed.

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Name: private
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Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do the right thing and let the wildlife live in peace . Do we really need a world filled with off road enthusiast destroying Nature's serenity and beauty . These are the things that pleases God the most , not the greedy ORV thugs . Thank you , L.C. Erickson

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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: 23133 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing in regards to the proposed rule: Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Cape Hatteras National Seashore (NPS-2011-0005-0001).

As a life-long resident of North Carolina and a registered voter, I implore you to please protect the beauty and natural heritage of the North Carolina coast by restricting access of ORVs from areas that are valuable to wildlife. The coasts of NC are famous for their beauty and pristine beaches, drawing many tourists desiring to experience the diverse wildlife and natural beauty. Preserving the coastline is in the best economic interest of the state, as well as for our ecology and wildlife. Our progeny have the right to enjoy unspoiled natural beauty and fauna. As it stands this most recent proposal is grossly inadequate and does not

protect our beaches and wildlife. We need a plan that will include additional protected areas and that is based on the recommendations of ecologists, marine biologists and other scientists.

The oceans and coastlines of the world are one of our most valuable assets and must be protected. Please do not compromise the integrity of our state's shores in order to cater to short term gratification and short sighted commercial self-interest.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

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 vacation at Cape Hatteras every two years. I oppose all unrestricted off road vehicles (ORV) because they destroy endangered shore birds and sea turtles that nest on the the seashore's beaches. Cape Hatteras seashore is 67 miles long, and all of it needs to be protected, not just 26 miles.

I do not want this beach to be open to any beach driving. Our national wildlife needs to be preserved at any and all costs. The selfishness of man needs to stop. Nesting areas need to be protected to ensure the continuity of shore birds and sea turtles. People can vacation responsibly. Do the right thing. Protect all 67 miles of Cape Hatteras national seashore.

Sincerely,

Theresa Herr PO Box 24754 Tempe, AZ 85285

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I have traveled all over this country and have witnessed many examples of how ORV's have destroyed important habitats for our wildlife. I have conducted many surveys in our streams and rivers. Unregulated ORV's are very destructive.

Cape Hatteras is a dynamic island system. It literally changes with the wind. Birds require specific conditions to nest and they are not successful every year even when man does not interfere. An are that has been good for one species for several years is suddenly not suitable because of dunes, vegetation or predators. ORV's must be very strictly regulated and regulations must protect wildlife and people. In Florida, people are killed by out of control ORV drivers. Noise pollution is usually given little thought as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Correspondence ID: 23136 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: When a part of nature is lost, it's lost forever.

Correspondence ID: 23137 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: As a native of North Carolina and a Virginia Master Naturalist, I care a lot about preserving the wildlife on the Cape Hatteras

National Seashore. I think off-road vehicles should be restricted on the seashore.

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Correspondence: Subject: Comments on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore [CHNS] ORV Proposed Rule [RIN 1024-AD85]

See attached file [RIN 1024-AD85.htm]

Correspondence ID: 23140 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Our pristine National Seashore is a treasure and needs to be safeguarded for ourselves and our future generations. It is irresponsible to allow air polluters and noise polluters like off-road vehicles to disturb the wildlife and human spirit that depend on these peaceful, natural areas. We already have too few places that are quiet and respectful of our earth. Keep any and all vehicles out of our parks and off our shores.

Correspondence ID: 23141 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please get this right. Stop the offshore vehicles!

Correspondence ID: 23142 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Off-Road vehicles are just a tragedy waiting to happen to the wildlife of the Cape. I'm sure there are other places where one can ride safely, without threatening other lives (human or otherwise)! Thank you for listening...and for caring.

Correspondence ID: 23143 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 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: 23144 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect the innocent animals from off-road vehicles which create havoc to the environment. The habitat must be protected from these destructive vehicles that go at high speeds killing wildlife and putting at risk the future of these creatures.

Correspondence ID: 23145 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am adding my comments to the ORV management issue because I believe a great disservice is being done to the PEOPLE of Hatteras Island. There is already a Wildlife Refuge on Pea Island and the PEOPLE are being regulated out of their homes & Livelihoods. The park was created for recreation and the majority of it runs through 7 villages where people have depended upon primarily the visiting public for generations. I have lived on the Island full time & am now a non resident property owner and am very saddened by the "us vs. them" situation created by this whole process- for so many years, too. I know of no finer environmentalists than my fellow Islanders- they have cared for the resources for years before the gov't got involved. Historically, before there were bridges & roads, visiting the beach meant DRIVING on it for your recreation. I fail to see how hard & fast rules created in DC can reflect the conditions of a barrier island that changes with wind & tides. Further closures, fees & altering historical access areas is just NOT RIGHT. Please allow decisions to be made locally & with some regard for the welfare of the PEOPLE involved too. Bad economy, recession, devastating hurricane.....please do NOT be the straw that breaks this Island's back. The PEOPLE have long memories . Please be fair to all of us who use this treasure . We need to retain the ability to access areas as we have for so many years. Too many PEOPLE have had to move from the Island due to these arbitrary hardships. Hope somebody not only reads this, but will think about the right thing to do.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I find the plan to create un needed hardships on the citizens that use this national seashore. Requirements for special off road licensing limit those who just have one or two short vacations per year. The costs associated with a vacation to CHNHRA are difficult enough fo those of us in the working class. To add to these costs for a permit that history at the park shows as little needed seems like a waste of money as well as NPS resources. It also will create hardships for those of us who are older and will not be able to walk to the places that we would like to fish while carrying fishing gear, as well as safety problems fishing after dark and before daylight. This plan will force crowding and will put a large impact on the reduced areas of ORV accessible land. CHNSRA has been a place that has been available to both rich and poor, old and young, strong health and weak health. Limiting ORV access to so many areas will prevent people from being able to use the park while enjoying its simple serene charm. The park has been used responsibly by the citizens for years with little to no detriment to the resource. These changes take the park from the citizens and cause damage that has not occurred in the past by concentrating use into small areas. They will also increase costs to those of us with lower incomes to the point that we will not be able to enjoy the park. I am hoping that this plan will be reconsidered.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: Wholeheartedly espousing conservation, I believe in responsibly managing what nature has to offer such that it may be enjoyed by my children, their children, and all subsequent generations. As stewards of this earth and having dominion over it, we are charged with that responsibility. Along with that responsibility comes the right to enjoy natural areas to the extent practical and in keeping with their conservation. I am therefore in favor of reasonable regulations that allow beach visitors access the beach in a manner that protects both the rights of an individual to engage in recreation while also protecting wildlife habitat. I believe that ORV use on Hatteras Island is in harmony with such goals. Further, these goals are easily within reach if careful consideration of the issues is conducted, free of the wild opinions of extremists. The issues at Cape Hatteras are being clouded by an extreme stance taken by the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC). As a former president of my local Trout Unlimited chapter, I have witnessed firsthand the extreme tactics utilized by this rouge environmentalist group. They routinely seek complete closure of resources rather than working with all parties of interest to find a common sense solution. SELC is at the root of the problem

with their extreme stance. I speak from personal experience when I tell you they are not party with whom you can expect practical solutions. The National Park Service (NPS) would be well served to disqualify statements presented by SELC and recognizing them as the rogue environmentalists that they are. I implore the NPS to pay heed to groups like the Outer Banks Preservation Association (OBPA). They are a group of mainstream realists, seeking to find a solution that balances the interests of everyone. As a conservationist, a realist, and someone who enjoys the coexistence of wildlife and my family's recreational activities on Hatteras Island, I stand with OBPA. I trust that you, MY Natio

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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I oppose unrestricted off road vehicle use that threatens sea turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife.						
Correspondence ID:	23149	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 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. 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.						
	There are plenty of other places where ORV's can roam. We need to keep Cape Hatteras National Seashore available for pedestrians and most importantly for wildlife.						
	Thank you						
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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 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:	23151	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please ban off road vehicles in Cape Hatteras, to save threatned species like the piping plovers, so these birds and their chicks are safe.						
Correspondence ID:	23152	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Cape Hatteras National Seashore is part of the National Park System and site managers are charged with protecting the natural resources while providing for visitor enjoyment. The wildlife that depends on the beaches at Cape Hatteras and other national seashores for their nesting sites no longer have alternatives along the eastern seaboard- most beaches have been developed which precludes successful nesting. That is why it is so important to protect these species at those sites within jurisdiction of national parks. There has been clear documented improvement of nesting success for birds and sea turtles that nest on the beaches at Cape Hatteras since the court-ordered management regime has been in effect...reducing the impact of ORVs has made a difference. And tourism on the Outer Banks has remained stable or even increased. I visit the outer Banks every year to enjoy the wildlife at our coast, and also. occasionally to fish. But I am more than willing to yield more beach to the wildlife that depends on it, because having the opportunity to view that wildlife is one of the reasons I choose to visit the OBX rahter than more developed coasts. Please manage the beaches to protect the wildlife- that should come first. Thanks, John Connors						
Correspondence ID:	23153	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 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:	23154	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						

Correspondence: It's frustrating not just to those who love to fish, but to those stores and services that cater to them. The reasons for the closings have been ridiculous (plotted plover). I understand the turtle hatching times, but the rest is ludicrous. I just don't see limiting SUVs and starving those that are struggling to make a living. Me, I just like to fish and enjoy the nature of the Outer Banks. Please be reasonable and open the beaches to those that want to fish. Think of the families that depend on those that provide services to the fisherman and others.

Correspondence ID: 23155 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Cape Hatteras is such a unique and fragile ecosystem that off road vehicles should not be allowed.

Provisions in more stable ecosystems are available to those that enjoy those activities.

Thank you for helping to keep ATV's off this seashore.

Correspondence ID: 23156 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: In my opinion, the Proposed ORV Rule is flawed. It does not reflect the will of the people that was articulately expressed by the people during the public hearings and comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

During the public process on the Environmental Impact Statements, there was an outpouring of positive and substantive comments by the people of Dare County. Thousands of others, throughout the nation, who love the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, joined us in this effort.

The people of the Outer Banks spoke as a virtually unanimous voice in recommending practical solutions for ORV management of the seashore. However, it appears the National Park Service has not listened to the clearly expressed will of the people by incorporating our concerns and suggestions in the Proposed ORV Rule. These concerns and suggestions are:

? NO FEES FOR ORV PERMITS. The Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area (CHNSRA) rightly belongs to the American people. For generations, families have depended on access to the seashore for recreation. This access has historically been provided at no cost for the residents and visitors of the CHNSRA. Instituting fees for use of the CHNSRA threatens to hurt tourism and the visitor experience. This applies not only to the National Park Service properties on the Outer Banks, but to the overall tourism-based economy on which Dare County depends. Finally, if fees are imposed over the objections voiced by visitors, user groups and the County of Dare, we ask that fees be kept at the smallest possible amount.

? TRAINING & PERMITS should be available at multiple locations and online. Our residents and visitors have a long-standing position of promoting and supporting responsible stewardship of the CHNSRA. While additional education and training is desirable in any endeavor, we believe any requirement to mandate training prior to the issuance of a permit is unwarranted in this case because of the effective job that has been done to promote and sustain reasonable use of the CHNSRA.

If NPS imposes a training requirement, despite the many voiced objections, then I ask the following practical issues must be considered: that training and permits be available online and be available at multiple locations. Visitors to the CHNSRA generally have one week in which to pack in as much vacation as possible. Visitors to the Outer Banks most frequently arrive on Saturday afternoon and stay through the calendar week. This pattern sets in place a weekly cycle that will choke the resources of NPS in handling a long line of incoming visitors each Saturday. Furthermore, the NPS permit office would need to be open well into the evening hours in order to accommodate those traveling tremendous distances to reach Dare County. Also, training and permits, other than those available online, should also be available at multiple locations that are easily accessible for all visitors. Permitting locations should include Bodie Island, Hatteras Island, and Ocracoke Island. To do otherwise will place a hardship and a burden on visitors that will ultimately discourage use of the CHNSRA.

? NEW INFRASTRUCTURE should be established before new corridors & VFA's are established. NPS proposes new infrastructure for parking, ramps and access that should be implemented prior to the new routes, corridors and vehicle free areas (VFA's) that are outlined in the ORV Proposed rule. These vehicle free areas (VFA's) outlined in the proposed rule will require additional off beach parking for those who want to be pedestrians within the new VFA's. To impose these new guidelines without the support system in place will only impede and restrict access and risk further harm to the visitor experience.

? FLEXIBILITY FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT to adapt corridors and routes. I support giving flexibility to the Superintendent of the CHNSRA to use his or her best professional judgment in adapting corridors and routes as the physical nature and characteristics of the beach change on a dynamic basis. This common sense approach allows the Superintendent to modify access based upon the changing conditions, such a species moving away from the nesting area or the beach landscape that changes due to weather or tide, that exist at the time, rather than arbitrarily written mandates. I feel that the superintendents of the CHNSRA, especially the current one, are dedicated professionals with the ability and experience to manage the seashore

in a responsible way.

? SEASONAL VILLAGE CLOSURES to be based on conditions, not arbitrary dates. It appears that the seasonal closings of Village beaches has not been a problem that warrants the arbitrary and inconsistent dates outlined in the Final Environment Impact Statement (FEIS) upon which the proposed ORV rule has been written.

? CORRIDORS should be incorporated into the plan. Corridors are a vital tool in providing access while managing resources. The proposed ORV rule should incorporate the use of corridors through and around buffers so the public does not suffer restricted access to an otherwise open area. Corridors effectively provide a small path around temporary resource closures in order to provide access to open areas that would otherwise be blocked. Corridors allow visitor access to an open area that may be sandwiched between two closed areas. These corridors have limited negative impacts to the protected species, but they are crucial to providing access during closures periods. Corridors are vital to providing access in a way that does not hinder resource protection. Pass through corridors should be maintained for pedestrians and ORVs in all areas of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area throughout the entire breeding and nesting season.

? ACCOMMODATIONS FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS be made for safety and access. The proposed ORV rule outlines handicapped access to vehicle free areas (VFA's) in a way that is neither safe nor convenient for the physically challenged visitor. The Proposed ORV Rule requires a permitted vehicle to transport a mobility-impaired individual to a predetermined VFA. After transporting the person, the vehicle is then required to exit the area leaving the handicapped person without immediate access to transportation. For mobility-impaired individuals traveling with only one (1) companion, this puts them at risk by being left on the beach without a caregiver while the driver returns the vehicle to a designated parking area, which could be a considerable distance away. This is unsafe for many mobility-impaired visitors and tantamount to patient abandonment. Without a vehicle close by, the handicapped person is without a viable means of transportation in the event of a medical emergency, a sudden change of weather or temperature conditions, or need for toilet facilities.

In addition, the proposed ORV Rule contains five statements that warrant additional comment.

1. The Proposed ORV Rule says in its Summary ? "minimizing conflicts among various users." In this comment, and in others like it, NPS would have everyone believe that the people who use the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area are in conflict with each other. I have found this not to be true. In my experience, those who favor responsible ORV access, which represents the overwhelming majority, have taken great strides to accommodate the few who disagree. I believe there is something for everyone at America's first national seashore and have a documented track record of willingness to compromise and accommodate the needs of all user groups. This is a matter of public record during the negotiated rulemaking proceeding

2. The Proposed ORV Rule references the Piping Plover as "listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)." NPS in this brief statement omits to give the American people the full truth about the species that prevents access to the most popular portions of the seashore for most of the tourism season. The Piping Plover is a non-indigenous "threatened" species that is not "endangered." It appears that description of the status used for the Piping Plover creates a false and misleading impression to the American people.

3. The Proposed ORV Rule says, "A consent decree agreed to by the plaintiffs, the NPS, and the interveners, Dare and Hyde counties." The County of Dare did in fact join as an intervener in the consent decree. However, NPS fails to disclose that the County's involvement was as a matter of practical necessity in order to best represent the people of Dare County. The Consent Decree, prepared by a few special interest groups behind closed doors, was never exposed to the light of public comment and review. Although Dare County was a party to the Consent Decree as an intervener, for NPS to imply that Dare County was in any way in agreement with the Consent Decree is disingenuous.

4. The Proposed ORV Rule says it conducted a "small business survey." This effort, by RTI, was never concluded or published prior to the close of public comments on the Environmental Impact Statements. This prevented the public from having access to the survey and being able to make informed comments about it. Following the eventual release of the small business survey, it was determined that it was based upon a small sample size with a poor rate of return. The skewed results of this survey stand in stark contrast to sworn, notarized statements from business owners which have submitted by Dare County during the public comment process.

5. Finally, I strongly disagree with the conclusion of the Proposed ORV Rule in saying the economic impact of the document: "will not adversely affect in a material way the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety or State, local, or Tribal governments or communities." NPS has dismissed and ignored the concerns of the local business community. The hard-working small business owners of Dare County have indeed suffered harm and will continue to do so under the Proposed ORV Rule.

I hope that the National Park Service will hear the concerns of the citizens of Dare County and explore practical solutions that will balance resource management with reasonable and responsible recreational access.

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Name:	private						
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Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Protect the animals and the enviornment from vehicles.						

Correspondence ID: 23158 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep vehicles out of the habitat of wildlife such as sea turtles and piping plovers. These species should be allowed to thrive, not struggle.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 23159 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 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.

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

Correspondence ID: 23160 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The American Sportfishing Association (ASA) offers the following comments on the National Park Service's (NPS) Cape Hatteras National Seashore Proposed Rule for Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Management. ASA has serious concerns with the rule. Throughout the process of developing a final ORV management plan, access has becoming increasingly restricted and this final rule unfortunately continues that trend, far exceeding any sense of balance between resource conservation and public access and betraying all promises made to the public regarding recreational uses of the seashore. Because of the highly unbalanced nature of the final plan and the flawed process by which it was developed, we oppose this regulation. Numerous substantive changes must be made in order to reach a balanced plan that allows for reasonable public access while achieving resource protection. ASA is the sportfishing industry's trade association, committed to representing the interests of the entire sportfishing community. We invest in long-term ventures to ensure the industry will remain strong and prosperous as well as safeguard and promote the enduring economic and conservation values of sportfishing in America. ASA also represents the interests of America's 60 million anglers who generate over \$45 billion in retail sales with a \$125 billion impact on the nation's economy, creating employment for over one million people. ASA fully endorses the comment letter submitted by the Cape Hatteras Access Preservation Alliance on 9/19/2011, and will reiterate many of the same suggestions in this letter. Historic ORV Route Closures Under the proposed rule, numerous, long-established ORV routes are being closed without a commonsense basis, far outweighing what is needed for resource protection. Mr. Mike Murray September 19, 2011 Page 2 ASA believes these routes should continue to be available for public access via ORVs. These routes include: ? Bodie Island ? ramp 1 to 0.5 mi south of Coquina Beach ? Bodie Island ? eastern confluence of Atlantic Ocean and Oregon Inlet to the "bait pond" ? Hatteras Island ? ramp 23 south to proposed new ramp 25.5 ? Hatteras Island ? ramp 27 south to ramp 30 ? Hatteras Island ? proposed new ramp 32.5 to ramp 34 ? Hatteras Island ? 0.3 mi west of Cape Point hook to proposed new ramp 47.5 ? Hatteras Island ? bone road beach exit around spit to Pamlico Sound ? Ocracoke Island ? confluence of Pamlico Sound and Hatteras inlet to proposed new ramp 59.5 ? Ocracoke Island ? proposed new ramp 63 to 1 mi ne of proposed new ramp 67 ? Ocracoke Island ? ramp 68 to .4 mi NE of ramp 70 ? Ocracoke Island ? Inlet shoreline along South Point While several of these areas have been excluded with the intention to provide visitors access to areas without the presence of vehicles, we question the extent to which these areas will be used by pedestrians only, and whether any benefits that may be achieved outweigh the heavy costs of excluding ORV use. The NPS should also include within the rule an adaptive management framework that might allow for these areas to be reopened after visitor use patterns are examined. In addition, the rule includes an unwarranted expansion of access restrictions on the village-front beaches during the off-season. ASA believes seasonal dates should not be permanently established by rule, but determined annually by the Superintendent through consultation with Dare County, Hyde County and North Carolina Department of Transportation officials. Superintendent Closures Proposed Section 7.5.8(c)(10) would give the Superintendent power to "terminate access to routes or areas designated for off-road use after taking into consideration" several factors. We believe this statement is a reflection of the overarching problem contained within this rule which focuses more on excluding uses than providing public access to public resources. ASA believes that the rule should also provide the Superintendent with the ability to open routes or areas previously closed to ORV use under an adaptive management process. A variety of factors may change that could reduce the effectiveness or utility of access closures. Therefore, the rule should provide Mr. Mike Murray September 19, 2011 Page 3 the Superintendent with the discretion to reopen areas after considering all relevant factors. Night Driving Restrictions The night driving restrictions included in the final ORV plan are based on supposition rather than science. There was never a reported incident of a turtle death caused by a vehicle until 2010, after night driving restrictions were already in place. ASA believes night time driving restrictions listed in the proposed rule should be eliminated. ORV Permits ASA believes that ORV permits add an unnecessary impediment to a time-honored tradition of accessing and enjoying the seashore's public resources, particularly if set at a cost that could not be readily afforded by the average citizen. However, ASA does support a reasonable, readily accessible educational program for all visitors to ensure they understand safety and resource protection concerns within the seashore. To avoid unnecessary impediments and hassles that would deter many visitors from visiting, the educational program should be available through paper application, on-line application, and around-the-clock electronic kiosks within the park. Conclusion Dating back to when Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area was created, the Department of the Interior promised the communities the seashore surrounds that public access for recreation would be maintained and promoted. The unique characteristics of the seashore and its recreational opportunities require the use ORVs to access remote spits and inlets. While the citizens and businesses of Dare and Ocracoke counties very much understand and support the need for resource protection within the seashore, the NPS's final rule severely disadvantages reasonable public

access while providing excessive protections to bird and turtle species. The NPS treats the local communities as if they are located on the outside edges of the seashore, when the reality is the communities are surrounded by a national seashore and depend on reasonable access to that seashore for their economic survival. While the NPS states that they are protecting the seashore for future generations, it is sacrificing the livelihoods, enjoyment and culture of the present generation in its attempts to do so. This is directly contrary to promises made by the NPS upon creation of the unit; to Executive Order 13474 that states "that recreational fishing shall be managed as a sustainable activity in national wildlife refuges, national parks or any other relevant conservation or management areas or activities under any Federal authority?"; and to the Obama Administration's recent America's Great Outdoors initiative to promote recreation in the outdoors. Again, we are opposed to this rule and the flawed process that led to its development, and urge NPS to reevaluate the rule to provide a more balanced plan that allows reasonable access to the beaches while also providing resource protection.

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Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am writing to express my disapproval of allowing any kind of vehicles in the Hatteras National Seashore.

We have visited the Outer Banks 5-6 times over the last 20 years for windsurfing and are always in awe of the pristine beauty of the whole area. But we also realize that it is terribly fragile and it does not need to deteriorated by people's actions. Enough damage comes simply from the weather and natural occurrences.

Please consider banning ATV's and cars from using the Hatteras National Seashore. There are plenty of ways to enjoy the seashore that do not involve vehicles.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 23163 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please keep all unrestricted off road vehicles off all 67 miles of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Wildlife must be protected.

Correspondence ID: 23164 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please do all that you can to come to a decision that will work for humans and animals.

Correspondence ID: 23165 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you, Carla and Fred Hervert Eugene, OR

Correspondence ID: 23166 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Stating that this change will not have a major impact on the economy is a falsehood. Hatteras island is composed of small businesses. Most small businesses in the area have already felt the impact of limiting the beach use. Continuing this will continue to hurt an already traumatized area (from the hurricane and a decline in fisherman to the area). I believe the facts need to be reexamined and an alternative to closing beaches proposed.

Correspondence ID: 23167 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please help us protect the creatures that have no voice. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 23168 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please prevent vehicles from rampaging all over Cape Hatteras. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 23169 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Hoping off road will not be allowed in the sensitive nesting area for birds turtles or wildlife which depend on this area to raise their young We humans have enough space paved over on which to kill ourselves much less take out innocents Please do not consider harming these areas deemed fragile Thank you Sheree Rogers

Correspondence ID: 23170 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please STOP this NOW!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 23171 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: RIN 1024-AD85

As a Dare county resident and business owner, I am completely opposed to the recommended orv plan for CHNS. My family and I frequently access the beaches of CHNS for the purpose of fishing and family time. Many of the beaches that the NPS is recommending being closed permanently or for large chunks of the year, are the ones we use. There is no way to access areas such as Ocracoke inlet by foot, especially when you are bringing children or the disabled. My kids have learned to fish and swim on these beaches and this is what will be taken away from future generations by implementing such a plan. There is no scientific evidence that proves if you close or heavily restrict orv use/access on these beaches that the bird and turtle populations will flourish. There is no evidence that proves a nighttime driving ban will also help the wildlife - the only turtle death ever recorded by orv was during the current nighttime driving ban. I FULLY SUPPORT 24 HOUR YEAR ROUND ORV ACCESS TO ALL BEACHES IN THE CHNS.

As a Dare county business owner, I have already seen the effects that the current overly restrictive regulations have had on Hatteras Island businesses. The spring/summer time driving/access restrictions have swayed the tourists view of Hatteras Island to the negative. With numerous full beach closures, people can not even walk on the beaches. This is affecting rentals and will ultimately cause the loss of many Hatteras island based businesses. AGAIN, I FULLY SUPPORT 24 HOUR YEAR ROUND ORV ACCESS TO ALL BEACHES IN THE CHNS. This will insure a healthy tourist population and will allow the island's businesses to grow and flourish.

I hope you reconsider and devise a plan based on historic usage and full access for all people as opposed to the one that is being forced upon us.

Correspondence ID: 23172 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov

Correspondence: Date: September 19, 2011

Subject: Comments on the proposed rule "Special Regulation, Areas of National Park System, Cape Hatteras National Seashore" (Regulation Identification Number 1024-AD85)

TO: National Park Service

The National Park Service is ignoring the part of the National Environmental Policy Act that protects humans. NPS has not complied with NEPA. The public policy underlying NEPA favors protecting the balance between humans and the environment.

Sincerely, Laura Larson

Correspondence ID: 23173 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Please protect our wild animals. Once extinct, there's no going back.

Correspondence ID: 23174 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: What happened to for the people by the people? Open up the beaches to law abiding citizens of the great U.S.A.! Let my kids and grandkids have the same love for this "National" Seashore the same ways I have. Lets protect the rights of humans before the birds! We can support the birds too, the "National" Seashore is for everyone and everything!

Dennis Woolwine

Correspondence ID: 23175 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would just like to say that I am against the unreasonable restrictions that the NPS are trying to enforce on Hatteras Island, Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I love wildlife and the birds and the nature I witness and watch there, but I believe the restrictions are way overstated. My husband and I have fished and enjoyed the beaches at Hatteras for almost 30 years. I can honestly say that I have always witnessed respect for the birds, etc from fellow fishermen, walkers, surfers, etc. I believe the people and the birds can co-habitate, if you will. I am disabled, can not walk long distances, esp on uneven surfaces, such as sand and I get out of breath easily. I have had a double lung transplant 11 years ago. Cape Hatteras is one of the few places that I can easily fish still. We can drive to the spot, I get out and can fish within a few feet of where we park. There is no way possible that I can walk from an access area to a fishing spot that far away. I resent that our government and the special interest groups are trying to take away a place that was designated as a recreational area for the people to enjoy. Hatteras is a beautiful and rare place. There are not many places left where people and wildlife can come together so peacefully in such a setting. I beg of you to please consider that many people enjoy this refuge, just as birdwatchers do. I hate that this is killing the economy of this island. I hate that I use to like environmental groups and I no longer do, because they threaten what we should all be rightfully sharing. If the beaches at Hatteras National Seashore are closed, I think at the very least, the beaches at Pes Island Wildlife Refuge should be opened. Thank you for your consideration. Irene Overton

Correspondence ID: 23176 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The government should have limited rights to allow access to government lands that were established for the peoples use. This affects commerce of an island that solely depends on tourism.

Correspondence ID: 23177 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Document ID: NPS-2011-0005-0800 Document Type: Notice Docket ID: NPS-2011-0005 RIN:1024-AD85

Dear Superintendent Murray, Firstly, you have been bought and paid for, by SELC and DOW. Admit it. You should go to prison for a long long time. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I do NOT support any Alternative F regulations that closes any of the Seashore to beach driving to protect wildlife. This National Park should remain a recreational area as intended. Pea Island and Cape Lookout provide plenty of habitat. Market Cape Hatteras right and you would have a HUGE budget Murray. As written, the regulation prohibits ORVs year round on 26 of the 67 total miles of Seashore beach. The entire area should be opened to beach driving with accesses created around any protected nests or nesting activity. If the Park Service does end up caving into special interest groups and close parts of the Seashore to beach driving, then I urge you to include specific, enforceable, science-

based REASONS for wildlife and pedestrians PROTECTIONS in the regulation. As it is currently written, the proposed regulation treats RECREATION AND orv as optional, and this is simply not acceptable. I urge you to include science-based reasons for all natural resources that are restricted. If not we shall see you in court....AGAIN.

Correspondence ID: 23178 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I submit comments on RIN 1024-AD85) Proposed 36 CFR 7.58 (c)(2) - Permits and Proposed 36 CFR 7.58 (c)(3) and (c)(4) - Vehicle equipment and Inspection I oppose vehicle permitting, in person education and vehicle inspections as proposed. As written it is confusing and contradictory. A poorly thought out money grab and budget expansion scheme by none other than Mike Murray...surprise surprise. Murray is going after that next G level before retiring by increasing his budget. Is the person being permitted or the vehicle? If the person obtains a permit, completes an education program, acknowledge in writing etc then why does each vehicle you drive require a separate permit? Is the person educated and permitted to drive on ORV routes? Is it one permit per person or one permit per vehicle? Does the vehicle have to sign the form and be educated too? 7 DAY AND YEARLY PERMITS SHOULD BE VALID FROM DATE OF PURCHASE. who wrote this crap? Call the Super up at Assateague you idiots. MOST IMPORTANTLY - for our tax dollars what exactly does this permit system accomplish? CREATING A PROGRAM AND A FEE TO PAY FOR THE PROGRAM WITHOUT GOOD REASON? REALLY?

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The proposal states to obtain an ORV permit, "you must complete a short education program, acknowledge in writing that you understand and agree to abide by the rules governing ORV use at the Seashore, and pay the applicable permit fee. Both weekly (7-day, valid from the date of issuance) and annual (calendar year) ORV permits would be available." "You would need to get a permit for each vehicle that you want to use for driving on designated ORV routes. A permit would need to be affixed to all vehicles operated on designated ORV routes within the Seashore." I oppose this permitting system. At a minimum get a professional to create and manage the program. NPS reeks of corruption.

Correspondence ID: 23179 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: It is so difficult to find the words to share with you how precious the privilege of beach access feels to those of us who have spent generations riding responsibly out to the ocean, away from commercialized beach areas to experience the beautiful beaches and wildlife of Oregon Inlet, Cape Hatteras, and Ocracoke. Access and the ability to drive down to the shore, not only supports the very livelihood of many residents, but it attracts and inspires people who desire clean, free, open, unadulterated beaches. When you spend the day, fishing, reading, napping, listening to birds and wind and waves, it is better than any therapy session and it inspires an appreciation for nature than many never experience or learn.

Restricting this access will not serve to protect this environment. It will first destroy the livelihood of many people and then it will eliminate people from the area. Once people are removed from the beaches and separated from the birds, the fish, the turtles, and all the other animals, they will become apathetic and never learn how important these places are and thus never learn to protect them and live as God intended, in harmony with their environment. They will not learn to protect something they've never experienced first hand. The solution is teaching harmony of people and their environment. Please don't take away the only place my family can go to be in solitude and harmony with nature. Please don't take away our ability to inspire others to an appreciation of it's beauty and splendor.

Irresponsible people will only cease to exist by outnumbering them. You will only outnumber them through education and inspiration. Teach people to protect what they love and they will run out anyone that tries to destroy it. Positive peer pressure, so to speak.

Thank you for allowing my this time to tell you my thoughts and beg you to realize how important off road access is to our community.

Respectfully, Jennifer Gamiel

Correspondence ID: 23180 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: : National Park Service; RIN 1024-AD85, Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area I am requesting that any rule changes or implementation be postponed until at a minimum, NPS and Department of Interior provide a plan or documentation as to how ORV access will be managed if the proposed new ramps, parking areas, pedestrian walkways and routes do not yet exist when the rule becomes final. This is smoke and mirrors at its best. This is gross mismanagement and failure to provide sufficient information to the American people prior to making a decision and implementing new rules on public lands is illegal. I am contacting OMB, DOI and elected officials to request information about the cost of the new routes, time it will take to build the new routes, and if any additional studies would need to be done to construct the new routes. Until then, I am requesting a postponement of this proposed "rule".

I am requesting that any rule changes be postponed and reviewed by OMB until a full audit and accounting of available information is conducted. We must stop government corruption. I am a whistleblower and very concerned United States citizen.

Correspondence ID: 23181 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: National Park Service; RIN 1024-AD85, Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area I

i oppose Proposed 36 CFR 7.58 (c)(2) - Permits:

I object to the idea and issuance of permits in order to operate a vehicle on designated ORV routes. All text related to permits should be deleted.

This is clearly unmanageable and a program that is not well thought out in a wide area such as CHNRS. This is an unnecessary economic burden on an already fragile economy of Hatteras. And all for not stated reason or benefit of animal or human.

This type of permitting only works in self contained controlled parks such as Assateague or Yellowstone.

DELETE THE REFERENCE TO PERMITS. OR JUSTIFY IT IN A CLEAR HONEST TRANSPARENT WAY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. DON'T JUST TAKE THE MONEY. BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR ADDITIONAL TAXING.

Correspondence ID: 23182 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 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: 23183 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: National Park Service; RIN 1024-AD85, Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area I OPPOSE ANY AND ALL Night Driving Restrictions:

There should be no restrictions on night driving - ORV routes should be accessible 24 hours a day FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. Nighttime access is critical to recreational fisherman. There is no hard factual evidence proving that lights from ORVs interfere with nesting turtles or other shorebirds. NPS has been bribed into making this a rule where there is NO evidence that this is good stewardship. NPS, Mike Murray, DOI, OMB - please stop this ban on night driving. My forefathers drove these beaches for decades at night. This is arbitrary and capricious rule making - AGAIN.

Correspondence ID: 23184 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: National Park Service; RIN 1024-AD85, Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area I oppose Alternate F. I support Alternate A that closely resembles the plan prior to the lawsuits. This park is a recreational area, not a wildlife refuge. This proposal directly violates: 1. Title 16, U.S. Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter LXIII, Sec. 459. Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area; conditional establishment; acquisition of lands When title to all the lands, except those within the limits of established villages, within boundaries to be designated by the Secretary of the Interior within the area of approximately one hundred square miles on the islands of Chicamacomico, Ocracoke, Bodie, Roanoke, and Collington, and the waters and the lands beneath the waters adjacent thereto shall have been vested in the United States, said area shall be, and is, established, dedicated, and set apart as a national seashore recreational area for the benefit and enjoyment of the people and shall be known as the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area: Provided, That the United States shall not purchase by appropriation of public moneys any lands within the aforesaid area, but such lands shall be secured by the United States only by public or private donation.

NPS is mismanaging this land entrusted to them. I demand a full investigation to uncover the bribery and fraud within Mike Murray's organization and DOI.

Correspondence ID: 23185 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Dear Park Service, I am writing today to request stronger regulation of ORV's at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The impacts of unrestricted off-road vehicle (ORV) use has taken its toll on the threatened and endangered shorebirds and sea turtles that nest on the seashore's beaches.

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

In recent years, a temporary plan that limits ORV use near protected wildlife nesting areas has been working to protect wildlife. 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. RV advocates want the entire seashore open to beach driving. I support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 23186 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 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.

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

Correspondence ID: 23187 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I would like to voice my strong support for specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting. In 2007, protected sea turtles created just 82 nests on the shore. 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 again. We cannot afford to allow our animal populations suffer as a result of a decrease in protections.

Correspondence ID: 23188 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: 1. While I support responsible ORV operation in the CHNS, the proposed rules go way beyond what is necessary to balance and implement any protections warranted for endangered species that choose to intermittently alight on the CHNS beaches.

2. There has not been sufficient consideration given to the economic impacts of the proposed regulations not only on the visitors to CHNS, but also to the businesses that depend on the tourists that come to CHNS. The closures of certain areas during prime

fishing and vacation seasons will make the CHNS a much less desirable vacation destination. The \$100 million impact is not the correct measurement as the economy is already so limited that such a figure is useless for a realistic assessment of the deleterious impacts of the proposed rules on the local economy. A comparison of the local economy before the interim measures under which the ORV access is now controlled and the economy since that interim measures were implemented demonstrates the harm that the access limitations have already caused. The "justification" for the proposed rules speculates that restricting ORV use might have a beneficial effect on the local economy ? it demonstrably has not. The NPS has a legal duty to conduct its analysis in a responsible manner with a credible analysis of regulatory costs rather than simply hyping unsubstantiated "benefits."

3. There is insufficient science support for the huge areas set aside for the endangered birds; and areas for those species are inconsistent with the establishment of set aside areas in other National seashores. Also, there is no legal support for setting aside huge areas for species other than endangered species.

4. The proposed permit fees will be prohibitive for some visitors. There should be applications available for fee waivers for those with incomes below the federal poverty line, anyone over 65 years old, all permanent residents and all non-resident Hatteras Island property owners. Also the education course proposed should be made easily accessible on-line so that permits can be distributed in the most expeditious way possible and not add insult to injury by requiring people to waste valuable vacation time procuring a permit.

5. The legal papers donating the land for CHNS required that traditional uses be preserved and the proposed rules do not do that; instead they severely impair traditional uses as well as local residents' rights to make a living.

Please take these comments into consideration when finalizing the rules, so that maximum access is maintained for responsible ORV use in the CHNS. Thank you,

Correspondence ID:	23189	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	no orv's in cape hattereras national seashore no no no						
Correspondence ID:	23190	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	So.....the recreating agenda for people is SO damn Important that it overrides the very survival of these innocent wild birds and animals (?) How really, truly selfish and greedy...how PATHETIC!						
Correspondence ID:	23191	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	In these days of economic stress, don't waste government resources on trying to fix what was never broken, and PLEASE don't add any more expense to use poor citizens. We don't want or need more regulations and fees. We'll give the animals all the room that they need, and you can prosecute/fine/jail the violators, and the rest of us will applaud.						
	If this issue keeps going, the only group that will benefit will be the lawyers, and they'll be fat and happy for a long time while the rest of us suffer. Some more.						
Correspondence ID:	23192	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 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 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.

I oppose ORV use in Natural Areas. People can easily walk and do not need an ORV to get around. Sea Turtle and Piping Plover nests will be destroyed. Please do not permit ORV use on beaches and natural areas where wildlife nest.

Correspondence ID:	23193	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	1)Permits should be available on line with the completion of online training and testing to avoid backlogs on busy days. 2)Fees, though needed must be within the range of lower and fixed income people so as not to exclude their participation 3)\$40.00 annual and @20.00 10 day fees must be the maximum. 4)Special Use Permits requiring removal of the vehicle are not practical. Disabled persons can need immediate access to the vehicle. Older folkslike myself need, at times, rapid access to a toilet due medications and the privacy for use. We carry a ports potti. 5)VFA's should be flexible based on the need for resource protection. In 30+ years of beach driving for fishing I have never seen a conflict between pedestrians and vehicles. In addition I have never seen two vehicles collide. 6)Limiting the number of vehicles allowed on the sand isn't necessary. Only on occasion are vehicles double of triple parked and that is at specific places such as Cape Point. When this happens there is great cooperation among fishermen. 7)Winter driving times should be determined by the need to protect nesting species, not the calendar and should be at the discretion of the superintendent. 8)Night Driving should be allowed to continue as is currently practiced with the permit now used. Better education of the using public benefit the park, nesting species and the economy of the local people. Cooperation between all user and interested groups should be the goal. As a person who loves the beauty and peace provided by Cape Hatteras. I believe that the users can and will support the park but cooperation and agreement, not arbitrary unreasonable restrictions will ultimately serve the park best. ,						

Correspondence ID:	23194	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW BEACH DRIVING TO BE UNRESTRICTED SO THAT WILD LIFE IS NOT ADEQUATELY PROTECTED AND PRESERVED....PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS SPECIFIC, ENFORCEABLE, SCIENCE-BASED PROTECTION AND ADDITIONAL FREE VEHICLE AREAS. THESE VULNERABLE CREATURES AND THEIR FRAGILE HABITATS DEPEND UPON YOUR HUMANE AND INTELLIGENT STEWARDSHIP. PLEASE USE YOUR DECISION-MAKING POWERS TO SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN THIS LEGACY. THANK YOU						

Correspondence ID:	23195	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 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.						

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.

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:	23196	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Implementing plan F without the funding in place for "new ramps" & "pedestrian w/ parking" amounts to closing a National Park which was created as a recreational area. The NPS is giving up management of the National Recreational Seashore to the lawyers with the most money instead of standing up for the rights of the public. Instead of supporting the economies of the villages as Conrad Wirth promised the NPS ignoring the original charter which gained the Park Service title to the seashore.						

Correspondence ID:	23197	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						

Correspondence: Restricting ORV on the Outer Banks of North Carolina has been a great success for nesting shorebirds and sea turtles. Regulations should be established to continue the protection of these vertebrate species. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 23198 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: The following comments on the Proposed Rule for regulation of ORV Use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area (RIN 1024-AD85) are furnished for consideration and inclusion in the Public Record, in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act.

A. General Comments

1. Congress, in the Enabling Legislation establishing the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area (hereinafter "the Park") has specifically and explicitly stated, inferred and implied, that such areas as may be especially suited to recreational activities "shall be developed" for the recreational use and enjoyment of the visitors. Further, Congress has listed a number of recreational activities which are appropriate uses of the Park, several of which involve and require the use or equipment, gear, apparatus, tackle or other cumbersome or weighty items. Fishing is one such activity clearly identified and contemplated as an intended use of the Park, and indeed Congress specifically provided that traditional Commercial, as well as recreational, fishing should be allowed and continued, in full knowledge that moving weighty and cumbersome fishing gear and associated vehicles onto and across the beaches was involved, acceptable, and a practical necessity to access the Park resources. Clearly, the continuing use of vehicles on the beaches of the Park is a traditional use as well as a practical necessity for Park visitor and user access today, as it was when Congress established the Park. The proposed regulation as written would permanently render vast areas of the Park inaccessible, as a practical matter, to many visitors and users, in contradiction to the expressed and implied intent of Congress. This is a fatal flaw in the proposed regulation.

2. Throughout the enabling legislation, the intent of Congress was clear that multiple and diverse user and visitor activities should be both encouraged and supported throughout the Park. The proposed regulation not only permanently renders much of the Park practically inaccessible, but denies practical access for clearly appropriate uses during the night for most of the year, and denies all practical access for such appropriate uses by designating "vehicle Free areas" in vast areas of the park. Not only is this discriminatory against some user groups and disabled individuals, but it contradicts the intent of Congress that Multiple Use should be a principle of Park operation, and it unduly restricts the ability of Park Management to adapt, accommodate, or adjust or to changes in visitor demographics, user load or activity, or to changes in physical park configuration or indigenous species distribution. This inflexibility and permanent delineation discourages multiple use, limits the opportunity for Adaptive Management, and is another fatal flaw in the proposed regulation.

3. The National Park Service is charged with the duty of preserving NOT ONLY the physical resources of the Park, but equally, with preserving the Traditional and Cultural Values and Practices which define the Park and make it unique and historically significant. The freedom of movement and use of vehicles on the beaches is a traditional and necessary practice intimately connected with the culture and cultural values defining the North Carolina Outer banks and the Islands comprising the Park. Indeed, the beach has been the road of first and last resort from earliest habitation to the modern era, predating the establishment of the Park, and in current times when exigency renders alternate routes impassable. Vehicle use throughout the Park and especially on the Beaches is essential to Preserving the uniqueness and culture that distinguish and define the Park.

B. Specific Comments and Recommendations

1. There needs to be some provision, mechanism and requirement for timely review and adjustment of the Regulation and Rules promulgated thereunder to consider and accommodate changes in Park Visitor density, use, and demographics, as well as changes in the physical and physiographic character of the beaches and Park terrain in this dynamic coastal environment, and the unpredictable behaviors and distribution of the indigenous species which the Park Management is charged with protecting. National Park Service (NPS) policy, and wise stewardship, encourage the use of Adaptive Management Practices, and indeed the use of feedback and adjustment is a necessity to optimize results and progress toward goals in any management practice. Proposals that would lock in specific limits, exclusions, and dedications for specific user activities are contrary to the "Multiple-use" concept of resource management, and will through concentration of users and activities to limited areas exacerbate the potential for adverse impact on Park resources or for user conflict, probably making such results a self-fulfilling prophesy. I recommend that the Superintendent be authorized to delete or adjust any part of the rules established in this regulation upon review of the actual effect of such, AND that such review be required at least quarterly, and involve consultation with a panel of citizen stakeholders, not NPS Employees, representing the user activities identified in the Legislation establishing the National Seashore.

2. In regard to the proposed "Permit" program applicable to Off Road Vehicle (ORV) access to the Park :

(a) Permits should be issued to INDIVIDUALS rather than to specific vehicles, and should be TRANSFERABLE between any vehicles operated by the permittee during a permit period. It is common for many island residents, visitors or fishermen to operate several different vehicles during any permit period, and the necessity to obtain replacement or redundant permits when a "trained" permittee changes vehicles is unduly onerous and unreasonably costly. Also, for consistency, we note that the proposed training requirement applies to INDIVIDUALS rather than to VEHICLES. As Many States, including North Carolina, provide for issuance of "Lifetime", "Reduced Fee" or "No Fee" Fishing Licenses for Senior, Handicapped, Military, Veteran, or Low-income Subsistence Fishermen, so the National Park Service should consider such options in setting permit fees, and should

include the waiver of any such fees on ORV access under the "Golden Age Passport" or similar existing programs which waive or reduce vehicle entry fees throughout the National Park System.

(b) The Mandatory Training Program proposed as a requirement for permit issuance should be a "Once per individual in a lifetime" rather than an annual, redundant and recurring requirement. Providing training facilities and staff will be a time and resource consuming activity for the NPS, and an onerous requirement for permit applicants possibly requiring personal appearance at specific times when training staff may be available. As a supporting example, "Once per individual" Mandatory Training requirements are common in most states where participation in a Hunting Safety Training course is a requirement for issuance of Hunting Licenses. Also, there is often common acceptance of documentation of any such participation once in a lifetime, as well as established "standard and accepted courses" which satisfy the requirement. Such widespread practice should be a "model" for the proposed program.

3. The proposed restrictions or prohibitions on Nighttime access to the beaches by ORV are discriminatory as a practical matter against a large cohort of visitors who visit the park to participate in fishing. Nighttime fishing is both traditional and extremely popular in North Carolina, and for certain popular fisheries that are most amenable to nighttime activity, such as Red Drum, restricting the practical means of access of fishermen to that fishery will have a serious impact on the economy of those villages located within the National Seashore that depend on attracting sportfishermen during the spring and fall seasons. There is legitimate uncertainty regarding any benefit to threatened species resulting from prohibiting nighttime ORV access to the beaches. The Park Service should consider alternatives to total closure such as allowing nighttime access for vehicles specifically engaged in fishing, or allowing vehicles to remain stationary on the beach overnight. Such accommodations could be tailored to those areas which are especially popular or are unique in that they are renowned worldwide for the quality sportfishing experience they offer, such as Cape Point, the Wimble Shoals area, and the Inlet Spits. Further, the proposed restrictions impose onerous hardships for commercial beach fishing activities which must work their sets and gear in timely fashion. We note that Congress, in the enabling legislation, specifically addressed such activities. I recommend that the proposed Nighttime Closures be deleted from the Regulation, and failing that, that the aforementioned adjustments be incorporated in lieu of the existing proposal. I further recommend that the alleged benefits to the turtle hatchling survival rate be quantified, and if a significant improvement can't be documented, that the nighttime closure policy be terminated.

4. Finally, I recommend that the position statement of the Coalition for Beach Access relative to the Draft ORV Management Plan/EIS (DEIS) for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, developed through and in consultation with the Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee and thus representative of the majority of pertinent stakeholder groups, be substituted for the proposed Regulation. I believe that such wholesale substitution would provide a BETTER balance of optimizing public access to the Park while affording adequate and reasonable protection and preservation to ALL Park resources and protected species, and ALSO incorporating the REQUIRED preservation of the Traditional and Cultural Values that Define the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area which is absent from the proposed regulation.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please protect Cape Hatteras from Off-Road Vehicles.						

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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Many anglers, many of whom have been visiting the park for many consecutive years, will decide to no longer visit the park in the fall if the proposed prohibition on night driving is enacted. In the end, this restriction will not stand because it is so obviously unjust and unnecessary.						

Correspondence ID:	23201	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
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Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Murray,						

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

I strongly support regulation of ORVs at the Seashore, but the Park Service plan protects beach drivers more than it does wildlife. The proposed plan currently sets aside only 26 of the 67 total miles of the Seashore for year-round wildlife and pedestrian use with the remainder open to year-round or seasonal beach driving. Given the recent observation of increased productivity of protected wildlife species under the current interim plan, and the drastic impact ORVs have on both productivity and survival, more vehicle-free areas are not only needed to ensure the increased productivity of wildlife, but are crucial for their continued survival in this era of rapidly decreasing coastal habitat.

In addition to threatening the safety of protected wildlife the presence of ORVs severely diminishes the appeal of Cape Hatteras. Our national parks are a source of international pride due largely in part to preservation of their natural beauty. Perhaps the most significant aspect of this pride is the diverse array of unique wildlife found within our parks and the nature in which these lands

are expected to protect our wildlife. I fear that the continued use of ORVs within Cape Hatteras will severely impact this expectation, but will also impact the pristine nature of Cape Hatteras, which is a source of joy for so many visitors.

With these concerns in mind I strongly encourage you to reconsider the currently proposed regulations, which unacceptably treat wildlife protection as optional. Please revise this plan to include current buffers and other explicit protections for wildlife like piping plovers and sea turtles that rely on the Hatteras Seashore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Jason Porter

Correspondence ID: 23202 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Before limiting "Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area" night driving the NPS needs to demonstrate that the restrictions are rational and have any basis besides an arbitrary and capricious desire to limit access to the beach. Either any driving after dark is a risk or none is. The designation of a specific time to end night driving, not taking into account the time of year or the phases of the moon indicates ambient light is not the issue and therefore night driving is not a problem. The 7AM start time likewise reflects an arbitrary limit. Sunrise precedes this time most of the period of the year that large numbers of people drive on the beach. How this differs from the present 6AM time or the historical unlimited driving needs to be supported. The best scientific evidence to support these limits should be made part of the public record and presented for peer review by other specialists before any night driving limitations are imposed. Off-Road Vehicle Management: Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Document ID NPS-2011-0005-0800)

Correspondence ID: 23203 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: To whom it concerns,

The proposed closing of Cape Hatteras National Seashore to ORV should be reconsidered. I agree that conservation measurements must be taken to protect endangered species. Permanent closer to all human traffic is not the answer. The attraction of the Outerbanks is that they can be enjoyed in person, not just seen in a magazine or on the internet.

Authorities should try to better educate the population about the species that need to be protected. Fishermen must obtain a license and learn the creel limit as well as fish length regulations. ORV operators should have to acquire a similar license in which a basic knowledge of how to identify endangered species is required. Online testing could be used to educate those that apply for an ORV permit.

Correspondence ID: 23204 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
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Correspondence ID: 23205 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: Proposed 36 CFR 7.58 (c)(3) and (c)(4) - Vehicle equipment and Inspection: The requirement for vehicles to carry a rescue kit of equipment in addition to what is normally part of their outfit is not supported by any analysis. In 40 plus years of beach driving I have never seen a vehicle that wasn't able to be extracted by either other operators or on rare occasions the services of one of the local tow operators. Unless there is a significant number of problems relating to the lack of this gear on the vehicles driving on the beach there no reason for the rule. This does however impose a cost on park visitors which should be reflected in your analysis of the plan and a cost benefit calculation produced for review and public comment prior to implementation. "National Park Service" or "NPS" the identifying number 1024-AD85.(Document ID: NPS-2011-0005-0800: Off-Road Vehicle

Management: Cape Hatteras National Seashore)

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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I have been visiting Cape Hatteras almost annually to surf fish for about 35 years, and seldom do I use a vehicle on the beach. Let's make the protection of this unique and fragile ecosystem our highest priority. We can always find a place to fish, but we can't replace a species when it disappears.						
Correspondence ID:	23207	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	I object to changing the dates for access in front of villages. This has nothing to do with 'managing the resource'. At the least deciding when to allow vehicle access to the area in front of the villages should be the choice of the people who live in them. Again nothing in the rule or previous documentation indicates this is a problem or even an issue. Why change it? "National Park Service" or "NPS" the identifying number 1024-AD85. (Document ID: NPS-2011-0005-0800: Off-Road Vehicle Management: Cape Hatteras National Seashore)						
Correspondence ID:	23208	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 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. You want the entire seashore open to beach driving. You should instead support specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife and additional vehicle-free areas for nesting.						
Correspondence ID:	23209	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	This letter is to address the concerns I have with the rules proposed by the NPS in regards to the Cape Hatteras National Recreational Area. These rules represent a break of faith with the public. They are not based on peer reviewed science, they have not been developed in cooperation with the concerned parties, they present onerous burdens on the local populatin and the visiting public. This park exists because of a commitment from the federal government to the landholders made in the 1937. When the land was sold to the government, it committed to maintaining this as a park for Recreation. These rules trample that commitment.						
	<p>The path taken to these rules has been characterized by back room deals, enviromental lawyers, lawsuits and a disregard for the voices of the residents and taxpayers. It includes a Failed Negotiated Rulemaking Committee and a Consent decree that was the best of two horrible options for the local representatives. It also includes the killing of several thousand "predators" in this national park. Econonomic impact statements weren't even avavilable while the rules were being written.</p> <p>There is no reason to intitute a permit system In this park. Thes areas are already purchased by the taxpaying public. We already pay for this park with our taxes and a permit would be an unfair added tax. In addition, with the tight financial time we are currently in, the feasibility of collecting these fees is unreasonable. How will NPS collect permit fees on a Saturday or Sunday, the traditional arrival time of visitors to this island.?</p> <p>There has never been a scientifically proven need to restrict night driving in the park.It does not present any safety concerns for users. Everyone that I have observed driving on this beach at night, dramatically slows down and uses extreme caution. Driving on the beach at night does not create damage at any greater rate than driving during the day. Since driving during the day is allowed, night driving should not have any additional restrictions.</p> <p>The capricious closing of certain access ramps and the creation of new ones has not been proven to be needed. There has never been any reason given as to why some ramps should be closed and new ones created. If some ramps had a history of interfering with wildlife preservation efforts, I would fully support closing these access ramps and opening new ones in areas that help preserve the endangered species. I have tried to remain informed all along this prosess and have never heard the reasn why some ramps should be closed. It has also never been revealed how much these new ramps will cost or when they will be completed. With the current budget concerns, I have no faith that any new ramps will be opened.</p> <p>There are areas in this park where wildlife flourishes. The Pea Island National Refuge is contained in this park. It is 16 miles of completely undeveloped area that was at the turn of the century a very popular waterfowl and bird hunting area. There is no hunting or any other development to disturb the wildlife in this area. There are areas in this park called "spoils". Both these areas are used by the species this plan is trying to protect. During this rule making process, no information about the animal populations in these ares have been included.</p> <p>The propsed rule to drop off mobility impaired individuals is unworkable, unsafe and unnecessary. If emergency or even urgent</p>						

transport from the beach is needed, it cannot happen with this plan. If a beach is accessible to the impaired by vehicle, it should be available to all for access by vehicle.

Vehicle Free Areas (VFA) proposed in this rule directly conflict with several executive orders. When these orders were given, NPS determined that the entire seashore should remain accessible to ORV's. In 1978 the Interim Management Strategy also made this same determination. The only exception to this is the seasonal closing of the beaches in front of the villages. These areas have high pedestrian traffic during peak tourist season. If other areas are left open, we can all enjoy different sections of this park. To close random areas of the beach to vehicle access for unknown reasons is unconscionable. The permanent closing of Bodie Island spit, The Northeast end of Ocracoke, the south end of Hatteras, the south end of Ocracoke and all the other VFA's should be abandoned. Nowhere has there been demonstrated a reason or a need to close these areas.

The adoption of these rules as they stand will create several negative consequences. These rules will cement an adversarial relationship that the NPS has created with the local population and the visitors to this island. These rules will not provide added protection to the protected or endangered species in this park. It is my hope that these rules will spur a legal challenge to this entire process. These proposed rules do not manage ORV use in this park in an intelligent and cooperative form. Worst of all, these rules as proposed transform men and women who love, use and preserve the outdoors into adversaries of conservation. We want to work with local and federal representatives to preserve the areas we love, but this rule tramples our ability to cooperate. This planning process has been flawed from the start, created a badly flawed plan and it should be dramatically changed to represent the original intent of this park, The Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area.

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Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The economic impact statement on which this Rule is based was published in June of this year. The DEIS and FEIS were published last Fall. As citizens we are required to comply with the law and regulations. A rule effecting the economy of two Islands should likewise be drafted in accordance with the rules of the Federal Agencies responsible for creating them in the first place. So both the DEIS and FEIS process are flawed. In the interest of fairness this entire process needs to be restarted and followed correctly. There has been inadequate time for concerned people or groups to review the analysis prior to its being used in crafting the rule. Given the incredible potential for harm to the economies of the villages embodied in this ORV plan, the precautionary principle would seem to apply here. The Federal government should act cautiously and with due regard to the possible consequences of their actions before implementing a plan which has not yet been adequately vetted. "National Park Service" or "NPS" the identifying number 1024-AD85. (Document ID: NPS-2011-0005-0800: Off-Road Vehicle Management: Cape Hatteras National Seashore)						
Correspondence ID:	23211	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	The economic impact statement on which this Rule is based was published in June of this year. I have not had adequate time to review the analysis prior to its being used in crafting the rule. A cursory review of the analysis shows it laughably underestimates the current impact of the various interim management plans. Local (AVON) businesses I have frequented for decades are closing and I know the Tackle shops in both AVON and Ocracoke have suffered significant drops in business. Living in Virginia Beach and serving with dozens of serious fishermen I know they no longer venture to the Outer Banks during the closures season. This has to have a significant impact on the economy since outside the summer months there is no other reason for non-residents and non-homeowners to visit the banks in any economically significant numbers. This is especially true in the spring when the timing of closures is uncertain making committing to a rental a exercise in gambling with the birds. For folks with limited spare cash like the enlisted men and women in the Navy this is a risk which isn't justified so they will and have for the past few years found other places to go. "National Park Service" or "NPS" the identifying number 1024-AD85. (Document ID: NPS-2011-0005-0800: Off-Road Vehicle Management: Cape Hatteras National Seashore)						
Correspondence ID:	23212	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Please make better set-backs and protect the wildlife. Listen to the scientist.						
Correspondence ID:	23213	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y
Name:	private						
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00						
Correspondence Type:	regulations.gov						
Correspondence:	Proposed 36 CFR 7.58 (c)(2) - Permits: Permits to access the beach on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area? The requirement is another cost which will detract from the attractiveness of the Outer Banks as a vacation destination. I object to the idea of funding the deceased access embodied in this set of rules. If the cost went to building ramps, new sound side access, and restoring the dunes after storms I would gladly pay it. The park is bought and paid for.						
	"National Park Service" or "NPS" the identifying number 1024-AD85. (Document ID: NPS-2011-0005-0800: Off-Road Vehicle Management: Cape Hatteras National Seashore)						
Correspondence ID:	23214	Project:	10641	Document:	41993	Private:	Y

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Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: American oystercatchers, Wilson's plover, and colonial waterbird species are afforded pre-nesting closures and buffers of up to 300 meters in the proposed rule. While these species are not federally-listed as endangered or threatened, they may be state-listed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NC WRC) as "species of concern". The executive director of the NC WRC recently expressed the state's objections to the use of its "species of concern" designation to trigger ORV management strategies under the federal Endangered Species Act, as currently reflected in the DEIS (<http://hamptonroads.com/2010/05/orv-plan-gives-too-much-space-some-species-critics-argue>). A "species of concern" designation is not intended to trigger active management measures and surely not the excessively large closures recommended. The referenced species are designated as "Least Concern" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (the designation corresponding to the lowest risk of extinction; for reference, humans are also an IUCN species of Least Concern). Considering the abundance of these species, as indicated by their conservation status, pre-nesting buffers are not warranted and should not be in the proposed rule. Additionally, temporary closures, if provided, should be no greater than 30 meters and include ORV corridors around them.

Correspondence ID: 23215 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: (c) (7) Special use permits... (iii) Transportation of mobility impaired individuals; A permit being made for impaired persons is a nice Idea but misses the basic Idea of the "Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area" as a recreation area. Access to the front of the villages is available now with help from the family for older folks like my mother an island homeowner. [And the same experience can be had at any beach in New Jersey without the cost of an OVR permit.] What isn't available is access to the rest of the park. ORV access is Handicapped Access plain and simple. The handicapped would like to be able to get to the unoccupied portions of the park jus t like the rest of us. Also although old, watching grandchildren fish, like her children did is a pleasure for a grandmother. That the driver must quickly remove the vehicle once the person is dropped off makes this permit effectively useless. If the person requires care to get to the beach they cannot be abandoned without support and a way to get back off if needed. Nice gesture but this is useless in practical terms.

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Unprecedented large, inflexible buffers of up to 1000 meters are afforded unfledged piping plover chicks under the proposed rule. 1000 meter buffer distances are not scientifically supportable and should be reduced to no more than 200 meters. Additionally, the buffers for unfledged piping plover chicks buffer should move with the brood as it relocates to reliable food source, not expanded.

The beaches adjacent to Hatteras Inlet on both Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands as well as the beach between Ramp 27-Ramp 30 in Salvo are proposed for permanent ORV closure under the proposed rule. The implied need for these permanent closures is arbitrary and not scientifically supportable. Rather, closures should be based on species monitoring during the breeding season. From a resource management standpoint, the Hatteras Inlet closures fail to recognize the shorebird habitat provided by dredge/spoil islands behind the inlet and in the adjacent sound. Likewise, the Ramp 27-Ramp 30 closure fails to recognize both the resource benefits and pedestrian visitor opportunities provided by the approximately 15 miles of ORV-free beach just a few miles north at Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge (PINWR). Habitat and visitor access management scenarios for the proposed Ramp 27-30 closure (as well as the proposed floating closure in this area) and the ocean beaches in PINWR are nearly identical, emphasizing that new beach closures between Salvo and Avon in CHNS are not necessary.

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Corridors aare subject to resource closures at any time under the proposed rule. Corridors are a vital adaptive management tool for providing access while protecting resources and should be used to the extent possible in NPS' proposed rule Corridors should be permitted throughout the seashore during the entire breeding and nesting season, even if they are only "pass-through" corridors.

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designation is not intended to trigger active management measures and surely not the excessively large closures recommended.

The referenced species are designated as "Least Concern" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (the designation corresponding to the lowest risk of extinction; for reference, humans are also an IUCN species of Least Concern). Considering the abundance of these species, as indicated by their conservation status, pre-nesting buffers are not warranted and should not be in the proposed rule. Additionally, temporary closures, if provided, should be no greater than 30 meters and include ORV corridors around them.

Correspondence ID: 23218 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993 **Private:** Y
Name: private
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: regulations.gov
Correspondence: I am an occasional user of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area (CHNSRA). This beautiful piece of nature stands out for me because of the miles of beach that can be driven on and the excellent surf fishing. Off road vehicle (ORV) access is a way of life for the residents and visitors to CHNSRA. The local economy is based on this tradition. Restricting ORV access would cause many local businesses to close their doors. These entrepreneurs that once made the economy thrive will be removed from the life that they have known and loved. The proposed ORV permits may recoup some of the monetary losses, but not for the ones that are truly affected, the local entrepreneurs.

The new restrictions that are proposed with the permits, in my opinion, will do more harm than good. The vehicle limit has not been needed before. The "new" routes and parking lots will cost money, which may be partially offset by purchasing an ORV permit, but that revenue will dwindle with the Hatteras Island economy. There needs to be another economic analysis that shows the impact north and south of the Bonner Bridge. The one thing that the villages south of Oregon Inlet have to offer is ORV use. If this is taken away why would anyone drive the extra hour to vacation in Buxton. The US economy is not currently thriving. When these local business owners are forced to shut down where will they go? The current situation revolves around nesting shorebirds and sea turtles not having the proper habitat to breed. I was raised to respect nature, but also my fellow man. These shorebirds and turtles have been getting along with ORV users for decades. The new regulations will not affect the shorebirds or turtles, just negatively affect the humans. The management of CHNSRA was reasonable and effective in the past. The National Park Service (NPS) set closures of reasonable size that the ORV users avoided while navigating on CHNSRA.

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Correspondence: I am an occasional user of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area (CHNSRA). This beautiful piece of nature stands out for me because of the miles of beach that can be driven on and the excellent surf fishing. Off road vehicle (ORV) access is a way of life for the residents and visitors to CHNSRA. The local economy is based on this tradition. Restricting ORV access would cause many local businesses to close their doors. These entrepreneurs that once made the economy thrive will be removed from the life that they have known and loved. The proposed ORV permits may recoup some of the monetary losses, but not for the ones that are truly affected, the local entrepreneurs.

The new restrictions that are proposed with the permits, in my opinion, will do more harm than good. The vehicle limit has not been needed before, if a certain stretch of beach is too crowded for you then move to the next. The "new" routes and parking lots will cost money, which may be partially offset by purchasing an ORV permit, but that revenue will dwindle with the Hatteras Island economy. There needs to be another economic analysis that shows the impact north and south of the Bonner Bridge. The one thing that the villages south of Oregon Inlet have to offer is ORV use. If this is taken away why would anyone drive the extra hour to vacation in Buxton. The US economy is not currently thriving. When these local business owners are forced to shut down where will they go? An entrepreneur set for retirement may be forced into a new life because a bird nested and another human chose the birds health over the business owners.

The current situation revolves around nesting shorebirds and sea turtles not having the proper habitat to breed. I was raised to respect nature, but also my fellow man. These shorebirds and turtles have been getting along with ORV users for decades. The new regulations will not affect the shorebirds or turtles, just negatively affect the humans. The management of CHNSRA was reasonable and effective in the past. The National Park Service (NPS) set closures of reasonable size that the ORV users avoided while navigating on CHNSRA.

Correspondence ID: 23220 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Hemingway, George
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: I am writing this letter in support of using the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park for off-road vehicular traffic for shelling, fishing, camping, and other activities. The banning of these activities will deny a large portion of the population the possibilities of using and seeing these beautiful dunes, waves, and other areas on the beaches.

The proposed permit fee is outrageously high and should be reduced.

Consideration should be given to disabled individuals. I have Parkinsons Disease and without my "buggy" close by, I cannot surf fish - my first love.

Correspondence ID: 23221 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993

Name: Russo, Daniel

Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: As a US citizen that frequents the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and the villages and businesses of this area, I oppose the new rulemaking proposals.

The Cape Hatteras National Seashore that was established in 1953 was designed by people of common sense that wanted this beautiful area to remain "for the people" and to be preserved for generations to follow. The access to the beaches and waters of this area must remain open "for the people" as intended. To disrupt this "right of the people" is both unconstitutional and unacceptable by myself as a citizen and tax payer of this country.

1) Limiting and reducing more areas currently available now by both pedestrian and ORV is not acceptable. 2) The science and research that the NPS is using for factual support data is greatly flawed, biased and considered by myself and others as spoon fed "junk science" coming from special interest groups who want to deny open access to the area. The data that is being used is shaped to appear differently than what is fact. I consider this untruthful and to use this extremely unlawful. 3) Current timings on closures for bird nesting are hurting the local economy. To produce more infringement is unacceptable. 4) ORV training is unacceptable and is a waste of tax payer dollars. 5) ORV fees and permits are unconstitutional and unfair for those who cannot afford it. 6) Disrupting, disturbing, changing, and future altering of the social and economical structure to the area concerned and to the citizens and visitors who call this home or home away from home is unacceptable.

I would like to conclude at this time that the recent events established by the Consent Decree and the NPS have greatly affected the CHNS area and I am upset that this was allowed to happen.

Those who were hired by OUR federal government let ALL of us down. OUR National Seashore will never be the same and WE will always have to look at this black eye in the mirror every day. Please STOP, LOOK AROUND and ACT on what is best for the CHNS. What you do now will last a long time.

Correspondence ID: 23222 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993

Name: Seibert, Roy

Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: Please Do Not Put this Proposed Rule Into Effect!

Ever since the consent decree my wife and I spend less time in Hatteras and Avon than ever. When, normally we have spent three months in the Spring and three months in the Fall. We have now stopped coming in the Spring of the year altogether and have shortened our trips in the fall considerably. What we formerly spent in dollars in the Buxton and Avon area is now but a mere fraction. We are not alone; many of our friends are doing the same. I do not understand how an economic impact study can conclude that there will be no devastating effect on local business.

Other National Areas all seem to have different rules and regulations why do these rules have to be so Draconian? Vehicle Free Areas, come on. New Ramps and closing old ones, come on. No money to build new ramps anyway. We were all prepared to accept some changes but this is really over the top. No one really believes in the so called science (best available) that these rules are based on. It is a basic land grab.

Others who comment will address many of the important items of note so I will refrain from making this a lengthy diatribe. I must say that with all of the previous expense of local meetings and former comment periods and all the letters written to government officials and policymakers this is the worst possible outcome. So, does anyone there really care enough to read these honest protests?

I beg you to take this thing back to the drawing board, start over and this time put as much consideration into the community, the businesses and the people as you do the wildlife. If things do not change after this comment period then we will know the true agenda. I will leave and never forgive the Park Service for this travesty.

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Name: Carson, Ph.D., Johnny L

Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: RE: Comments to NPS @ Cape Hatteras National Seashore ORV PROPOSED RULE (RIN 1024-AD85) Dear Sir: The logo on the opening page of the National Park Service website exclaims and mobilizes us to "Experience your America". Moreover the stated mandate to the Service is to serve "recreational purposes for the benefit and enjoyment of the people." As a native North Carolinian and lifelong fisherman in virtually every part of our state, I am dismayed not so much at the stream of proposed regulations being considered for the Outer Banks but rather their focus on restrictive access to those very citizens who likely possess the greatest awareness of the delicate natural balances that are in place there and an ardent desire to preserve them. As a professionally trained environmental scientist, I find far more threatening to the environment the almost unfettered and carnival-like development of our coast in a fashion that benefits a relatively small population of wealthy real estate investors. The fact is that the greater good for the majority would be much better served by initiatives that limit further promotion of real estate

development through beach replenishment efforts and by research initiatives aimed at the restoration of marine fishery stocks from depletion by debilitating commercialization. Moreover, the recent destruction (AGAIN!!) of Highway 12 by Hurricane Irene once again poses a golden opportunity for progressive thinking and honest-to-goodness environmental protection initiatives by planning new approaches to environmentally responsible transport of visitors along the Outer Banks. Indeed, the fishermen I know care little for the artificial and unnatural modification of the natural environment of the Outer Banks for monetary gain. The Outer Banks are too special for that. The fishermen, sporting enthusiasts, and nature lovers I know possess a heartfelt desire to retain the Outer Banks in the most native state possible. These individuals also likely represent the most dedicated stewards and protectors of these almost sacred areas through their conscious efforts to keep the beaches clean and in a pristine condition not only for their own benefit but also the for "enjoyment of the people" and for future generations. Virtually no one questions that fishermen and other travelers to the Outer Banks require access to the beaches via ramps, roads, and trails. The National Park Service must be forward thinking in addressing its responsibilities to administer and protect these sites that belong to all of us. This is not to be accomplished by limiting access and increasing regulation and fees on a relatively small population of users, but rather through progressive thinking and developing approaches that allow all those who wish to enjoy the natural beauty and benefits of these sites to do so in an environmentally responsible fashion. Sincerely, Johnny L. Carson, Ph.D.

Correspondence ID: 23224 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Davis, John C
Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: I have been coming to the OBX for more than 15 years. I certainly understand the concern for wildlife, and the Park Service's obligation to protect it. During my many visits to OBX I have yet to see a visitor violate or disregard posted rules. Beachcombers and/or fishermen seem to share the responsibility for wildlife preservation with the Park Service. As the Park service has obligations to the wildlife, it also has obligations to the recreation community to base decisions on TRUE science, and make rules that duly protect both interests without unduly harming either. I respectfully request that the Park Service carry out this responsibility to both communities with honesty, integrity, and without political influence. Respectfully, John C. Davis 56 Millstone Rd. Glastonbury CT. , 06033

Correspondence ID: 23225 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Setzer, Rick
Received: Sep,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: These are personal comments about the proposed ORV rules and decisions made by the Park Service and are coming from someone who is a native North Carolina resident, N.C. State Graduate, and have been coming to the Outer Banks since 1975. Many years we have traveled from our Greenville S.c. home (500 mile +) 2-4 times to fish, or bring the family. Our fishing group is so concerned that we made the trip just to attend and participate in one of the NEG-REG meetings in Kitty Hawk. At that time, we calculated our monies spent for hotel, food, fishing equipment and other services was close to \$2,000,000. Since that meeting we have surpassed the mark. The reason I start with this information is to make you aware that this response is not coming from an "occasional" visitor, rather from someone who has a great "visitor" history and one that is "loyal" to the businesses, families and individuals that live in OBX. After reading the proposals, here are my comments.

1. Permits: What is the cost?? How much more "staff" is going to be required to implement the project?? Who has the power to determine the cost and how it is issued. My position is I'm OPPOSED to the Park Service making that decision. More regulation IS NOT what we need now. Some fees in areas are over \$100. and more. Sure eliminates the average person from the picture.

2. Special use Permits: OPPOSED as written . What happens if a "special needs" person is transported to the beach and MUST leave immediately?? I've walked from the parking area at Cape Point to the Point!! Impossible to handle this group without vehicles in close proximity.

3. Designate Routes : OPPOSED Under no Circumstances should the EXISTING ramps and routes be closed with the promise of "new routes" in the future. We all know, with the current Federal Budget problems, that funding for the construction may NEVER happen. While I have no problem with reviewing with LOCAL input.

4. Economic Impact: Since the proposal has not affected the "small business person" over \$100,000,000. it is deemed to be OK. WOW!! "while close to 100% of the rules impact would fall on small businesses COULD INCREASE OVERALL VISITATION and thereby HELP BUSINESSES re-coupe SOME of the revenues lost as a result of ORV restrictions" In your own report!!! Mike, your own report says in one place that no major negative affect is going to occur and then this statement appears. Prices for everything at OBX have INCREASED in since the DECREE was enacted. Hotel rooms, food, tackle and anything else our group members have purchased. We know the owners of the businesses we deal with. EVERYONE of them has taken a major finical hit over this issue.

5. Nigh Driving: Permlts--OK-- There is no sCientific data or research from any agency that supports this proposed regulation of NO night driving. Most of us who do go out on the beach late only go and PARK and do not do constant driving around. Always watching areas that have been marked and indicate nest and wildlife. Every local resident, shop owner and guide that we have used over the years has admonished us to "be careful"and in not circumstance damage or enter one of these designated areas. Mike, not the Park Service butthe local residents.

Finally, after seeing the recent documentary on OBX and the interviews with the people there, it is my (and our groups) conclusion that the data and research going in to these rules and regulations is NOT true research but "opinions" of individuals now taken as fact. I was there in your meeting when the lady gave her presentation of the damage ORV usage did to turtle nest.

Her unscientific correlation of the "vehicles on the beach in Daytona Beach Fla" with pictures(1940) is the most evident.

It is difficult to make comments without letting my emotional side get involved. I've decided that when issues like this come, I will do my part in making sure the original intent of the first "National Seashore" -Cape Hatteras-- with land given/sold by private families and individuals, to the state for the PURPOSE of sharing their area with all people and did the transaction with the understanding it was a "RECREATIONAL" park will not be hi-jacked by special interest groups posing as "protectors". After 40 yrs. personal observation of the families and individuals that live in OBX, my conclusion is that they have done an incredible job, worked with the Park Service, and should be the VOICE to listen to.

Correspondence ID: 23226 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Sprenkle, Richard G
Received: Sep,20,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: (c)(2) ORV Permits - I support a permit system wh ich includes a resonable weekly and yearly fee (i.e. weekly \$15, and yearly \$50)

(c)(9) ORV Routes - general comment - your proposals are much to aggressive and generally not scientifically based. I believe decisions should be made on actual "on the ground" situations. On an annual basis. Regardless, nothing should be closed until proposed new infrastructure is in place. VFAs should be be permanently designated. Give the supt, the flexibility to make changes as current conditions dictate. Leave the summer/winter restrictions alone. They are working fine now and have for many years.

P.S. I am generally dissapointed in the NPS for hte manner in which it handled this issues and its uncompromising position on most of the issues considered. I have been going to OBX for 22 years and have owned a home in Avon, for 12 years. I am now retired after 44 years in the field of recreation and conservation.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 23227 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Hartnett, John
Received: Sep,21,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: Feedback per National Park Service Proposed Rule (RIN 1024-AD85) John Hartnett 207 Cyprus Lane East Fallowfield, PA 19320 When you came on some years ago you stated you would work with those that frequent the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and make the beaches more accessible whenever possible. I must say you started out that way but were quickly reined in by those opposing access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. You quickly changed your mantra and agreed to limit and extend closures that eluded common sense when you promised a more common sense approach.

The recent hurricane shows just how dynamic and fluid the environment of the CHNS is. Mother Nature herself does more to limit nesting success on the CHNS than any off road vehicle and the statistics bear this out. It also appears that the extension for public feedback was intended to get more anti-access comments recorded as there were too many people supporting open and free beaches. This is shown by the over 5000 comments received just after the extension. These comments should not be allowed as most are a form letter copied and pasted. To be truly fare, only those that live or own property on Cape Hatteras and vacation on it should be allowed to comment. You have people that do not live, visit, or own property making policy for an area they have little understanding of. The park that you manage was given the name Cape Hatteras National Recreational Seashore in 1937 and was intended for the use of common Americans and was not intended to be a wildlife reserve accessible to a select few that can be seen riding around in NPS vehicles. Furthermore the proposed rule goes against everything the enabling legislation 16 USC 459 sec 3, (1937) was set forth to establish.

I oppose the provisions you have recommended because you failed to take into account the local economy and heritage. You have over protected species that require no protection. You have allowed rhetorical statements to be considered science without peer review or in depth study. When the park was founded the government promised to work with those that live on Cape Hatteras and visit. You have not taken into consideration feedback from either of these groups that favor access to CHNS. But you and the NPS have gone out of your way to appease those that would like to limit access and turn the park into a wildlife preserve.

The National Park Service has overstepped its boundaries and is making up rules that are ignoring what congress meant the park to be. The NPS is supposed to police the park and enforce regulations which it neglected to do for many years. Not to mention I have never seen a Park Ranger explain the dynamics of this wondrous park to any visitor out on the beach. The main reason for this is because many of the Rangers working this park have no idea because they were not educated. To most of your Rangers it is just a job.

Now because the NPS was seen as weak and vulnerable, well organized and funded environmental groups have taken advantage to make up a cause and sue the Federal Government. Without a cause these groups do not make money. Now these groups tell you what to do and how to do it. The NPS is afraid to do what is right as they know it will end up in a lawsuit. It is amazing how the NPS can ignore regulations pertaining to CHNS that were created by Congress and signed into Law by the President of the United State because some environmental groups have taken them to court. Cape Hatters National Seashore is supposed to be a recreational area not a wildlife refuge. There has already been land set aside for that on Pea Island and the Core Banks. When

CHNS was established it was done so with driving on the beach well in mind as the only way to access the park. There are very few parking lots. There are very few roads that take you to the beach. Now you want to build millions and millions of dollars of facilities to fix something that was never broken. You intend to use funds generated by selling Off Road Permits to build these facilities. Visitation is already way down and there will not be enough money to do this. And then you will be sued to keep the park closed until these facilities are built. This is a lose, lose situation that will kill a local economy and ruin the local cultural heritage. The intent of the NPS is to limit access. With the limited access more and more people are congregating in smaller areas and upsetting those property owners not used to having hundreds of people in front of their houses. Until the NPS limited access these people would be spread out over 70 miles of beach. People are not coming to Cape Hatteras National Seashore below the Oregon Inlet, it is a fact.

Nowhere on the CHNS has significant adverse impact been shown to occur from off road vehicles. That type of impact is what is supposed to limit access to the CHNS, not pure conjecture. I know from personal experience the very few people know about the permanent closures you are proposing to the best surf fishing in the world. How are you going to issue permits and have people take an education course before they can drive on the beach? More facilities will need to be built and staffed, more money and regulation. Once again this is effectively limiting access as there is no way in the see foreseeable future that these facilities can be built. One of your most ridiculous proposals is the park opening at 7 AM. Fishing starts at sun up and fishing is why most people come to this park. It seems this is just another rule intended to keep people from coming to the CHNS. I think you can get more done by having friendly well educated park rangers doing their job and making the rounds of the park and enforcing the rules already in place before the consent decree. I have seen too many park rangers making mistakes and not have the knowledge of the park, much like a first time visitor. I could write for hours. I am greatly concerned about the proposed rule as it will ruin the park for years. Thanks John Harnett

Correspondence ID: 23228 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Hill, Kenneth
Received: Sep,22,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: Thank you very much for seeking comments on the proposed Rule to manage off-road vehicle use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area.

My extended family has been enjoying the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area (CHNSRA) since the late 1960's, primarily camping at Salvo and Oregon Inlet (the early days) and then Cape Point (before the maintenance and drainage issues became such a problem there) until 2003, and now the Ocracoke NPS campgrounds. We return almost every year. It remains a very special place for our family. I have communicated with you and Cindy Holda several times previously, providing comments on the situation at the Cape Point Campground, the management of wildlife within the CHNSRA, providing suggestions for reasonable ORV access at the CHNSRA and comments on the prior Draft Environmental Impact Study Items in the proposed Rule I wish to comment on are: 1. Fees for ORV Permits - the process for obtaining ORV user permits for Cape Hatteras should be made available in an expeditious fashion - with as many of the requirements completed on-line as possible. This process should leave only the checking of Permit No., required equipment, vehicle registration, insurance, and Driver License to on-site efforts. In addition, these fees should not be prohibitively expensive, but should be established in an amount that provides the average citizen the opportunity to enjoy the Seashore. Annual ORV Permit fees of \$150 which are instituted at other NPS are unreasonably expensive. 2. Designated ORV routes should include the Oregon Inlet, Cape Point, South Beach, the north shore of Ocracoke and Ocracoke Inlet, with seasonal closures for the protection of avian species, nesting turtles and other wildlife only as appropriate. Appropriate Proactive Adaptive Management should be adopted for all wildlife in the National Seashore, including the above areas. The above areas should not be designated Vehicle Free Areas, as they comprise some of the prime recreational areas in the National Seashore. Appropriate seasonal protection for wildlife should be instituted for these areas, not designation of Vehicle Free Areas. For other Vehicle Free Areas that are established, their status should change to ORV accessible areas should it be observed that these VFAs are not frequented in great numbers by pedestrians and if appropriate Proactive Adaptive Management practices allow. 3. The Final Rule should provide discretion to the NPS Superintendent to designate alternative ORV access routes, as well as new ORV access routes, should the topography and other physical features preclude the use of earlier designated routes, as long as appropriate Proactive Adaptive Management for wildlife allows these alternative/new routes. Thank you very much for your continued efforts on behalf of the citizens who enjoy and use the amazing resources of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area. Kindly consider my comments as the rule-making process proceeds. Best wishes for a resolution that balances the preservation and appropriate use of this precious area. Sincerely, Kenneth Hill 5504 Leisure Dr Valparaiso, IN 46383

Correspondence ID: 23229 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993
Name: Hoag, Eric
Received: Sep,19,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: I'm writing to express a few concerns regarding the ORV rules at Cape Hatteras.

In an environment that changes rapidly and sometimes drastically, "rules" may result in an inflexibility which is required to adapt to such changes. If judgement will be exercised in enforcing the rules, will there be advisory groups charged with providing input into solutions?

I don't think the beach driving permit process is adequately described as to implementation, cost and purpose. Is it to be an obstacle to ORV use or used as an opportunity to educate visitors? Will revenues be absorbed by administration and enforcement or will they be used to promote visitor understanding of the seashore?

I don't understand the value of winter closures. I enjoy seeing the birds that choose to winter here and the presence of vehicles

doesn't seem to drive them off. I think the closures will serve to "break up" the seashore into occasional, small recreational spots.

Correspondence ID: 23230 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993

Name: McCants, Bernie

Received: Sep,20,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: I have attempted to submit these comments three times online at <http://www.regulations.gov#!submitComment;D=NPS-2011-0005-0800> and after clicking the "submit" button, I have received no feedback my comments were sent/ received.

For this reason I am submitting my comments by mail. If there are duplicate comments by me, this is the reason. The National Parks Service's (NPS) preferred Alternative F (Alt F) plan is overly complicated, overreaching and unnecessarily onerous in addressing Off-road Vehicle (ORV) use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area (CHNSRA).

Rather than build on the vetted Interim Plan using existing infrastructure, Alt F has proposed building new ramps, paths and parking lots, closing parts of the Seashore year-round to ORVs and implementing a costly and burdensome permit system.

The past management of CHNSRA has encouraged development of the eight villages on Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands primarily because of ORV accessibility to the Seashore. One has not been required to rent ocean-front accommodations to have access to the Seashore as was the vision of Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes in CHNSRA's creation . The year-round ORV closed areas combined with seasonal, safely and resource closures will change this dynamic to the unnecessary detriment to the visiting public as well as residents and property owners who depend on visitors for their livelihood.

Specifically: I strongly object to the requirement to attend an ORV class in person as a condition to purchase a permit in order to operate a vehicle on designated ORV routes. The current requirement to read , sign and have in the vehicle a free permit for night-time driving on CHNSRA as well as night time access on Pea Island has been shown to be an effective tool to educate the public. This proposed classroom requirement and cost is particularly burdensome for visitors attending for short stays, e.g., seasonal anglers who come in the winter to fish for striped bass.

Alt F proposes to permanently close ORV access, year round, to four of the five most popular areas of the Seashore - Oregon Inlet, the Hook proximate to Cape Point, Hatteras Inlet, and Ocracoke Inlet. There is no reason or justification given. During busy periods with the proposed rule mandating no double parking and one vehicle every 20 feet, ORVs parking adjacent to these ORV closed areas will quickly create a situation where these areas may not be accessible except to the physically fit due to the long walk.

NPS proposes to build new ramps and bypass roads but there is no specific information of the cost of the proposed new ramps, how they will be funded given current budgetary restraints, when they will be built and an interim plan until such time as they are in place.

Proposals addressing use of the Seashore by commercial fishermen is also onerous and unnecessary, and current rules and regulations should continue. Anyone with a valid North Carolina Standard Commercial Fishing License should be allowed to fish from the Seashore provided they can show a NC trip ticket for sale of fish landed from the beach.

In summary, I believe the NPS should have used the basic framework of the Interim Plan. Alt F will cause unnecessary loss of access and will be a costly burden on the visiting public who have come to expect a certain level of ORV access for recreational opportunities to CHNSRA. The residents and property owners of the eight villages dependent on visitors to the Seashore will also unnecessarily suffer from this loss of access.

My first visit to CHNSRA was with my parents in 1958 and I have been regular visitor, angler and responsible ORV user since 1973. I am truly saddened by Alt F and the proposed unnecessary closures and restrictions to responsible and reasonable access.

Correspondence ID: 23231 **Project:** 10641 **Document:** 41993

Name: Nash, Harry

Received: Sep,16,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: I have been coming to the Outer Banks of North Carolina since the late 1950's. When I retired I moved to Nags Head near mile post 15 to be near our nation's first National Seashore Recreational Area. I have therefore witnessed many changes over the years. To manage the Recreational Area today presents many challenges. One of the greatest challenges is our litigious society. The money and energy expended on litigation could have been expended in a way that truly would have benefited Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. That being said and being a student of history, I must echo the words of the author of The Administrative History of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. You can not change the legislative intent of the enabling legislation that established Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. Administratively the National Park Service has dropped the "Recreational Area" from the name for funding and administrative matters. There has been and continues to be a disregard for Conrad Wirth's promises to the people of Hatteras Island. Policies have been adopted, Udall's three management plans, and set aside. Six thousand four hundred ninety acres were given by the people to the United States Government to be managed as America's First National Seashore Recreational Area. The Department of Interior, National Park Service was to be and is the trustee and they are struggling to keep that trust. I would hope as a part of this process the Park Service would restore the use of "Recreational Area" so that there is no room for misunderstanding the intended use.

Section 7.5(c) (2) ORV Permits I support the proposed rules for ORV permits provided that they may be obtained on line as the current Night Beach Driving Permits are. I would be willing to pay a nominal fee of \$25.00 as currently charged by the Town of Nags Head, NC provided the funds derived are used for educational and law enforcement activities after administrative expenses are covered.

Section 7.5.8(c) (9) ORV Routes ? Eleven historically recognized routes have been excluded and should be restored. They are: ? Bodie Island-Eastern confluence of Atlantic Ocean and Oregon inlet to the Bait Pond" ? Hatteras Island- ramp 23 to proposed ramp 25.5 ? Hatteras Island- ramp 27 south to ramp 30 ? Hatteras Island- proposed new ramp 32.5 to ramp 34 ? Hatteras Island- 0.3 miles west of Cape Point to proposed new ramp 47.5 ? Hatteras Island- Bone Beach exit around spit to Pamlico Sound ? Ocracoke Island- confluence of Pamlico Sound and Hatteras Inlet to proposed new ramp 59.5 ? Ocracoke Island- proposed new ramp 63 to one mile NE of proposed new ramp 67 ? Ocracoke Island- ramp 68 to .4 miles NE of ramp 70 ? Ocracoke Island- Inlet shoreline along South Point

I am opposed to the ORV Access Restrictions proposed during the fall and spring seasons on the beaches in front of the villages within CHNSRA. The current September 15th to May 15th should be allowed to remain.

Section 7.5.8 (c) (10) Superintendent's closures The wording should be changed to allow the Superintendent to terminate access to routes or areas designated for off-road use or open areas previously closed after taking into consideration factors. Adaptive management practices are valued and of importance if the NPS is going to have a successful management plan.

I am opposed to "Vehicle Free Areas". Pea Island contains 5880 acres that are available for those wanting to experience vehicle free areas.

Given the state of the economy and the current budget restraints on federal funding I am concerned about the ability of the Park Service to obtain funding for the proposed accesses, parking and improvements. No changes should take place until funding has been obtained and the facilities are open to public use.

I appreciate your efforts and hard work and that of your staff in keeping lines of communication open and making the best of a difficult situation. Let us all move forward together. Sincerely Harry Nash

Correspondence ID:	23232	Project:	10641	Document:	41993
Name:	Moore, Patricia J				
Received:	Sep,19,2011 00:00:00				
Correspondence Type:	Letter				
Correspondence:	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Park Service's proposed regulation for managing ORV use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. These regulations will control what happens at Cape Hatteras for decades and will set a precedent for other national parks. The new regulations do a great job with routes, permits, vehicle restrictions, and night driving, but as written they do not mandate specific, science-based protections for the wildlife that depends on the Seashore.				

As a dedicated birder who visited this seashore for twenty-five years before moving here in 1991 , I discovered the privilege of driving on the beach as the means to search for, study, and share the unique bird species that attract birders to this seashore the year round. Although I use an ORV to pursue my birding interests, I strongly, adamantly, support regulations that benefit the survival of all endangered and threatened species so that present and future visitors to the National Seashore may continue to study and enjoy them.

In the above-mentioned 45 years I witnessed the increasing visitation to the Seashore that has brought on the need for regulations. Under the current management plan, sea turtles and beach-nesting birds have made a comeback, but the proposed new regulation does not include the buffers and other wildlife protection requirements that are necessary for their continuing success. I am concerned that wildlife protection will take a back seat to the insistent voices of OR V users who consider beach driving to be a birthright that allows them to go where and when they please, to the exclusion of the interests of the birds, turtles, pedestrians, families, and other users of the beach.

I strongly support Seashore management regulations that include specific, enforceable, science-based protections for wildlife. That protection is not optional. The birds, turtles, and plants were here first and need help from the National Park Service. They have no choice. We who drive ORVs have choices. Please enforce protection of the resource.
