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## Memorandum

To: Director, Southeast Region

From: Superintendent, Cape Hatteras

Subject: Report of Jackson S. Price, Special Assistant to the Director on the use of over-sand vehicles at national seashores  
Reply due: March 5, 1973

We have read Mr. Price's report on over-sand vehicles and fail to find much of real value. We do agree that Cape Hatteras should have special regulations governing beach vehicles and are in the process of up-dating and strengthening the regulations proposed in 1967. As guidelines, we are following the criteria contained in sections 3 and 4 of C. O. 11644 (37FR2877) and 36 CFR, part 4, section 4.19, Travel on roads and designated routes.

Our proposed regulation will be discussed with interested local groups and persons in an effort to stave off a repeat rash of opposition that was generated in the past when local knowledge of the proposals was withheld until published in the Federal Regulations. We believe it is possible to draft a good workable set of regulations with a minimum of opposition if good public relations are given proper emphasis.

Basically we plan to hold to our policy of requiring all vehicles to be state registered and all drivers properly licensed. Access to beaches only over designated ramps or routes and expanded closure of certain portions of the beach during the summer season. The changes in our barrier dune structures make it necessary to devise a new method of limiting the portion of beach open to vehicular traffic. We are now striving for a means of identifying this feature without a





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Memorandum

To: Directors, Northeast and Southeast Regions

From: <sup>Assistant</sup> Director

Subject: Report of Jackson S. Price, Special Assistant to the Director on the use of over-sand vehicles at national seashores - December 11, 1972

The enclosed report is a thorough study of on-the-scene uses of over-sand vehicles at the following national seashores:

- Fire Island National Seashore
- Cape Cod National Seashore
- Assateague Island National Seashore
- Cape Hatteras National Seashore

It has been the policy of the National Park Service to permit the vehicles on these recreation areas except where visitors use the beaches for swimming.

In view of the report and results of the study, we are soliciting your recommendations on overhauling policies and on the need to promulgate special regulations or general regulations to prohibit or control the use of over-sand vehicles.

Please furnish your reply within one month.

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Enclosure

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