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**Memorandum**

**To:** Director, Southeast Region  
**From:** Superintendent, Cape Hatteras  
**Subject:** Off-Road Vehicle Use: Draft - Special Regulations  
Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Enclosed is a draft copy of proposed special regulations for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The regulations are based on our current operations drawing from the authority of CFR-Title 36 General Regulations and the Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina.

The changes from our present operating policy are as follows:

- (a) Establishing the 150' limit from the ocean - reduces the area of beach subject to vehicle use and establishes a control line primarily for area where the dune line is not a continuous feature.
- (b) Permanently closing the area from approximately one-mile north of Buxton to south of Cape Hatteras Lighthouse - due to erosion problems, this area has been closed for the last two years.
- (c) Summer closing of the area extending from the south boundary of Pea Island Refuge to south of the Salvo Campground. This area has not been closed in the past, but recent increases in summer pedestrian use make this closure necessary because of public safety considerations. Some of the new facilities in this area include motel development in Rodanthe, KOA Campground, Holliday Campground, motel in Salvo and a proposed private campground in Salvo.
- (d) The area in Ocracoke from Ramp 48 south to Ramp 52 (approx. 5 miles) was closed to vehicles for the first time last summer.

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We will appreciate your review and comments on the proposed special regulations. Without a doubt, there will be public opposition to the proposed changes, and we hope to resolve some of this through contact with interested parties and organizations while the proposed regulations are in draft form and prior to publishing in the Congressional Record. We will await your comments before making any contacts.

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