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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 8, 1978

Mr. Wayne R. Mathis, P. E.
217 Lamplighter Lane
Marietta, Georgia 30067

Dear Mr. Mathis:

Thank you for your letter of February 2 enclosing your detailed comments to the recent proposal by the National Park Service regarding a management plan for off-road vehicles in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

I want to work very closely with the citizens who live near the Seashore and who use it to make sure that their opportunities for ORV access are protected. I am glad that the Park Service has set up four public hearings to discuss the proposed plan with the citizens. I hope that after these meetings it will be modified to take into account suggestions offered by interested persons such as yourself. I will continue to watch the situation closely and will be active in the decision-making process.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,



WALTER B. JONES
Member of Congress

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February 2, 1978
217 Lamplighter Ln.
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Honorable W. B. Jones
Congressman, 1st District, North Carolina
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Jones:

I am writing in regard to the recently published draft management plan for use of off road vehicles (ORV) in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

As a landowner and part-time resident of Buxton, an avid fisherman who operates an ORV, and as a licensed Professional Environmental Engineer, I am concerned both with protecting this fine recreational resource and with maintaining maximum public access for its enjoyment, as Congress intended in establishing it as a National Seashore. To that end, I have reviewed the draft plan and have submitted appropriate comments to the National Park Service.

I am very concerned that the management plan proposed by the National Park Service is unduly restrictive, and would needlessly deny the public the full use of this resource in the name of protecting it. Attached is a copy of my technical comments which address those specific areas where adequate environmental protection can be insured with a lesser degree of restriction on access than that proposed by the USNPS.

Please make all possible effort to insure that continued, maximum public access, consistent with protection of the resource, is incorporated into any new regulation on ORV use. I urge you to review the enclosed comments and make them known to your colleagues on the Congressional Committee which regulates the National Park Service.

Sincerely yours,

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Wayne R. Mathis, P.E.