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Bad Move: BAD NEWS!

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Sometime between 9:30PM on Sunday, June, and 8:00AM Monday, June 14, persons driving 2 to 3 vehicles drove on the beach from Ramp 23 south of Salvo. These persons drove to the tern nesting closure just south of Ramp 23 and proceeded to take down the enclosure stakes on both ends of the enclosure and leaving them in a pile. They then drove there vehicles through the nesting area, killing several tern chicks, crushing nests, and wreaking havoc within the colony.

Eleven nests were found between the tire tracks. The colony consisted of between 150 to 175 terns with about 60 nests. Obviously, the National Park Service is livid.

OBPA, along with the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club and the NC Beach Buggy Association, are outraged by the contemptuous acts of these few criminals. Yes, criminals. What these people have done is a crime. And it will reflect on all of us who use ORVs to access the beaches of the Cape Hatteras, as well as all of our efforts to forestall additional closures to ORVs.

OBPA, CHAC, and NCBBA denounce this act and all others like it. We denounce any person that involves him/herself in these destructive acts. We are considering actions to assist in the apprehension and prosecution of those responsible for the damage done not only to the Seashore's wildlife, but also to the reputation of all who respect the beaches and abide by the law.

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