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Dear Dr. Craig:

Thank you for your comments regarding management of off-road vehicles (ORV) in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. If you have been visiting the Outer Banks for many years, I can understand your concerns regarding increased numbers of ORV use in the National Seashore. I would like to summarize what actions we plan to take in the near future to ensure that the public has a chance to comment on this land management issue.

The National Park Service is currently working towards the development of an ORV management plan and associated federal regulation that will protect valued park resources and provide for recreational access and visitor safety. We plan to use a negotiated rulemaking process to reach consensus among interested parties on the required ORV regulation. More information about our planning process can be obtained at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Off-Road Vehicle Negotiated Rulemaking and Management Plan project website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha>. We plan to initiate public scoping this winter and you may submit comments during the scoping period.

The National Park Service will actively seek and consult with existing and potential visitors, stakeholder organizations, neighbors, and partners when drafting this plan and regulation. Public input, from individuals like you, will be a key component in the development and success of this plan and regulation.

If you would like to keep updated on the planning process, your email address can be added to the ORV Management Plan mailing list. To do so, please send an email to CAHA_ORV_MGT@nps.gov, or write to ORV Management Plan, National Park Service, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954.

I appreciate your concerns and your support of our national parks.

Sincerely,

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Subject: suv's on the beach

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Sir: I understand the wish allow both vehicle and non-vehicle use of the shore, however, it seems to me that vehicles should be restricted to areas where housing is not prevalent to avoid possible serious accidents between April and September since these are the high beach population months. Also, for instance, I was recently in Hatteras on the beach behind my home having a wonderful fire/dinner with the family on the beach when a truck came by which totally disrupted the peaceful setting since there was not enough room for the truck to get by without moving chairs/food/children !!! This was also after dark which in my opinion was even more dangerous. A restriction on night driving should be in order, dedicated areas for vehicles away from homes is a must for both safety reasons and to prevent decrease in tourism since families won't want to place their families in an unsafe area. You must realize that much of the economy of Hatteras village rests on the yearly visitors so to allow open use of vehicles on the beach would surely affect many more people in the village aside form the beach home owners. I have been coming to Hatteras for many years to enjoy the peaceful beaches knowing that the vehicle traffic was in restricted areas. I hope you will give this matter a great deal of consideration for all involved. Thank you for your time and consideration in advance, Ronald C, Craig, M.D.