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### Cape Hatteras National Seashore Announces Public Scoping Meeting Schedule for Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

On December 11, 2006, the National Park Service (NPS) published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to develop an ORV Management Plan/EIS (plan/EIS) for Cape Hatteras National Seashore in the Federal Register. The plan/EIS will guide the management of America's first national seashore for the next 15 to 20 years. The NOI officially opened the public scoping period for the planning process and is the first step in involving the public in the environmental analysis process. Scoping includes holding meetings and providing opportunities for the public to comment so that their concerns are identified early and the analysis is focused on important issues. Because the plan/EIS will analyze many complex ecological and social issues, public participation is encouraged and needed.

Superintendent Mike Murray announces the following public scoping meeting schedule to solicit public input on the ORV management plan / EIS. Meetings will be held at four locations as described below. Each meeting will consist of an open house session, followed by a brief presentation, and an opportunity to provide public comment for the record in a public hearing style.

#### Buxton, North Carolina

Monday, February 26, 2007 - 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Fessenden Center – Located on Route 12, on the right side as you enter Buxton Village

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Open House

3:00 pm to 3:15 pm NPS Presentation

3:15 pm to 5:15 pm Public Comment

5:15 pm to 6:00 pm Open House

#### Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Wright Brothers National Memorial First Flight Centennial Pavilion, 8 ½ Milepost Hwy. 158, Kill Devil Hills, NC.

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Open House

7:00 pm to 7:15 pm NPS Presentation

7:15 pm Public Comment

Open house will resume after public comment as time allows.

#### Raleigh, North Carolina

Wednesday, February 28, 2007 - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

McKimmon Center (North Carolina State Campus)

1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27695

Agenda will be the same as February 27, 2007

#### Washington, DC

Thursday, March 1, 2007 - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

American Geophysical Union Building

2000 Florida Avenue, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20009-1231  
Agenda will be the same as February 27, 2007

Public participation is vital in assisting with the planning process. There are a number of ways to be involved:

- Attend a public scoping meeting
- Submit your comments electronically to <http://parkplanningnps.gov/caha>
- Submit written comments by mail to: Superintendent, RE: Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/EIS, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954.

Faxed comments will not be accepted. Please be sure to include your full name, e-mail address or mailing address with comments so we may add you to our mailing list for information on the planning process. In order for your comments to be the most useful in developing the draft plan/EIS, comments must be postmarked by March 16, 2007.

The NPS practice is to make comments, including names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish this request to be considered, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documentable circumstances, this information will be released. The NPS will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of, or officials of, organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

“Since the public comment period opened on December 11, we have received numerous e-mails and letters from the public about ORV management at Cape Hatteras National Seashore,” said Superintendent Murray. “I greatly appreciate the level of interest in the ORV management issue and encourage the public’s continued involvement as we proceed with development of the ORV management plan.” More information about the ORV management planning and negotiated rulemaking processes will be available as it is developed and will be posted on the park planning website at: <http://parkplanningnps.gov/caha>