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Subject: Camping at CAHA, Important topic of discussion

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing you to ask for your support in keeping the campgrounds open at CAHA (Oregon Inlet, Cape Point (by ramp 44), and Ocracoke for primitive camping throughout the winter months. I am a true supporter of CAHA and love to visit your park and beaches often. I am also an avid fisherman and come down roughly 10 times or so between the months of Sept. and April each year as well as visiting with my family during the summer months. I have talked with many visitors that said they would use the campground facilities throughout the winter even if it is primitive. I personally have an RV that I travel in which is fully self contained. The private campgrounds charge outrageous prices which exceed even the cost of a hotel room down in Avon or Buxton.

I'm sure there is a solution we/you can come up with in order to have a winter/off season primitive camping rate for these 2 campgrounds so they can remain open.

I have discussed this in the past with park rangers at CAHA and I was told that the campgrounds don't generate sufficient income during the winter months to warrant remaining open. This does not make any sense to me at all. The NPS is run by taxpayer dollars at a federal level. As a taxpaying citizen, this is a resource that I would like to use. It should make no difference regarding fee income from the campsites as to whether or not they remain open.

Sincerely, Andy Fonda

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