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## Cape Hatteras National Seashore Announces Availability of ORV Preliminary Alternative Options Workbook as a Word Document and Extension of Deadline for Comments

On December 21, 2007, NPS announced it was preparing a workbook describing a variety of off-road vehicle (ORV) management elements and options to facilitate public comment on preliminary alternatives for the Seashore's ORV Management Plan/environmental impact statement. The workbook has been posted on the NPS PEPC website, http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha under the ORV Management Plan/EIS project and can be downloaded and completed electronically or printed and submitted in hard copy. The workbook alternative options are not intended to be all inclusive, nor necessarily always compatible or mutually exclusive. Multiple compatible elements can be considered in combination later to develop a diverse range of management alternatives for evaluation in the Draft EIS.

Public participation is vital in assisting with the planning process. Due to public feedback that the workbook electronic file format is not user friendly, NPS has developed a Word version of the workbook and posted it on the same PEPC website along with the maps (in pdf format) for the workbook. The workbook can be downloaded and completed electronically, or can be printed out and completed in hard copy, then submitted as described below:

- Complete an electronic copy of the workbook and submit by email to: cahaorveis@louisberger.com
- Complete a hard copy of the workbook and send by regular mail to: Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954.

The date for responses to be most useful to NPS has been extended until February 15, 2008. Faxed comments and other email comments will not be accepted. Please be sure to include your full name, e-mail address or mailing address with your workbook so we may add you to our mailing list for information on the planning process.

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, your request must present a rational 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.

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://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha

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