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**To:** [Wayne Mathis](#); [Cyndy HOLDA](#)  
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**Subject:** Re: The Truth about Cape Hatteras ... A MATTER OF BALANCE  
**Date:** 04/03/2008 04:51 PM

I thought the meeting comments had been put the rest. A copy of the Buxton minutes in CD are available and while they do criticize NPS employees from the distant past, they do not criticize our friends of today.

Face it, there are those who are gone who should have been gone long before you got here and had they been gone our jobs would be easier today. We wouldn't all be so highly sensitive.

Bob Eakes

PS My wife cried herself to sleep last night. I am to be nice to the dark side. Sure.

I just came from Connor's Supermarket and one of my friends wife did the same thing, broke down in a public grocery store asking for my help. The toll taken in my community is too much.

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**From:** [Wayne Mathis](#)  
**To:** [Cyndy HOLDA](#)  
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**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2008 12:32 PM  
**Subject:** FW: The Truth about Cape Hatteras ... A MATTER OF BALANCE

CYNDY:

In our Monday telecon you explained to me how you were a bit "incensed" over some remarks at a meeting (which I missed) that supposedly criticized the NPS Staff's performance.

In this latest broadside from DOW, they impugn the protective efforts of the NPS as far as keeping the path to the sea open for turtle hatchlings, and then go on to say that the NPS has "Failed the People", by "REFUSING" to put driving rules in place...

I'm glad that you've gotten over your pique after the meeting, but do you feel any stress about THESE "misrepresentations" from DOW ? After all, this got NATIONWIDE circulation, and was obviously well thought out in preparation, not just some off the cuff utterance at a local meeting.

Just wondering... If you want to come to Buxton my offer to buy that "cooling down" beer still stands.

Wayne

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2008 12:05 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: The Truth about Cape Hatteras

Did you see the latest "Propaganda" from DOW. Does this stuff, over Mr. Rylander's "imprimatur", actually reach the level of "LIES" ? IE: With the "protective enclosures" CAHA Resources Mgt personnel routinely install around turtle nests before hatching, precluding both pedestrian and vehicular passage between the nest and the ocean, how has "...ORV use..." ...prevented many hatchlings from ever reaching the ocean..." ? ; or, what are the superintendent's orders and other restrictions on access and ORV operation , if the Park Service has "...failed the people...by refusing to put beach driving rules in place..." ?

How can anyone sit across a negotiating table and in good faith accept as credible anything uttered by people who publish such unsubstantiated distortions? It becomes a measure of character, honor, and personal credibility.

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**From:** Defenders of Wildlife [mailto:defenders@mail.defenders.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2008 6:01 AM  
**Subject:** The Truth about Cape Hatteras

Wildlife Alert



Dear X:

In 1937, Cape Hatteras was authorized as the nation's very first national seashore in an effort to protect the "unique flora and fauna" of this special place.

**Fast forward 70 years.** The wildlife that makes Hatteras so special is in danger of disappearing forever if immediate action isn't taken.

**[Help protect this North Carolina landmark and the imperiled wildlife that depends on it to survive.](#)**

You may have heard about what's been going on in Cape Hatteras or seen images of ORV users protesting our efforts to protect this special place in your local paper.

**But there's another side to this story.**

In 1972, President Nixon ordered the National Park Service, the federal agency that oversees Cape Hatteras, to develop a comprehensive management plan to protect this ecologically sensitive area from vehicle use.

**But for the last 36 years,** the Park Service has failed the people who cherish these beaches by refusing to put beach driving rules in place to protect Cape Hatteras and the diverse wildlife it supports.

**You can help save Cape Hatteras. [Send a message to your elected officials urging them to support strong protections for this cherished North Carolina treasure and the imperiled turtles, shorebirds and other wildlife that call it home.](#)**

On any given day during peak season, as many as 2,200 vehicles line Cape Hatteras's long string of shoreline, **accelerating beach erosion and pushing already-imperiled shorebirds and turtles closer to extinction.**

In the last decade alone, birds that were once common on these shores have declined by an average of **86%**. High volume ORV usage prevents birds and sea turtles from nesting and **puts chicks and hatchlings at risk of being run over and killed.**

Everyone who's ever been to the Cape wants future generations to enjoy the spectacular surf, sand, sights and sounds of this amazing place. **But the truth is, Cape Hatteras as we know it could disappear if we don't adopt a more responsible approach to how we use these special beaches.**

**Cape Hatteras Needs Help**

**baby loggerhead turtle**



***Cape Hatteras wildlife is in crisis.***  
*Heavy ORV use has accelerated beach erosion. It has also driven threatened loggerhead turtles like this from prime nesting habitat and prevented many hatchlings from ever reaching the ocean...*

**[Take action to protect Cape Hatteras for future generations.](#)**

Urge your members of Congress to support immediate action to protect sensitive areas that loggerheads and many shorebirds need to survive.



*Help spread the word about what's really going on in Cape Hatteras. Forward this message to friends and neighbors...*

That's why, in a last-ditch effort, Defenders and other conservation groups have asked for emergency protections for just 12% of the seashore identified by the Park Service's scientists as the most critical to nesting shorebirds and turtles until a final management plan is developed and implemented -- a process that will take years.

**Especially sensitive areas and the wildlife that lives there can't wait.** They need protection *right now*.

We all know that Cape Hatteras is worth protecting. [Take action now to preserve the natural legacy of this remarkable place before it's too late.](#)

**Jason Rylander**  
Defenders of Wildlife



**P.S. Please help us counter the misinformation about our campaign to protect this North Carolina treasure by downloading ["5 Things You Should Know about Beach Driving on Cape Hatteras"](#) (pdf) and sharing it with your friends and family.**



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