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This is going to go over like a lead balloon when the locals, the newspapers, and ORV community sees what perceived/proposed beach access to Cape Hatteras beaches may be in the future.....

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Subject: RE: Access for handicapped

Barbara, your comments are very well stated.

As for accessibility – the judge is intimating with at least one question that beach access for the handicapped and everyone else could be accomplished through a shuttle service provided by concessionaires. This is a file photo off the NPS website for Cape Lookout, as mentioned by the judge. Please note there are no coolers, no rod holders, no tackle boxes, no lawn chairs, no bags with water or sun screen, no Frisbees, no kites, no life jackets, no pets, no children. And perhaps that's the point – if you can't take anything along you won't stay very long. One might argue that this shuttle picture is not representative, but then again it is the picture chosen by NPS to put on their public information website.



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With the new attempt at a consent agreement and the questions posed by the Judge and the answers given by the NPS, what provisions are there as a result of the injunction request for the aged and handicapped? As I have stated at the Negotiation meetings, how can I, a retiree with a knee replacement get to the surf without truck transportation? In no way can I climb the dunes or walk the distance from the limited parking, if I can find a space. There is only one handicap ramp with limited parking spaces in all 70 or more miles, to a beach that is already crowded. There will be no room to sit, let alone fish.

This is a selfish action based on poor science. We have repeatedly testified that the current procedures aren't working. Trying harder won't make them work. Last summer, approximately 30 Piping Plover and American Oyster Catcher nests were destroyed by one storm! None by ORV. The year before, half of the turtle nests were lost due to storm and overwash. None by ORV. That's about 100 potential fledglings and 4,000 potential hatchlings. How will these proposed measures save these animals from extinction? We might consider asking God to save us as he did the Israelites as they crossed the Red Sea or Noah and the animals in the great flood.

We are also God's creatures, Americans, and nature lovers and intelligent beings. We have presented much information in the past to indicate possible methods of preserving the birds and turtles. Has anyone listened? Has the Park Service read, studied, and considered what we have submitted? It is approaching summer and I wish to enjoy the beach. It is my right! Am I being forced to leave the area?

Barbara Ackley

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