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To: [NPS.Superintendent](#); [NPS.Admin.Asst.](#)
Subject: 5.5.2008 Handicapped access to the CHNSRP
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Dear Superintendent Murray:

I did receive a telephone call from Cyndy and I thank her for that.
I would appreciate a written response to this email below; from you and the NPS.

Thank you:

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Monday My 5, 2008 @ 1230 hours EDT

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=Lois= <oceancrafts@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Superintendent Murray:

Hello. I spoke to Cyndy Holda this morning and she suggested I send you a written notice of my concerns and questions.

I am a Retired Special Agent, injured in the line of Duty and Retired Disabled.
I am permanently handicapped.
I carry a Doctors Script stating same, along with a body full of metal and other assorted things. I have a night time access pass to Pea Island

I have The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass for the Handicapped.
My NPS Handicapped Pass number is 073118504 and it was issued at the Wright Brothers National Park. I turned in my old Golden Pass and provided my handicapped DMV tag, OL and letter from my doctor to verify my status to the NPS employee.

My NC DMV Handicapped Pass Number is N52893 and it is current and active.
I am a life member of the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association. Life Member # 9160.

I have a current and active North Carolina Permanently Disabled/Handicapped Life Time Hunting and Fishing License from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.
License Number 20420888 issued June 24, 2003.

I have a current and active "Disabled Access Program Permit" a "Disabled Access Companion Permit" and a "Disabled Access Vehicle Permit" issued by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission". Permit issued June 19, 2003, Permit Number 4390.
The "Disabled Access Program Permit" clearly states "This permit authorizes the above named individual to operate a vehicle displaying a "Disabled Access Vehicle Permit" on open gated or un-gated game land roads normally closed to vehicular traffic."

I would like to apply for whatever other pass I need to continue driving on the beaches of the Outer Banks.

I supplement my FIXED income with original artwork. I find shells and driftwood on the beach and I make odd and end pieces of art to sell to those who would buy them. The small amount of money I make doing this does pay for my gas and some groceries. I catch fish to supplement my food supply. The changing tides bring shells and driftwood to the beach and I drive on the beaches just as much at night as during daylight. I always carry a fishing pole so I can have a fresh fish meal when possible. I have lived here all my life, from Airstrip Road in Kill Devil Hills to Hatteras Village and back to Kill Devil Hills where I am closer to hospitals and medical care. I need this resource to survive.

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Like many other disabled people on fixed incomes, I do my best to fend for myself so I do not have to utilize the social services that others may normally use. I am an responsible and independent woman who is trying to survive with dignity and trying to continue to educate, teach and instill a responsible attitude in regards to our beaches and wildlife with my grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

My vehicle is fully insured, inspected and well kept. I know to stay off the dunes, out of the restricted areas and I know not to touch beached sea lions, turtles and nesting birds. I also feel I should be given the same respect and rights as any other creature who lives, works or plays in the National Park Recreational environment.

Please consider my situation and allow me to apply and receive an access pass so I can have access to our beaches year round as I have these last 53 years.

Sincerely:

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