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Subject: Re: Seasonal Closures
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Norah,

This sounds good to me. On Hatteras, we could easily bump the closure North of Ramp 43 approximately one mile. This would place the seasonal closure in line with the lighthouse. Few sunbathers go that far south from the protected beach. I see no issues here.

This early morning I drove on the beach in front of Buxton to Ramp 34. We could bump the north end of this closure back towards Buxton another 2 or 3 tenths of a mile. There is bad sand (fill) in the area though and a AMOY closure.

At least it would be a gesture on our part if we open more up. We actually could do this now...

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Norah,

Thinking ahead to the seasonal closures on May 15, given that we have 5 major sites completely closed to access (Bodie Island Spit, Cape Point, Hatteras Spit, North Ocracoke and South Ocracoke), would you and staff please consider our upcoming seasonal closures and identify some adjustments that would open a little more area for ORV use. For example, can we leave open more area between Ramp 2 and Ramp 4 during the summer, rather than implementing the standard seasonal closure? Can we open or leave open more area north of Ramp 43 to

ORV use during the summer? I don't know Ocracoke well enough to suggest any adjustments, but would ask Kenny for his thoughts.

In any case, the objective is to see if we can make any adjustments to reasonably accommodate ORV use in a few more areas for the next few months when we can expect the major sites to have extended closures. If we can, we should start the season on May 15 with those adjustments, rather than make them during the middle of the summer.

Please come up with some suggestions.

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