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From: [Justice, Jesse \(GE Infra, Aviation, US\)](#)
To: [NPS](#)
Subject: CHNS ORV use
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Dear Sir,

I am writing you to express my displeasure with the recent closures due to the consent decree. I am very disappointed in how the rights to the fishing attractions (Cape Point, Ocracoke, Bodie Island Spit) on the National Seashore have been revoked from the general public. Why are all the most popular places to fish the places that are being targeted, do birds and turtles only hatch there? Or is it not really about birds and turtles but more because of some bed wetter that don't like ORVs or seeing people enjoying their life catching fish? How has the concerns of two special interest groups outweigh the concerns of the national public, local economy and way of life of everyone else? I understand due to the lawsuit that the NPS is between a rock and hard place, but to impose closures for birds that are not even threatened is ridiculous. To allow any closures on the Recreational part of the park, when there are miles of beach for Pea Island Refuge is ridiculous. Fisherman and night time ORV users are not the problem here, but like everywhere else the recreational fisherman are the ones who suffer, we want to fish where the fish are, otherwise we are trying to swim in a pool that has no water, it's pointless. The problem are the Houses built directly on the dunes and on tidal creeks that are permanently destroying habitat, probably owned by these same special interest groups that bounce from lawsuit to lawsuit, not doing anything directly for wildlife and habitat other than taking citizens right to pursue wildlife of any kind. All we care about is the shoreline, what we want is in the water, we are not concerned with what's up on the dune and driving all over it, there for, there is no reason what so ever that the public can not be granted access to the water along the beaches. Maybe drop the speed limit to 5 mph in special areas with just enough room for two trucks to pass, how ever leave access for ORV users so they can enjoy the great fishing spots on the CHNS. Why can't we fish with the birds? They are not scared of us, however the predators are. Now feral cats, foxes, coons, opossums will get to wonder the nesting areas at night dining on delicious Piping Plovers, Oyster Catchers and Least Terns chicks.

Sincerely,

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