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**Subject:** Avon Village beach driving re-instatement

Dear Mike:

On behalf of the Hatteras Island Homewoners Coalition I am writing to express my disappointment in your decision to re-open the Avon Village beachfront to ORV beach driving as per your ORV access update of May 5.

This is a very busy time of year with very high occupancy rates in the village beach houses, which translates into a high pedestrian density on the beach. This area has routinely been closed due to narrow beach, as an "ORV safety closure". This beach is still very narrow, and with a high pedestrian density, ORV driving in this area represents an extreme safety risk to pedestrians. I feel the National Park Service needs to consider "pedestrian safety" and not just "ORV safety" when making these decisions. I do not understand the timing of your decision, as the seasonal beach closure date is May 15, only 10 days away. Perhaps you feel the need to take away pedestrian village beaches to compensate for the current resource management closures in order to appease the ORV crowd. We feel that these are two separate issues, pedestrian safety closures and resource management closures.. Pedestrian safety should not be compromised to make up for ORV access lost to resource/wildlife closures. I remind you that Federal law under Nixon's executive orders dictates that ORV access in our National Parks should not be allowed if it results in (1)pedestrian safety concerns and (2) increased user conflicts. Your decision clearly compromises pedestrian safety during a very busy time of year for pedestrian beach usage and only increases the risk of user conflict between pedestians and ORVs. We thus ask that you reverse this decision immediately before a pedestrian gets injured or killed.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Kayota, MD  
Hatteras Island Homeowners Coalition  
May 5, 2008