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Subject: Fw: closure...increased..grrr
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I do not understand why we who like to fish.. should be punished for what may have been done by anyone, as a prank...or...even bird people trying to cause an enlargement of the area.
I feel our rights have been and continue to be violated...
It is very strange that the footprints had no tires ...seems like someone at night? certainly a fisherman would not do such a thing...hopefully..knowing the outcome.. To me it seems like college pranks...
I am not sure where this area is..but seems very suspicious..

thanks for the press release.
Bob Mead,
Hatteras, nc.

-----Original Message-----

>From: Cyndy_Holda@nps.gov
>Sent: May 11, 2008 9:23 AM
>To:
>Subject: "Press Release: Vandalism of Resource Protection Closure Signs Results in Expansion of Buffer"
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>(See attached file: 051108ResClosureViolation.doc) (See attached file:
>2008_5_10_ternsign_vandel.jpg)
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> Vandalism of Resource Protection Closure Signs Results in Expansion of
> Buffer
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>Vandalism of symbolic fencing marking a shorebird closure in the South
>Beach area of Cape Hatteras National Seashore was discovered early Saturday
>morning. Approximately 1.7 miles east of Ramp 49, a park ranger patrolling
>the area discovered and documented twelve posts with "Area Closed" signs
>broken off at the sand line and several carsonite closure markers pulled
>out at the shoreline. During the investigation, two sets of footprints
>were found along the edge of the fence line that extended from the dunes to
>the waters edge. No footprints or tire tracks were observed entering the

>closed area which was established to protect a least tern colony; no birds
>appeared to have been disturbed during the act of vandalism. As prescribed
>in the court ordered Consent Decree, this closure violation resulted in a
>mandatory expansion of the closure area by 50 meters to the west.

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>The recent court approved Consent Decree related to shorebird and sea
>turtle protection at the Seashore requires the National Park Service to
>automatically expand the closure area by 50 meters if a confirmed
>deliberate act disturbs or harasses wildlife or vandalizes fencing, nests,
>or plants. Park staff documented the site and expanded the closure as
>ordered in the Consent Decree.

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>Superintendent Mike Murray reiterated the need for all parties to meet the
>Consent Decree requirements. "I urge everyone to consider that future acts
>of intentional vandalism to resource protection areas will result in
>greater expansion of the buffers. These expansions are not discretionary
>under the Consent Decree," stated Murray.

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>For more information about closures at Cape Hatteras National Seashore and
>visitor opportunities, visit the park's webpage at www.nps.gov/caha.

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