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**Subject:** Re: public ideas for Hatteras  
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Thanks for forwarding this David. It is based on a form letter that we are receiving also.

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Subject: Request

In regards to the issue on beach access on Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area. As a citizen with a vested interest and in an area that my tax dollars support, I respectfully submit to you the following statements and requests.

The environmental organizations claimed expertise, which the court and federal agencies accepted at face value. Yet the public has seen no actual data, let alone trends based on data

to support their claims. There was no open peer review of studies, or any explanation of how decision-makers used the studies and the science to calculate various closure distances and protective boundaries that have now denied the public access to the shoreline.

I ask the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Department of Interior to establish a review panel made up of senior government scientists, who are at arms length, to research the science related to the Outer Banks and the ORV management issue. These government scientists should be recruited from throughout the federal government and should be non-affiliated with any special interest group related to the ORV issue. They can be asked to do the following:

- Review and comment on the strengths, weaknesses, and limitations of the key studies used to make closure decisions as required by the consent decree or any future ORV management plan.
- Explain specifically how the science is used to calculate or justify closure boundary distances for various species so as to demonstrate that they are not mere opinions or arbitrary management actions.
- Recommend alternative management options that might allow a better balance of public access and species protection based on their unbiased review of the science.
- Consider new science. Answer questions concerning the science asked by all interested members of the public.

Consider this my request to correct an issue that certainly seems to be in need of attention.

Regards

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