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With the boneyard, there is no soundside beach for vehicles to drive to. They would have to park at the boneyard storage building and walk down the road and through about (as Jon said) a good bit of marsh to get to the water. Even then, there is no proper beach.

With the Off Island road, there is very little parking/turn-around at the end. It is a fairly busy site with hunt club use and walk-in visitors. There are a lot of folks who park at the gate entrance on the lighthouse road and walk down the short distance to the soundside shore line. Many are fishing, some are hiking or birding . . . I even ran into a couple of gentlemen the other week walking in with easels and canvas who were going to paint at the sound shore line. We do a crabbing program at the bridge-culvert during summer months - an increase of vehicles on that road would impact the program, as most of the family groups are standing on the bridge itself to crab. I'm not so worried about the Bodie Island Dike Trail use. We no longer provide the self-guiding handouts to visitors as, interpretively, the trail is such disrepair. Also, there really isn't a proper beach at this site either. It's mostly grass/marsh and can get pretty wet.

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I concur with Jon,

Additional concerns:

The Bodie Island Boneyard road is narrow one lane road with high vegetation creating many blind spots and few places to maneuver or turn around. The majority of the areas where turning is possible it is currently used to load and unload gravel, sand, topsoil and other materials. The pavement ends at the Water Testing Wells and becomes a sand path to the Spoil Area, from beyond there it becomes marsh. This area is also used as a staging area for surveyed equipment, hazardous materials, graveyard for road kill and the items Jon mentioned. I feel it would put our resources at risk to open the area to public traffic. Off Island road is one lane, has limited parking or turning space, the culvert is in very poor condition, concerned with weight on a daily basis, but due to be replaced in the future. Off Island Hunt Club also has Gasoline stored and would require securing. This area is used by three main groups, 1. Hunt Club members and guests, 2. Bird Watchers, 3. Fishermen, and parking is currently a problem during peak fishing season.

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Mike, We need to include other divisions and probably the Off Island Hunt Club in these discussions.

1. Access through the Bodie Island "bone yard": Maintenance would probably have some issues with opening this area to the public as it is currently used as a staging area for construction materials and NPS equipment. Allowing the public into this area would probably require moving the staged materials to another site and/or constructing fenced staging areas to secure these materials. Vehicles would probably not be able to go all the way to the sound as the area becomes marshy 50-75 yards before the sound shore.
2. Vehicle access to the Off Island Inlet area is currently used for interpretive programs in the summer and has a large number of pedestrians on the "road". The "road" is also part of the self-guided Dike Trail interpretive trail. The folks at the Off Island Hunt Club would probably have some concerns regarding the security of their property on the shore there (boats, docks etc.). If opened parking would probably become an issue

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Mike,

John Couch and Jim Keene would like to know your thoughts on the two soundside access areas on Bodie Island:

- 1) soundside access on Bodie Island by the NPS maintenance boneyard
- 2) soundside access towards Off Island

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