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Hello Mike,

I am just about tickled pink that the "crowds" were manageable. With most businesses showing a loss of 20 to 50% in sales I would say that it just wasn't crowded. As a matter of fact, I would say the economic damage continues with NPS not having the fortitude to even bring this before the judge.

I wish I could understand but cannot.

Bob Eakes

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

From: [<Cyndy_Holda@nps.gov>](mailto:Cyndy_Holda@nps.gov)

Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2008 5:12 PM

Subject: "Press Release: 2008 Memorial Day Weekend Summary for Cape Hatteras National Seashore"

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> (See attached file: 052808.Memorial Day summary.doc)
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> National Park Service News Release
> FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: DATE: May 28, 2008
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> 2008 Memorial Day Weekend Summary
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> Memorial Day Weekend 2008 marked the first major holiday weekend of
> implementation of the court-ordered consent decree to protect nesting
> birds
> and sea turtles at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The consent decree,

> in
> general, has thus far resulted in larger temporary resource protection
> closures being implemented during the shorebird and sea turtle breeding
> season than has occurred in the past, which has coincidentally reduced the
> miles of beaches open to pedestrian and off-road vehicle (ORV) access as
> we
> head into the summer season. The National Park Service (NPS) provides the
> following summary of resource protection and ORV management activities for
> the 2008 Memorial Day weekend.
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> With fewer miles of beaches open to access, the Seashore's park ranger
> staff were prepared to deal with potential vehicle congestion and safety
> concerns at ORV access ramps and on beaches open to ORV use. NPS used
> aircraft and park rangers on the ground to monitor vehicle levels on
> Seashore beaches throughout the holiday weekend. At about 1:00 p.m. on
> Sunday afternoon, during an overflight NPS observed approximately 641
> vehicles on the beaches north of Oregon Inlet; approximately 1,135
> vehicles
> on the beaches of Hatteras Island; and approximately 292 vehicles on the
> beaches of Ocracoke Island. Only one area of beach became sufficiently
> crowded to trigger a temporary restriction on beach access. On Sunday
> afternoon, park rangers implemented a one-on, one-off restriction at Ramp
> 4
> north of Oregon Inlet for about an hour when vehicle congestion reached
> the
> point that there was no longer room for additional vehicles to park on the
> beach while maintaining a safe width for two-way traffic. This occurred
> with approximately 700 vehicles on the beach. The level of congestion
> soon
> eased and unrestricted access to the open beach accessible from Ramp 4 was
> fully restored.
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> Overall, compliance by the majority of park visitors with park regulations
> and with measures implemented under the consent decree was very good.
> Park
> rangers dealt with the normal range of law enforcement incidents that
> occur
> on a busy holiday weekend, including a number of alcohol violations,
> unsafe
> operations, out of bounds camping and several driving under the influence
> arrests, but the total number of violation notices issued were less than
> in
> 2007. Five violation notices were issued for resource protection area
> violations (1 on Bodie Island, 1 of Hatteras Island, and 3 on Ocracoke
> Island).
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> "The beaches were busy, but not overwhelmingly crowded," stated
> Superintendent Mike Murray. "We greatly appreciated the high level of
> compliance and cooperation from the vast majority of park visitors."
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