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Date: June 25, 2008

Memorandum

To: Superintendent, CAHA

From: Regional Director, Southeast Region

Subject: Controlled Correspondence for Action

1. Your controlled correspondence tracking number is 2008-00948. Date due in Regional Office: June 30, 2008.

- Please prepare a draft response for signature by the Director, National Park Service. Send via Lotus Notes to LaRoy Williams, SERO.
- Please prepare a draft response for signature by the Regional Director. Send via Lotus Notes to LaRoy Williams, SERO.
- Please prepare a final response for signature by the Regional Director.
- Please prepare a final response for signature by the Superintendent. Send a copy to LaRoy Williams, SERO, and to the Analyst noted on the WAPC Control Sheet (Leonard Stowe – include a copy of the control sheet – fax number (202) 371-1427).

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Park/Office: Cape Hatteras NS, NC Office Assigned: Southeast Regional Office Contact Name: LaRoy Williams Contact Phone: 404/562-3100 Contact Fax: 404/562-3263	Corr Date: 6/12/2008 WAPC Date: 6/25/2008 Draft Due Date: Final Due Date: 7/8/2008 Response Date:
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Hot Topics: **RE: Cape ORV/Dir. #40439**

Description: **CONCERNED OVER OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ACCESS AT CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE.**

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Director's Office Assignment Sheet

To: Kate Stevenson

cc: Tom Wolfe

From: Maureen Foster

Date: 06/17/08

Subject/Sender: CAHA ORV / Rep IC Michael Conway

NPS Control Number: 40439

ACTION REQUESTED

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

RESPONSE DUE BY: 07/08/08

SIGNATURE BY: RD-SER

COMMENTS:

Please control to Southeast Region for response

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IDENTIFY ACTION TAKEN AND DATE: _____

RETURN BLUE SHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE (if applicable) TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF, attention: MAUREEN FOSTER.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

June 12, 2008

Ms. Elaine Hackett
Congressional Liaison
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW, Room 7256
Washington, DC 20240

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Dear Ms. Hackett,

I received the enclosed letter from a concerned constituent. In order to fully address his concerns, I would appreciate a written response from National Park Service.

If you need more information on this matter do not hesitate to contact Brad Bellah in my office at brad.bellah@mail.house.gov or 202-225-3605.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

K. Michael Conaway
Member of Congress

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Congressman Mike Conaway
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May 31, 2008

Dear Congressman Conaway,

I am a Texas resident and I am also permanently disabled. I write to advise you of a problem at one of our National Seashores. I'm hoping you can help not only the disabled but the millions who are now unable to use this National Park as it was intended. I make the drive to this Park, "Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area" annually as it is a beautiful beach that man and wildlife has enjoyed and co existed for generations. It is also accessible by vehicle which is important to disabled folks like me. It is also rated as the 8th most popular beach in the US. The Audubon Society and the Defenders of Wildlife sued the Park Service to shut down the beach as they think they are the special saviors of animals. What they really are are well organized, well funded zealots who care little about their fellow humans or even the wildlife they pledge to protect.

This could be a lengthy letter but instead of me rambling on I have found and enclosed a letter sent by a person that summarizes it nicely.

On My Memorial Day visit to Cape Hatteras I was denied access to the open part of the beach because of pre nesting behavior of the birds. (avian foreplay?) . I was told by a female ranger armed with a taser that the only way I could get to the open section of beach was to walk in the surf as other people were doing. If I left the water, even one footprint, I would be issued a violation. I told her I was disabled and couldn't and showed her my Golden Eagle Pass. I also told her that the government had a law titled the Americans with Disabilities Act passed by congress. She promptly told me this law protecting these (non endangered) birds was "passed" by a federal judge and that takes precedent of a law passed by congress. Either she failed high school civics or you all did give all your power to judges.

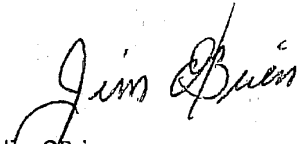
This is a crazy situation down there in NC. Emotions are running high and business are already feeling the effects. Every one there says there has been little or no help from their federal representatives. It is a predominately Democratic area but this does affect us Republicans from all over the US too. If a chick is sighted they must be given a 1000 meter buffer. To put this in prospective that's 774 acres for each chick or 6 Nimitz class carriers laid end to end inside this buffer diameter. Humans must endanger themselves and walk in the surf for a long distance through currents and rip tides to get to the open part of the beaches. Disabled folks like me just simply can't get there. Further if a bird boundary sign is knocked down or vandalized the buffer increases in size, no investigation, no trail, no due process, in fact they just throw the constitution out the window. I guess that's what happens when judges "pass" laws.

To read the spin these eco- zealots have put on this on their web sites it makes it seem they have helped the conservation cause and humanity alike. This simply isn't the case. The park service has killed more of these birds with their patrols than any beach going group. They are now engaged in slaughtering

native wildlife to "protect" these birds. This was caught on camera when a park ranger shot and killed a momma fox and her pups. This Piping Plover they are protecting isn't even native to the area. Native wildlife and native humans are being displaced by the money, power and influence of special interest groups, i.e.: the Audubon Society and the Defenders of Wildlife.

Please use your influence and power to get his National Seashore back to the way it was originally intended. I drove 3400 miles round trip to be told my tax dollars were being spent to keep me out of a national park and "protect" birds. One more thing, even though the Audubon Society and the Defenders of Wildlife are flowing with cash the federal judge ordered the US Taxpayers to pay the legal bills of these two eco- zealot groups.

Thanking you in advance for your help and consideration,



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Att: letter to the editor

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