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Subject: RE: "Press Release: Vandalism of Shorebird Closure Fencing"
Date: 06/26/2008 10:18 AM

Thank you for your comments. We appreciate your viewpoints and your interest in Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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06/26/2008 08:16 AM Subject RE: "Press Release: Vandalism of Shorebird
Closure Fencing"

Cyndy,

There is absolutely no excuse for this type of behavior anywhere within Cape Hatteras Nation Seashore.

One must always remember that all beach access is a privilege not a right and must be treated accordingly!

The individuals that did this are the same people that we fishermen and conservationist have complained about for many years now!

This act also points out the dire need for an educational presentation to any and all individuals before beach access is granted whether it be pedestrian or ORV along with a privilege pass for each person upon completion of said presentation.

If these or any other individuals exhibiting this type of behavior are caught I hope the Park Service will prosecute them to the fullest extent

of the law and not just give them a slap on the wrist!

Sincerely
Milton F. Clapp

- > Subject: "Press Release: Vandalism of Shorebird Closure Fencing"
- > From: Cyndy_Holda@nps.gov
- > Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 17:38:46 -0400
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- > Let's try this again.....
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- > The earlier press release had an incomplete attachment and no photos.
- > This version has it all in one!
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- > (See attached file: 062508ThirdActVandalism .doc)
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- > (See attached file: Violation JUN22-2.jpg) (See attached file: Violation JUN22-3.jpg) (See attached file: Violation JUN22-4.jpg)
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- > National Park Service News Release
- > FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: DATE: June 25, 2008
- > CONTACT: 252-473-2111, ext. 148
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- > Vandalism of Shorebird Closure Fencing
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- > A new act of vandalism/trespass to posted shorebird protection areas has
- > occurred at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, this time on Bodie Island Spit
- > just north of Oregon Inlet. On Sunday, June 22, 2008, Seashore staff
- > discovered damaged fencing and off-road vehicle tire tracks that violated
- > three resource protection areas that were in place south of Ramp 4 towards
- > the inlet.
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- > The violation apparently occurred between the hours of 11:00 p.m. on
- > Saturday, June 21 and 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2008. The park ranger
- > who investigated the violation observed one sign destroyed and numerous,
- > obvious tire spin-out tracks in the sand, including zigzagging across the
- > beach, "doughnut" tire marks, and evidence of sand thrown considerable
- > distances from the tire tracks, which suggest the vehicle was traveling at
- > an excessive speed for conditions. At the time of this press release there
- > are no leads to the identity of the vehicle or operator.

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- > The April 30, 2008 court ordered Consent Decree, which resolved a lawsuit
- > related to shorebird and sea turtle protection at the Seashore, requires
- > the National Park Service (NPS) to automatically expand the closure area by
- > 50 meters if a first confirmed deliberate act disturbs or harasses wildlife
- > or vandalizes fencing, nests, or plants. In this case, Seashore staff
- > documented the incident and expanded the closures by 50 meters each as
- > ordered by the Consent Decree. The Consent Decree also requires that if a
- > second such act occurs, the buffer shall automatically be expanded by 100
- > m. And if a third act occurs, the buffer shall be expanded by 500 m if NPS
- > determines it is necessary to minimize the extent of further disturbance.
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- > "This was an egregious violation, plain and simple," said Superintendent
- > Mike Murray. "Irresponsible behavior such as this not only puts nesting
- > birds at risk, which under the Consent Decree, leads to more stringent
- > protection, it also reduces access for the many park visitors who do comply
- > with the rules."
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- > Destruction of government property and entering a resource closure are
- > federal criminal violations, each subject to up to a \$5,000 fine and up to
- > six months imprisonment.
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- > For more information, call 252-473-2111 ext. 148.
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The i'm Talkathon starts 6/24/08. For now, give amongst yourselves.
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