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If I can prove that it was not me on the ATV in question, can I use the previously open 100 meters? I would suppose not.

Although, I have many issues with the current consent decree, the expanding of buffers due to vandalism seems to be the most arbitrary, ridiculous, and most likely, illegal enforcement regulation contained therein. How is it, that in a park that I fund as a taxpayer, that was established for my recreation, I can be punished by the acts of a criminal while I am 300 miles away? Does the government lower the speed limit or close the highway when someone is seen speeding?

Who benefits from this buffer expansion? Certainly not the egg that was crushed--- Not myself or the thousands of others who would like to use the park as it was originally planned. Not even the adult birds who have already established their nesting area. Well than, maybe it as meant as a punishment to the violator. But how does this expansion punish the criminal responsible?--Now he has to drive an extra 100 meters next time he decides he want to crush an egg? Or maybe it is just some stupid kid going for a joy ride. Why punish thousands for acts of one?

I have been visiting the CHNSRA since the early 80's--- multiple times per year.

I have lost faith that there will ever be an equitable conclusion to this ridiculous situation. The government, NPS, judicial system, and most other parties involved should be embarrassed and ashamed of themselves.

This is the first year in over 25 years that I have not been to the OBX and I have no plans to do so.

Can someone please inject some common sense into this situation?

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