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**Subject:** Re: Beach Fires and Turtles  
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Okay with me. Makes sense biologically. How will we notify people of the restriction? May be difficult to educate public at large so need to be reasonable about enforcement unless we can somehow sign each site..

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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**From:** Darrell Echols  
**Sent:** 08/15/2008 05:53 PM EDT  
**To:** John McCutcheon  
**Cc:** Mike Murray; Norah Martinez; Paul Stevens  
**Subject:** Re: Beach Fires and Turtles  
John,

I think this is appropriate and should work for the entire seashore, but would like to have Mike's input since this is a precedent for the park. I have left a voice mail for him and will let you know if I talk to him before he responds to this email.

Darrell

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Subject Beach Fires and Turtles

Darrell and Mike,

Talking with M. Baker and then discussing it with the Ranger Staff at a meeting yesterday, I am suggesting that we can make a compendium change that would reflect "no beach fires with-in 100 yards [or meters] of the turtle closure...". This is in response to the incident on Avon Beach two weeks ago. The hatchlings crawled approximately 100 yards from their nest to the fire.

If this goes into effect, the majority of Avon beach south of the pier will have no fires allowed due to the cluster of turtle nests.

I am okay with this. For this to be timely and enforceable, Mike would have to make the changes quickly. Please advise Norah, Paul, Jon, Kenny, and I ASAP.

Thanks.

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