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Mike/Darrell:

I've called the major stakeholders this morning.....Couch, Eakes, Folb, Keene, and got a few other calls out there (left messages). Here's a summary so far:

1) They don't seem to be blaming the environs at this point but seem to have turned a little on NPS and claiming that we should be doing more to apprehend the violators. They are asking "where are the surveillance cameras?" "Go out and buy some cheap, fake \$10.00 cameras and attach to the stakes to make them think you are at the very least doing something." (Where are the cameras by the way??? Did we ever get them installed anywhere?)

2) They asked: "Why can't we get the Community Watch idea be launched? All you guys ever do is talk, talk, talk but we don't see anything happening except punishment to the innocent.....all ORVers are declared "guilty until proven innocent" and we think there's more to it than that."

3) They asked the question: "Where did the five deliberate turtle closures violations occur? in ORV areas or pedestrian only areas?" Good question....I couldn't accurately answer since I was out of the office some last week and not on the call Friday.

On another note, I contacted Tony Parker with OBX Association of Realtors this morning. She is sending me a couple of email addresses (including hers) that will put all of our press releases in the hands of all realty agencies on the Outer Banks. Tony and I talked about how we can expand on this over the course of the winter and by next season, we'll have the realtors better positioned to help us with distributing information, educational value, ban on fires, take down your tent stakes at night, turn off you porch lights at night, etc., etc. ,etc.

I despise Mondays!!!!!!! Busy in here.....complaint on fee collector at WRBR that I need to find Norah on next.....

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Subject Turtle violations

Darrell

Got your vmsg re deliberate vandalism of turtle closure (south of Ramp44?).

My take on the CD is that our response is discretionary not mandatory. Would start be having Cyndy call key stakeholders aand tell them if we get any more violations at the same area we will have to seriously consider expanding the buffer, which from the sounds of it could close OrV access to Cape Point. (They will accuse the. enviros of doing the deed, so we also better be willing to do some stakeouts and use volunteer nest watchers as a deterrent before we simply expand/close at this location. I'd ask the rangers to come up with a plan to focus on deterrent/detection at this site, which is more important to access than many other sites. This may be an area that we could allow a volunteer to park on top of the ramp with lights off etc. to keep an eye on the area.

In other words, I am reluctant to close it but we we need to take some action.

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