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Mike

Since "non-breeding winter resource protection area" is a new term, may we have a definition? Does this mean that you intend to keep the beach facing the Bonner Bridge closed forever? Does this mean that you intend to continue herding the families with small children on to beaches facing the ocean & into the swift moving currents of Oregon Inlet? Since the first of May, families with children have been denied access to this safe area while a single Amoy chick sometimes foraged. Are we now headed toward permanent closure under the premise of a non-breeding winter resource protection area? Can this be blamed on the Consent Decree?

Jim Keene

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National Park Service News Release FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: DATE: August 27, 2008 CONTACT: 252-473-2111

Access Update for Bodie Island Spit

Superintendent Mike Murray announced today that Bodie Island Spit reopened to off-road vehicle (ORV) access. The reopening of 0.5 of a mile of shoreline provides access to Oregon Inlet, a prime fall fishing area within Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The ocean shoreline is open from Ramp 4 south for 2.1 miles to Oregon Inlet and from Ramp 4 north for 2.1 miles.

The pre-nesting closure, established in late March of 2008 and includes interior sections of the point, will transition to the non-breeding winter resource protection area status and is posted accordingly with signs and symbolic fencing. This area is closed to vehicles, pedestrian and all pets. The shoreline is now open to ORV traffic from 6:00 am until 10:00 pm daily. The nightime prohibition on beach driving is still in effect throughout the Seashore from 10:00 pm until 6 am.

Temporary resource protection areas are established to protect threatened and endangered species, including piping plovers and sea turtles, and for species of concern, including American oystercatchers and colonial waterbirds (terns and black skimmers). For more information, call 252-473-2111 ext. 148.

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