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**To:** [Darrell Echols](#)  
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Darrell,

See Lee's message below FYI. Once the RegNeg Committee and NPS decide on the future approach to ORV permits, we will have quite a workload to plan and develop the web-based permit system we are envisioning in order to be ready to implement in April 2011. We (i.e., you!) will need to figure out how the program development and coordination work will be assigned or staffed. My experience with permit systems elsewhere suggests that managing the ORV permit program will be a full-time job for someone supervise as well as being the COTR for a contractor that provides the web-based part of the system. We will also need year-round field staff to issue the permits in person at a minimum of 1 location in each district. In other words, it will require positions (to be funded by permit fees) that we do not yet have. I would expect that preparing for system start-up will take at least 1 year, and at some point will ask you to formulate a staffing proposal for a program coordinator to start work on developing the system.


Note: Mary Doll has been doling preliminary work on the education program (preliminary contacts about having Tread Lightly and Leave No Trace assist with it, etc.), but that will need to kick into high gear at least a year in advance also, so that the education component is ready to go when the permit component is ready.

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Mike

there are a few parks that use the reservations.gov system to issue permits, and the fee folks are considering expanding that option. As you move forward you may want

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to talk to Rick DeLappe who is the NPS liaison with the contractor. The only portion of the Cape Hatteras permit that might be new would be the education requirement for the permit.

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No problem Lee. I don't have a strong sense of urgency about you visiting the Outer Banks. You are welcome to come anytime that works for you.

The negotiated rulemaking process will be done by the end on this month. It remains to be seen if the idea of a general beach access permit/pass re-surfaces, but I expect the Committee will stick with a traditional ORV SUP approach. There will be strong advice from the Committee to make the permit and related education program available via the internet, including acceptance of credit card payment over the internet, so at some point we will need some advice on developing such a system.

Target date for implementation of the new plan is summer of 2011 (ROD in Dec 2010; final rule in April 2011), so we have some time to work on it. I'm not familiar with any parks that have a truly web-based approach, but think we need to move forward in using current technology. We are willing to take it on here, but may need advice on contractors or other entities that can develop the system for us; and advice on how to manage the payment piece (can they make payment directly to NPS, or do we need an intermediary, such as a contractor, to manage the system and process the payments, such as is done with the service-wide campground reservation system?).

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Mike

Once again I want to apologize for having to pull out of last week's training. I had neither the stamina or the voice to teach a course. I have every confidence in Michele Kuna and Pat Bentley and hope they provided your staff with the information they wanted.

As I told Darrell, I am still available to come down to Cape Hatteras at your convenience. I know you wanted to talk about off road vehicles, and I also understand you have some rights-of-way issues.

I have one more diagnostic test next week after which I should be to make travel plans. I tentatively have meetings/ training schedule for the first and third weeks of March.

Just let me know if I can be of any help and if you would like me to come to the park.

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