

From: [Mike Murray](#)
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Subject: Re:
Date: 02/09/2009 12:39 PM

Thayer,

The only area it has been discussed is at Cape Point, in the context of the site specific management proposal (NPS Alternative E). It would require a science-based plan, monitoring and adaptive management component. In other words, it is complicated, which is why we need the technical assistance to develop a pilot project. As a practical matter, we would do it on an experimental basis at one location to see how it works before doing it at other locations.

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02/09/2009 10:32 AM

cc

Subject

The e-mail from Keene would seem to indicate that the ORV contingent is putting on a push for this. I need Mike's guidance on whether to respond to all the requests if they keep pushing this.

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Subject

Please respond to
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Thayer

I am sure that NCBBA would take on the task of assisting you with such an experimental project @ Bodie Island also.
Jim Keene

From: Ackleybc
To: Thayer_Broili@nps.gov
Sent: 2/9/2009 10:02:31 A.M. Eastern Standard Time
Subj: Re: Request for habitat restoration

Thanks Thayer,

Your careful research and report of findings on this issue is appreciated. The public will be very happy to see some action on the part of the Park to address the saving of our resources.

Your reply interests me in further discussion. Some of us would still like to cooperate with the Park in actions that we see as beneficial. In the area of decoys: Is this something that might be donated? Where could they be obtained? At what cost? How many would be needed? Perhaps we can find a benefactor. We might even help the local economy by purchasing from local carvers.

Would it be possible for volunteers to be trained to do some of the footwork - placing decoys, monitoring, etc? There still may be a few people willing to help with a worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Barbara

In a message dated 2/5/2009 10:53:12 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, Thayer_Broili@nps.gov writes:

We have tracked down the status of the technical support request. Some support has been tentatively identified from the NPS Ft. Collins Technical Center, however at this time no firm commitment of dates/schedule or funding have been made. The Ft. Collins folks have a very full plate and although they will try to accommodate a request as best they can, we cannot guarantee when this will be. Hopefully we can get them started in the spring or early summer.

Having said this, the nature of the support is to determine what can be done and how. It will not be in the form of any actual habitat manipulation/restoration activity. That would only come after the investigation and recommendation of the Ft. Collins folks. Additionally, it is unclear whether any on-the-ground activity would need to wait until the ORV Plan/EIS is finalized or whether it can be started before as a research initiative. This will be something that the Ft. Collins folks will consider in their support effort and final recommendations.

In short, it is almost certain that no on-the-ground habitat modification will be done during the upcoming season. The one item that may be initiated this summer is the experimental use of decoys to attract Colonial Waterbirds to a point to the west of where they typically set up on the Point. This will require additional monitoring and reporting plus the cost of obtaining and managing the decoys. At this time, details of such an effort have not been worked out. If and when they are, the public will be made aware of any such effort.

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