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Subject: beach mileage/access

Hi Abra.

We're working on revisions to the ORV EIS and we had some questions about mileage that Mike Murray suggested that we check with you on. The following statements are from Chapter 3 (p 57 and 58). Could you review them and confirm if the mileages are correct?

- Of the 70 miles of Atlantic Ocean, beaches, and inlets that front Bodie, Hatteras, and Ocracoke Islands, the Seashore encompasses approximately 53 miles of shoreline and inlet, and 50 miles of soundside habitats and beaches. The 13 miles of beach that comprise Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge are within the Seashore boundary and are managed separately...
- About half (approximately 26 miles) of the beaches are open to ORV use during the summer months. On the soundside, 17 access points are available to ORVs. However, only approximately four miles of soundside areas are open for ORV use because the Seashore prohibits ORV use on vegetated areas, and most of the soundside areas have vegetation.

Also, there are some discrepancies on the number of ORV access points:

- Current CAHA ORV access maps show 17 oceanside ramps/access (18 are mentioned in the text)
- Our matrix indicates 21 soundside access points, but the text indicates 17.

Could you confirm how many designated ORV access points there are on the soundside and oceanside?

Thanks, and please let me know if you have any questions.

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