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Subject: Re: Expansion of buffers
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There has been quite a bit of buzz in the community about the expansions of the resource buffer zones due to violators of the consent decree. I would like all parties to consider an all out educational effort to inform and educate citizens and visitors, to the violation provision of the consent decree. Furthermore, a lifting of this penalty provision and replacing it with this educational awareness, seems logical and fair, and would certainly have a more positive result. As noted, it is unclear who the violators are. Are the violators sympathetic to the green side or are the violators ones who are upset with the over reach of the decree? The violations are vandalism and are minor in nature. Entry into the closure area to harm wildlife or to cause destruction to the resource is a different scenario. Those are the ones who need to be caught and punished. Choking off and denying access to the public is not the answer. Let us identify the problem, change the provision and not punish the public for the past failures of the Washington D.C. ineptness and in action.

Thanks and ready to help, John Couch, OBPA President

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Mike,

Once again I need to voice my strong objection to the expansion of the buffers because of the vandalism to a sign. Tens of thousands of innocent people are being punished without due process. In the United States of America, when did we lose our right of innocent until proven guilty? When did we lose our right to a trial by a jury of our peers? Did not our forefathers set forth to form a new nation one with laws that provided for prosecution of those people arrested and tried with evidence and not persecution of the whole population for the sins of the few or even a lone radical. Mike, this Consent Decree must be modified. I ask you to convene a meeting with the Plaintiffs, Defendants, Defendant Interveners and the US Attorney. We must strike this provision from the Consent Decree. Other than the sign and fence damage, was there any damage to bird or plant inside the Closure? I ask you to consider who is the most likely suspect of this vandalism? Who has the most to gain from your actions in response to the vandalism? It makes no sense for anyone who wants to use and enjoy the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Recreational Area to commit this act of violence. However, someone(s) who favor closures, who favor man being driven off the beach, who favor less and less of the beach for man, woman and child to enjoy has everything to gain by tearing down a sign. He or she slips onto the beach in the cover of darkness tears up a sign or two and tomorrow morning, the people who want to use the beach will be punished. This sounds like a scenario from the Kingdoms in Europe before man came to America to seek freedom from persecution.

In the face of these trying economic times I welcome the opportunity to work with you and Derb Carter to bring relief to this draconian situation in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Recreational Area. Can we assign security to watch the beaches at night? Can we use the camera technology that scientists use to photograph animals of study in the wilderness? Mike action must be taken to make changes and I am asking you to work with Dare County towards correcting this wrong.

Thanks,

Warren