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Subject: RE: "Press Release: NPS Installs New Off-Road Vehicle Information Signs"
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Thanks for your reply, Mike, and I appreciate your considering the idea. Your comments for waiting until the ORV rule is in place make perfect sense. NPS may want to consider including the MP numbers in the maps used as part of the ORV rule in anticipation of the change-over later.

Again, thanks.

Carl

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Hi Carl,

That is a good suggestion, which we had previously recognized as an issue to be resolved. We are inclined to wait until the ORV plan is finalized before changing ramp numbers, so that the traditional, familiar ramp location numbers are used throughout both the RegNeg and ORV management planning processes. We think it is easier to follow the discussion about which ramps may remain the same, which may change, and what new ramps may be added. Also, given the frequent changes in access under the consent decree, which are sometimes challenging to describe accurately, we have heavily relied on using the current ramp names as reference points. We think it would more confusing, at least to people familiar with the Seashore, to change the names of the familiar reference points while things are in such a state of flux. Once the long-term decisions are made it will be easy enough to renumber the ramps.

Thanks,

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Mike -

I imagine this likely has been suggested previously but would it be helpful to change the NPS ramp numbers to correspond with the MP numbers, which now exist from Kitty Hawk to Ocracoke? That would help emergency response personnel - especially those newer to the area - and help visitors know where to look for the ramps.

Any change would certainly need to occur during the off-season so businesses and others would have time to change marketing/information materials.

Just a thought.

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National Park Service News Release
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: DATE: April 28, 2009
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NPS Installs New Off-Road Vehicle Information
Signs On All Beach Access Ramps

On April 21, 2009, the National Park Service began the installation of new off-road vehicle (ORV) information signs at beach access ramps in accordance with paragraph 29 of the court ordered consent decree. The first signs were installed at Ramp 43 on Hatteras Island and additional signs for all ramps are scheduled for installation.

The signs will provide the visiting public with information on beach driving, traffic rules and regulations, posted speed limits, applicable dates for night driving, beach regulations for prohibited activities, and recommended tire pressure.

For more information regarding ORV beach access, visit the park's Off-Road Vehicle Information webpage at:
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>