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Mr. Lyons,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the management status of the .4 mile section of beach south of Buxton. We have considered the option of changing this area back to a pedestrian only section of beach. However, at this time this beach section will continue to be managed for both pedestrian and vehicle use. Last year we managed this section for both ORV and pedestrian use and we feel it is important to remain consistent with our management while we complete our ORV Management Plan. It is our long-term goal to develop a definitive policy on ORV use for all sections of park beach.

Darrell

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07/30/2009 10:29 AM

Subject pedestrian access

July 30, 2009  
Buxton, NC

Hello Cindy,

Cindy do you know if Mike is planning to return the historical pedestrian access only beaches that he opened to ORV access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore? I am specifically concerned about the 0.4 mile north of Ramp 43. This area had always been a pedestrian access only area until Mike opened it to vehicles because Cape Point was temporarily closed to ORV access under conditions set forth by the Consent Decree.

As you are aware, Cape Point is now open again to ORV use. It seems fair that since Mike's justification (closing ORV access to Cape Point) is no longer applicable, the area should return to its established management.

This 0.4 mile of beach is of particular importance because it is one of the few beaches that is not situated in front of a village or in an ORV route, has adequate and safe parking, easy pedestrian access and affords visitors an exceptional opportunity to experience a primitive ocean beach away from highways and development on Hatteras Island.

Sincerely,

Jim Lyons



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