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Subject: Fw: "Press Release: Two Vandalism Incidents Expand Ramp 23 Protection Area"

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Subject Re: "Press Release: Two Vandalism Incidents Expand

Ramp 23 Protection Area"

Do you ever read this crap.

It was not a court ordered consent decree. It was not even a consent decree

but something else shoved up our ying yangs. Judge Boyle did not order anything he just accepted what NPS and the Enviros agreed to.

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Bob Eakes
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From: <Cyndy_Holda@nps.gov>
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(See attached file: 081809Ramp23Violations.doc)
 National Park Service News Release
       FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: DATE: CONTACT: 252-473-2111, ext. 148
                                           August 18, 2009
>
            Two Vandalism Incidents at Ramp 23 Result in Expansion
                           of Shorebird Protection Area
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Two new vandalism incidents have resulted in expanded buffers at the Ramp 23 shorebird protection area in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. first

> incident, which occurred between the evening hours of Sunday, August 16

dawn on Monday, August 17, 2009, was investigated by NPS law enforcement

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> personnel and evaluated by park management. The second incident occurred
 during the early morning hours of Tuesday, August 18, 2009.
> The recent vandalism represents the third time the Ramp 23 protection area > has been vandalized. Accordingly, and by the terms of the court ordered
> consent decree, the buffers will be expanded by 600 meters. The bird
> protection area now extends north to the Salvo annual village closure and
> to the south for an additional 600 meters for these consecutive deliberate
> violations.
> Investigation revealed that the barricades closing the ramp to ORV use
> were
> removed and one set of vehicle tracks entered the beach via Ramp 23.
> on the beach, the vehicle turned north and continued until coming to the > first turtle closure where the vehicle turned around and exited the beach
> on Ramp 23. A second incident occurred in the same location during the
> early morning hours of Tuesday, August 18, 2009.
> The court ordered consent decree mandates that if a confirmed deliberate
> act that disturbs or harasses wildlife or vandalizes fencing, nests, or
> plants occurs, NPS shall automatically expand the buffer by 50 meters on > the first offense, 100 meters on the second, and 500 meters on the third.
> As a result of the violations, the buffers are being expanded at Ramp 23.
> The expansion will remain in effect until shorebirds have finished using
> the respective areas for breeding activities. The nearest available ORV
> and pedestrian access point is currently located at Ramp 27.
> NPS law enforcement personnel continue to investigate these two incidents.
> If anyone has information about any of these violations, please call Dare
 Community Crime Line at 252-473-3111. Destruction of government property
  and entering a resource closure are federal criminal violations, each
> subject up to a $5,000.00 fine and up to six months imprisonment.
> For up-to-date information on currently open or closed areas, check the
  Cape Hatteras National Seashore's Google Earth maps at:
> http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm
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