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

Since we can't catch the guilty person, let's punish everyone by closing the beach! There is no legal logic or science based on such action...just tenth century draconian decisions handed down by a judge and a group of anti-ORV folks. I will say it over and over...have the park rangers out looking for law breakers and issue tickets for something serious rather than worry about who has a fishing license or a dog off-leash.

On Aug 18, 2009, at 12:14 PM, Cyndy_Holda@nps.gov wrote:

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> (See attached file: 081809Ramp23Violations.doc)
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> National Park Service News Release
> FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: DATE: August 18, 2009
> CONTACT: 252-473-2111, ext. 148
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> 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.
> The first
> incident, which occurred between the evening hours of Sunday, August
> 16 and
> dawn on Monday, August 17, 2009, was investigated by NPS law
> enforcement
> personnel and evaluated by park management. The second incident
> occurred
> during the early morning hours of Tuesday, August 18, 2009.
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> 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.

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> 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. Once
> 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.

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> 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.

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> 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.

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> 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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