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Cc: [Mike Murray](mailto:Mike_Murray)  
Subject: Re: Fwd: Request for habitat restoration  
Date: 09/22/2009 11:16 AM

We put in a technical assistance request last fall to NPS Regional Office and the Ft. Collins staff (as I indicated in my earlier e-mail to you below) for some assistance on what could/should be done. We were told that they would try to assist us this past summer, but no assistance was forthcoming. We will likely pursue this again this year. The bottom line is that the status has not changed since I communicated to you in February.

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Subject: Fwd: Request for habitat restoration

Dear Thayer,

It's been a fortnight since I again asked this question about a proposed study. There was a request by CAHA about a year ago and it got stalled. The need is still here for this study. Actually there is a need for more aggressive action. As the closures are now set for the winter, we can see vegetation growing in front of the dunes, in the "winter closures" - and any area not needed for ORV travel. This means even less habitat for bird nesting next year and adds cover for predators. Also happening is the development of steeper beaches that are more narrow. NPS is driving the birds off the three islands!

Sincerely,

Barbara Ackley

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From: Ackleybc  
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CC: mike\_murray@nps.gov, darrell\_echols@nps.gov  
Sent: 9/8/2009 9:52:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time  
Subj: Re: Request for habitat restoration

Dear Thayer,

Has there been or will there be any further action on the habitat restoration project? This year we have seen the failure of requirements of Consent Decree efforts to preserve wildlife. The overgrowth around the ponds seems only to have caused an increase of mammals to be removed. Surely it wouldn't take a great deal of study to use the same methods of vegetation removal that are used in Pea Island.

Barbara Ackley

In a message dated 2/5/2009 10:53:12 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, Thayer\_Broili@nps.gov writes:  
We have tracked down the status of the technical support request. Some support has been tentatively identified from the NPS Ft. Collins Technical Center, however at this time no firm commitment of dates/schedule or funding have been made. The Ft. Collins folks have a very full plate and although they will try to accommodate a request as best they can, we cannot guarantee when this will be. Hopefully we can get them started in the spring or early summer.

Having said this, the nature of the support is to determine what can be done and how. It will not be in the form of any actual habitat manipulation/restoration activity. That would only come after the investigation and recommendation of the Ft. Collins folks. Additionally, it is unclear whether any on-the-ground activity would need to wait until the ORV Plan/EIS is finalized or whether it can be started before as a research initiative. This will be something that the Ft. Collins folks will consider in their support effort and final recommendations.

In short, it is almost certain that no on-the-ground habitat modification will be done during the upcoming season. The one item that may be initiated this summer is the experimental use of decoys to attract Colonial Waterbirds to a point to the west of where they typically set up on the Point. This will require additional monitoring and reporting plus the cost of obtaining and managing the decoys. At this time, details of such an effort have not been worked out. If and when they are, the public will be made aware of any such effort.

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01/30/2009 04:41 PM To: Thayer\_Broili@nps.gov  
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Have you been able to find any progress on the important, time is of the essence, project?  
Barbara

In a message dated 1/23/2009 10:30:47 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, Thayer\_Broili@nps.gov writes:  
To my knowledge, we have received nothing back from regional or Ft. Collins staff to which the request was forwarded and would be providing any such assistance. I'll have Meghan Carfoli, our Natural Resource Specialist, see if she can track down any progress when she returns next week.

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01/23/2009 08:48 AM To  
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Subject  
Request for habitat restoration

Good morning, Thayer,

Can you tell me what progress has been made in your request for technical assistance for habitat restoration at Cape Point? I notice the request was made to be granted before May 2009.

Thank you,

Barbara Ackley

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