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Subject: Re: Fw: Park Service Stuck on the Beach ...
Date: 10/05/2009 08:00 AM

To all,

The issue of removing sandbags is sensitive in general to North Carolina, but in particular with this particular adjacent landowner. Before we go too far down the road of removing the sand bags, we need to be absolutely sure where our boundary is, where the bags are in relation to our boundary, whose responsible for removing the bags, and what the current legal requirement is regarding the bags. The decision to remove the bags or not will be made at HQ after we gather some information. In the mean time, we need to determine how we can safely patrol these areas without removing the sandbags.

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Darrell,

I am not sure of the process on this, but sandbags are supposed to only be a temporary solution. You are required to get a permit from CAMA in order to install sandbags. Given that the sandbags are actually on our property, in this case the owner should also have a permit from CAHA. I believe that last year CAMA (or the state, I can't remember which), sent notices to all residences and businesses along the Outer Banks that required them to remove their sandbags. I am not sure if this property was among them, but I had heard that it was. However, this summer the governor halted the process of sandbag removal. Now I do not know what the regulation is. Here is an article about the latest developments:

<http://hamptonroads.com/2009/08/targeted-sandbags-nc-can-stay-until-2010>

This is also the same property that installed illegal sand fencing this year. The fencing is against state guidelines, and we reported it to CAMA. The way the sand fencing was installed actually increases the erosion of the area, as well as essentially blocks nesting habitat for sea turtles. Internally, the issue was reported to Meghan Carfioli. So far the owner has not redone the fencing.

Michelle

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10/01/2009 07:41 PM

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Thayer,

Good questions. I don't have an answer. Does anyone else know why the bags are still there?

Darrell

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----- Original Message -----

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Subject: Re: Fw: Park Service Stuck on the Beach ...

All,
Perhaps this is a foolish question, but why are the bags there and why shouldn't they be removed as a remedy? Is there a Park policy to allow such bags at CAHA? My understanding is that the bags in front of the hotel were suppose to be removed by order of the State and were not. Maybe we should remove them as a safety hazard if they are indeed on CAHA property?

Michelle/Britta,
Let's talk when Britta returns.

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To all,

We should do everything we can to avoid driving over sand bags, which should minimize the safety risks for employees removing a hindered vehicle, minimize the risk of a vehicle being stuck in an incoming tide, and reduce the public scrutiny of our actions. It is unfortunate that this happened, but it provides us an opportunity to re-evaluate what we do and hopefully establish a safer and better way of doing things.

Thayer,

Since the UTV's are primarily used to help us patrol for sea turtles, I would like RM to develop a way to maintain patrols while keeping us from driving on sandbags. This may require us to alter patrol routes, patrol schedules, or maybe even consider

eliminating patrols for beaches that are not suitable for nesting based on observations and nesting occurrences. Once you have developed a plan, please work with Paul and Dennis to determine the applicability for their operations. If it is not safe or appropriate for RM to drive in an area, then it may not be appropriate for other operations as well.

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FYI - It looks like an area we should avoid driving through at high tide, if we cannot make it below the sand bags.

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Mike - An email I got today - I have deleted to to and from but thought you might want to see it.
Frank

Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2009 3:01 PM

Subject: Emailing: Park Service Stuck on Beach 024, Park Service Stuck on Beach 027, Park

Lynne, These are pictures of the park service stuck in front of Carol Dillon's Motel this morning. If that had been one of us I am sure they would have found a way to give us a ticket for \$150. or even put us in jail. I bet Carol had a few words to share with the Park Service. The pictures were provide me by a guest of her motel. Thought you would enjoy seeing them. [attachment "Park Service Stuck on Beach 024.jpg" deleted by Darrell Echols/CAHA/NPS] [attachment "Park Service Stuck on Beach 027.jpg" deleted by Darrell Echols/CAHA/NPS] [attachment "Park Service Stuck on Beach 028.jpg" deleted by Darrell Echols/CAHA/NPS] [attachment "Park Service Stuck on Beach 035.jpg" deleted by Darrell Echols/CAHA/NPS] [attachment "Park Service Stuck on Beach 036.jpg" deleted by Darrell Echols/CAHA/NPS] [attachment "Park Service Stuck on Beach 040.jpg" deleted by Darrell Echols/CAHA/NPS] [attachment "Park Service Stuck on Beach 041.jpg" deleted by Darrell Echols/CAHA/NPS] [attachment "Park Service Stuck on Beach 042.jpg" deleted by Darrell Echols/CAHA/NPS]