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Mike

In anticipating the release and publication of the ORV Management Plan DEIS I have begun to wonder about its' content which I presume you are not ready to divulge. We are however; ready to begin reading as soon as you can make it available.

When I think of the size and anticipated complexity I become concerned with the timing of the scheduled release. On Dec 20, 2007 you announced the Preliminary ORV Management Plan EIS and a schedule of meetings for mid January 2008. At these meetings you were to distribute copies of the workbook for completion by the attendees. While the federal government employees vacationed the involved citizens were expected to read, digest and prepare to comment on a document that took years to prepare in multiple governmental offices. You granted additional time to complete the workbooks for which we were grateful.

With a 60 day window for this DEIS we respectfully request that you do not again schedule the release and meetings during the holiday season. NPS again has had years, since before the establishment of REG-NEG, to prepare multiple DEIS alternatives that the public will need to understand prior to entering fruitful discussions. Seasonal businesses, vacationers, governmental officials and small businesses trying to survive will be hard pressed to properly prepare for any ill timed meetings. It is now almost November, please release the DEIS ASAP and begin the 60 day public comment period after 1 January 2010 or if regulations require, release 1 January and schedule meetings in late January.

The public is entitled to have the necessary preparation time and NPS surely doesn't want anything less than the best possible responses. We request a reasonable timetable as soon as you can make it available.

Thank You  
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