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Subject: Re: please review and edit
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Mike,

Attached are the edits from David Carter (Investigating Ranger) and myself.

Thanks,

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11/23/2009 03:30 PM

Subject please review and edit

Paul,

Please review and edit the following language from Chapter 3 so that it makes sense to you. We should mention the pedestrian hit by ORV incident that occurred this summer, without over-stating or under-stating the situation.

In early 2009, park law enforcement staff indicated that in the prior 10 years, there were no known case incident reports documenting pedestrians being struck by ORVs on Seashore beaches; however, public comment indicated concern about the speed of ORVs on the beach and how close they drive to other park users. In ___ (month) 2009, a --- year old boy was accidentally hit by an ORV that was (doing what? backing up? etc.) near (location). The boy was (slightly injured? extent of injury?) and the ORV operator was not

charged with any violation.

Thanks,

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In early 2009, park law enforcement staff indicated that in the prior 10 years, there were no known case incident reports documenting pedestrians being struck by ORV's on Seashore beaches; however, public comment indicated a concern about the speed of ORV's on the beach and how close they drive to other park users. On September 27, 2009, a 7 year old boy was accidentally hit by an ORV that was backing up on the beach in front of Ramp 38. While the boy's parents and other family members were swimming and playing in the ocean, the boy decided to play on the beach digging holes and making sand castles with his hands. The boy was left unattended on the beach. The driver of the vehicle that struck the boy had driven onto the beach to see if he and his passenger would surf at this location. The individuals decided not to surf at this location and turned around to exit the beach. The beach is sloped from the ramp down to the water and the sand is soft in this area. The vehicle driver was having difficulty driving his vehicle up the slope and was backing up and going forward to try to get up the slope, (they had not reduced air pressure in their tires). While backing up, the driver did not see the boy playing in the sand. The vehicle struck the boy with the right rear bumper and tire. Neither of the boy's parents had observed the actual incident but had observed the vehicle maneuvering on the beach prior to the accident. They did not believe the vehicle was being operated carelessly or too fast. The boy was transported to the Outer Banks Hospital for examination and was released. Injuries included bruising to the arm and leg. The ORV operator was not charged with any violation.