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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Walker Golder, Deputy Director  
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Dear Mr. Golder:

Thank you for the recent letter, signed by numerous scientists and wildlife professional, urging the National Park Service (NPS) to employ the best available science during the development of the off-road vehicle (ORV) management plan and special regulation for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Since the conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking process in March 2009, NPS has been working to develop a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the ORV management plan. During this process we have considered the relevant scientific literature, previous management recommendations from U.S. Geological Survey scientists, public comments received during public scoping and in response to the ORV management alternatives options workbook, and input from the negotiated rulemaking advisory committee. The DEIS will be issued shortly and the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed plan and related resource management measures.

We appreciate your interest in the management of Cape Hatteras National Seashore and look forward to receiving comments on the ORV management plan and DEIS.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Murray  
Superintendent

cc:

David Vela, Southeast Regional Director, National Park Service

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