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Subject: Fwd: Re: "Press Release: 2010 Pre-nesting Closure Information Available to the Public"
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From: info@capehatterasmotel.com
Reply-To: info@capehatterasmotel.com
Subject: Re: "Press Release: 2010 Pre-nesting Closure Information Available to the Public"
To: Cyndy_Holda@nps.gov

In the 1970's some environmental groups lead by the Sierra Club, tried to ban beach driving, saying that the vehicle tracks caused beach erosion. My point is there have always been fringe environmental groups trying to take the planet away from the human race. I don't pretend to know what makes them tick, but saving plovers has nothing to do with it; that is just their latest excuse and well meaning people have bought into it.

The whole purpose of establishing National Parks and Seashores was so ordinary Americans could have access to and learn to appreciate this beautiful country. Because of the actions of groups like Audubon and the Defenders of Wildlife there probably will never be a new National Park in this country and the National Monuments that the President wants out West are going to generate a lot of negative press because of what is happening at Cape Hatteras. I don't know exactly when the Park Service lost its way, but I hope they get back to doing what the Service was created to do. Please remember, this is a National Seashore, not a refuge. By the way, Audubon wants to close the refuges as well.

At least that doesn't harm the business community and permanent residents the way shutting down the Seashore has. I have owned the Cape Hatteras Motel for 37 years. Two years ago my son and his young family expressed an interest to move back to the Island. The old Falcon Motel was for sale so we bought it and my son was very excited to be managing it. Well, a month after closing on the deal, the access to Cape Point was closed. We have run promotions and reduced rates. Nothing seems to work. People have told us they will never come back since they can't go to the Point. Closing access to Cape Point is like closing access to Old Faithful. Can you imagine? One of my customers described watching the currents and waves crash together at Cape Point like being in the middle of National Geographic. Think about what the Park Service is taking away and what it is doing to the community. You can't possibly be as heartless as Audubon.

Dave Dawson

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Hello,

We have availability for the dates you requested.

For more information, or to secure your reservation, you must contact us at (800) 995-0711.

Thank you for your inquiry, and have a great day!

Cape Hatteras Motel