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From: <u>Mike Murray</u>

To: OBPA Response Team - Frank

Subject: Re: Coalition for Beach Access - Position Statement

Date: 03/09/2010 01:04 PM

Dear OBPA Response Team - Frank,

As indicated in the National Park Service (NPS) Notice of Availability and press releases from the Seashore, comment on the Draft Cape Hatteras National Seashore Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement (Draft Plan / EIS) is not being accepted by email.

Once the EPA Notice of Availability is published in the Federal Register, the 60-day public comment period officially opens. If you wish to comment electronically, you may submit your comments on-line at the PEPC web site by visiting http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha, clicking on *Open for Comment, clicking on Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/EIS, and then clicking on Comment on **Document**. NPS encourages commenting electronically through PEPC. If you wish to submit your written comments in hard copy (e.g. in a letter), you may send them by U.S. Postal Service or other mail delivery service or hand-deliver them to: Mike Murray, Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954. Oral statements and written comments will also be accepted during the hearing-style public meetings that will be scheduled during the 60-day public comment period. Comments will not be accepted by fax, email, or in any other way than those specified above. Bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment -- including your personal identifying information -- may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

We appreciate your interest, and encourage you to comment on the Draft Plan / EIS in one of the means listed above.

Thank you,

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Subject Coalition for Beach Access -Position Statement

March 5, 2010

Mike Murray

Coalition for Beach Access

Announcement: ORV Access Environmental Impact Position Statement Released

The Coalition for Beach Access is a group of organizations committed to the preservation of pedestrian and ORV access to the beaches within the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. These organizations participated in the NPS Negotiated Rule Making Process which was unable to arrive at a consensus recommendation from all parties.

The Coalition has continued to advocate its positions over the intervening months as the NPS has prepared the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft ORV Plan for the Recreational Area. The Coalition has developed the attached "ORV Access Environmental Impact Position Statement" to summarize its positions on many of the issues that are important to its goal of open access to the Recreational Area.

The Coalition believes the positions stated within this document and its attachments represent a common sense, reasonable approach to ORV Management that will protect public access and natural resources without impairment to either.

All who are interested in the preservation of pedestrian and ORV access to the beaches within the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area are urged to compare and contrast this document with the NPS DEIS and ORV Plans to assist them in the preparation of comments during the official comment periods.

Electronic Copy of Statement can be downloaded at www.obpa-nc.org/position/statement.pdf Electronic Copy of NPS DEIS can be downloaded at: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm? parkID=358&projectId=10641&documentID=32596

The Coalition:

American Sportfishing Association **Avon Property Owners Association** Cape Hatteras Anglers Club North Carolina Beach Buggy Association **Outer Banks Preservation Association** Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Civic Association United Mobile Sportsfishermen Watersports Industry Association, Inc

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