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Mike,

It's good to hear the Cape Hatteras ORV program is still moving forward.

Rob from Art's Dune Tours is issued an Incidental Business Permit to cover his operation. They are not required to get an additional ORV permit. The IBP identifies things like the equipment that is required in the vehicles, the requirement to watch the educational video, etc.

We also have administrative permits that are issued to dune shack dwellers, American Lighthouse Foundation vehicles, etc. These are issued at no charge. We use these administrative permits to cover the people that have a seasonal permit and sell their permitted ORV and buy another vehicle they want permitted. Or, for the seasonal permit holders that are involved in accidents with their permitted vehicle and need a new sticker for the replacement vehicle. These administrative permits start at 3900 and are the same color as the ORV permits that are being purchased.

Permit and permittee information is entered into a database when the permit is issued. This database was created by a Seashore computer programmer when we added advance sales for the 200 weekly permits in 2006.

I'm sending this email to Janet. She'll provide you with a color copy of the seasonal and weekly permits, along with the ordering information. She may have electronic copies of all items.

You may use me as a point of contact for CAHA staff.

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Subject ORV permit question

Hi Craig,

April 10 is coming soon, so I know you are busy. We recently released our draft ORV management plan/EIS (DEIS). An issue has come up

that we did not fully cover in the draft plan. How does CACO handle ORV permits for commercial operators, if any, who operate ORVs to conduct the commercial activity that is under a CUA (e.g., Art's Dune Tours). Is the CUA operator required to also obtain an ORV permit through the usual process, and pay the ORV permit fee too, or not? (or) Is the use of an ORV to conduct the authorized commercial activity covered by the CUA (i.e., no separate ORV permit required)?

We also have a few questions about your ORV permit program (e.g., what sort of database do you use to keep track of permits issued?). We would appreciate it if you could have someone send us a color copy of an annual and a weekly ORV permit, along with the ordering information (vendor, specs, cost, etc.) for purchasing the permits. While we have made no final decisions yet, all of our action alternatives include ORV permits and we are simply trying to gather background information on how to set up a permit program, if the decision is made to do so.

Lastly, who would be a good point of contact for CAHA staff to contact regarding your ORV permit program, if we have further questions?

Thanks in advance for you help!

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