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Hi David,

Thank you for your interest in the Draft Cape Hatteras National Seashore Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Please understand that under the NEPA process once a major planning document such as the DEIS is released to the public, NPS does not typically provide responses to individual questions about the document until the release of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS), at which time written responses to substantive comments will be provided as part of the FEIS. That said, I hope to assist you in finding the information you are seeking. Page 101 of the DEIS identifies the mileage of the beach segment starting 0.5 mile southwest of Ramp 72 within which the "floating area" for non-breeding shorebirds would be located. Page 124 describes how ocean shoreline non-breeding shorebird areas would be managed. If there are specific items in the DEIS that you think need to be clarified or if you have recommendation(s) for how you think something should be handled, you may wish to include that in your comments.

As a reminder, 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 invite you to comment on the Draft Plan / EIS by one of the means listed above.

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Subject Alt F and South Point Ocracoke

Mike Murray, Hope that all is going well. I had some concerns and questions about Alt. F with regards to the South Point of Ocracoke and was hoping that you could answer them. My concerns are with the "1.0 mile of "floating" ocean shoreline area for nonbreeding shorebirds" that would be 0.5 mile southwest of Ramp 72 to inlet. When you measure that distance that is about all there is 1.0 mile, therefore it won't be floating and if any of the South Point washes away which we all know will happen in the near future the point would or could be closed. Is this Floating ocean closure year around? Throughout much of the year the best fishing doesn't happen right at the "Point" but along this section of beach that you are now proposing to close. The North Point is also proposed to be closed (no Piping Plover nests last 13 yrs) and now almost the entire ocean shoreline of the South Point. I need some help rationalization, this will truly destroy both the spring and the fall fishing seasons if this is allowed to happen. Thanks for your time and response. Thanks David Scott Esham