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Washington, DC 20515

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Director Jon Jarvis
National Park Service
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

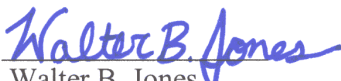
Dear Director Jarvis:


We are writing to request a 30-day extension of the comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan (DEIS). The National Park Service (NPS) published the DEIS in the Federal Register (75 Fed. Reg. 01307) on March 5, 2010, and gave the public until May 11, 2010 to submit comments.

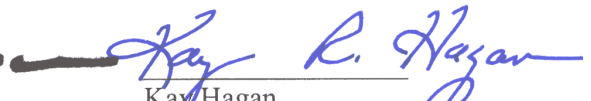
The DEIS is a complex document that is over 800 pages long. It is also incredibly important – as NPS has stated, once finalized, the environmental impact statement “will form the basis for a special regulation, guiding the management and control of ORVs at the Seashore for the next 10 to 15 years.” Given these facts, the 60-day comment period provided by the Park Service does not provide sufficient time for the public to adequately review such a significant document.

We respectfully request that you extend the comment period by an additional 30 days to allow taxpayers the opportunity to fully participate in this process.

Sincerely,


Walter B. Jones
Member of Congress


Richard Burr
Senator


Kay Hagan
Senator