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Subject: Fw: Thank You for Your Comments
Date: 05/12/2010 02:14 PM

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**Marianne
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As much as I want to retort, ah well. So far, the only response but I'll wait to see what happens when people get home from work.

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To <Marianne_Mills@nps.gov>
cc <jon_jarvis@nps.gov>

05/12/2010 01:46 PM

Subject RE: Thank You for Your Comments

Dear Marianne,

I strongly disagree with the decision not to extend the comment period. In the NPS own admission the DEIS is not even complete. The economic impact study has not been proffered for public scrutiny. The DEIS comment period should be extended to 60 days after the DEIS is actually complete. Once again, the NPS fails to consider the requests of the public to which it serves.

While there were public hearings to allow comments, there was no attempt by NPS to educate the public about the contents or ramifications of the proposed alternatives. Another example of the NPS failing to serve the public.

The NPS has had nearly 38 years to compile this document and you only allow the public 60 days to respond. Another example of the NPS failing to serve the public.

I am very disgusted with the NPS handling of this matter. The cold and calculated response shows no respect to the public it serves. I demand a response directly from National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis not some public affairs personnel that has no idea what is at stake here.

Sincerely,
Matt Burleigh

-----Original Message-----

From: Marianne_Mills@nps.gov [mailto:Marianne_Mills@nps.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:24 PM
To: Burleigh, Matt
Subject: Thank You for Your Comments

Dear Matt,

Thank you for your email message to National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis regarding your request for a 30-day extension to the current 60-day comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan (DEIS). I have been asked to respond on behalf of the National Park Service (NPS).

The NPS Notice of Availability for the DEIS was published in the Federal Register on March 5, 2010. The DEIS was posted online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha> on March 5, 2010. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Notice of Availability for the DEIS was published on March 12, 2010, which opened the public comment period and established the closing date of May 11, 2010, for comments. Within that public comment period, five public hearings were conducted April 26-29, 2010. The hearings were well attended and provided the public with an opportunity to provide oral comments. Oral comments are considered in the same manner as written comments.

While the DEIS was made available to the public on March 5, 2010, a considerable amount of information related to it has been available to the public for a longer period of time. For example, five of the six alternatives analyzed in the DEIS are substantially the same as the five alternatives (A-E) that NPS released to the public at a negotiated rulemaking advisory committee meeting on November 14, 2008. The sixth alternative (F) considered in the DEIS is based on the work of the committee, recognizing that the committee did not reach consensus on a

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recommended alternative.

Based on the current status of the process, we believe the current 60-day comment period satisfies the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and has provided ample opportunity for public involvement and comment. To date, thousands of people have submitted comments within the established 60-day public comment period. We believe the established 60-day public comment period has provided a reasonable opportunity to comment to all interested parties and have decided not to extend the public comment period.

Thank you for your interest in the national seashore. We appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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saved by the American people,
so that all may experience our heritage.

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AM
Subject 30 day extension needed for
period Hatteras Island DEIS comment

I respectfully request a 30 day extension for the public comment period for the DEIS. This an over eight hundred page document that requires a lot of cross refencing and decifering. So far this outrageous document boggles the mind how disrespectful to the Hatteras Island residents this is and lack of any respectable science was used in its creation. This document, as is stands, will kill the traditional and cultural heritage of the Island. The NPS should be ashamed not only for producing a really poor document but letting this get this far. Does anyone in DOI/NPS have a backbone?

Very disgusted with NPS/DOI,
Matt Burleigh

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