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Paul (and Jon),

Please review attached revised language for Village Beaches and Safety Closures for FEIS. Make suggestions for edits, if any, and recommendation for minimum width criteria (and wording) for Village Beaches (see YELLOW highlighted sections of draft). Please provide your input by early next week.



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Thanks,

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Revised Language for Selected Alternative

Village Beaches

- Rodanthe (only NPS shoreline south of the pier), Waves, Salvo, Avon, Frisco, Hatteras, and ramp 68 to 0.5 mile north of ramp 68 (Ocracoke Campground) would be vehicle free April 1 – October 31. Open to ORVs November 1 – March 31, provided the beach is consistently at least * wide during normal high tides. Portions of any village beach that do not meet this width are subject to safety closures.

Safety Closures (revise alternative F language to read as follows)

An ORV safety closure would be implemented in the event of a threat of significant bodily injury or death, and/or damage to personal property, including vehicles and their contents. ORV safety closures would preclude ORV access, while pedestrian and commercial fishing access would be maintained through most safety closures. Triggers that could justify a safety closure include, but are not limited to:

- Deep beach cuts that block the beach from dune to surf with no obvious way around.
- Obstacles, such as exposed stumps, shipwrecks, or debris, that cannot be safely bypassed or that block the entire width of the beach and cannot be easily removed.
- Severe beach slope that puts vehicles in an unsafe gradient position and increases the chances of the loss of vehicular control.
- A high concentration of pedestrian users coupled with a narrow beach.
- A narrow beach where there is insufficient width to safely exit the beach in the vehicle corridor during normal (non-storm) high tides.
- Between November 1 and March 31, portions of a village beach that are not consistently at least * wide during normal high tides.

Triggers do not include:

- Hazards blocking only a portion of the beach, where safe passage is available around the hazard.

** Options for minimum width (pick one or suggest something else):*

- 20 meters (66 ft)
- 23 meters (75 ft)
- 25 meters (82 ft)