

From: [Frank Folb](#)
To: [Mike Murray](#)
Subject: Fw: Turtle on Ocracoke
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Mike,

I have not received any answer to this email from Cyndy. I am forwarding it to you now in the hopes you will give me the answers.

Frank

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

From: [Frank Folb](#)
To: [Cyndy Holda@nps.gov](mailto:Cyndy_Holda@nps.gov)
Sent: Sunday, June 27, 2010 3:38 PM
Subject: Turtle on Ocracoke

Cyndy,

It is a shame that anyone is having to deal with this happening and especially under the environment of the DEIS and consent decree in place at this time.

I; however, have statements to make and questions that need answers. After have had it posted on my website by a visitor to same I have given the following reply:

If NPS had really wanted to catch this person on Ocracoke Island they should have been able to do so. With the pictures that accompanied this photo had NPS immediately called for help from local law enforcement, NCBBA, OBPA and Cape Hatteras Anglers Club they could have had enough manpower to check the undercarriage of every ORV on the "ISLAND" of Ocracoke where the only way off is by ferry, boat or plane and found blood stains on the undercarriage of said vehicle. But then again maybe it was a government vehicle that did the deed. They were the only allowed vehicles on the beach when the turtle was killed.

Food for thought!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I also would like to thank NPS for being honest in their posting that it was the first and only such incident reported on the seashore ever but regret that the nest having been run over with eggs destroyed was included.

I do agree with the posts that think the way the picture with eggs stretched out was contrived as well as wonder if the amount of damage to the turtle could possibly have been by a boat and the turtle came up dying and was run over dead. The cuts on the back look much like a propeller cut from the picture. Hopefully the necropsy of the turtle will reveal some better truth, but dead or alive some vehicle did run over and drag the turtle in what looks like a deliberate manner.

I am very unhappy with the release by SELC on the turtle and the extended twist of truth about the Plovers.

The birds experienced the best weather patterns for success in many years and I guess you might say the predator management at Cape Point is succeeding, but I do not see any proof that there were any reasons that the consent decree closures helps these birds in any way. I do have a question. Does Doug, Michelle or someone have records of if there were any times that any of the plovers went outside the prenesting closures onto the east facing beach area or Cape Point?

NPS has been put into a management situation that they have not been able to control by not having enough manpower to enforce the closures and/or capture the first closure vandalism suspect. Not local NPS, but NPS regional and in DC who have failed to properly finance this seashore are the real reason this occurred and I hope that the access organizations come out with public releases that agree with my statements.

Please pass this email over to Mike and let me know your thoughts on my comments as well as any answers to the questions I have included.

Frank Folb