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To: <u>Sandra Hamilton</u>; <u>Darrell Echols</u>; <u>Thayer Broili</u>

Cc: <u>Doug Wetmore</u>

Subject: Re: beach and water shuttles
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OK to both questions

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From: Sandra Hamilton

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I'm checking to be sure we have this right for the FEIS.

Per the revised table 10 for alternative transportation:

Alts A,B,D -- none

Alt C - NPS would consider applications for CUA for beach shuttle services

Alt E - same as C, plus NPS would designate and post boat drop-off zones near the inlet at Bodie Island Spit and South Point Ocracoke that could be used to drop off pedestrians if/when the inlet shoreline is not otherwise closed to protect Seashore resources. NPS would encourage a commerical water shuttle service for this purpose; however, the drop-off points would be subject to closure on short notice if needed to protect Seashore resources.

Alt F - NPS would consider applications for CUAs for beach and water shuttle services. NPS would apply for funding to conduct an alternative trasportation study to evaluate the feasibility of alternative forms of transportation to popular sites, such as the inlets and Cape Point.

QUESTION #1: for the revised alt F would the Seashore also designate and post boat land (pedestrian drop-off zones) near the inlet at BI spit and So Point Ocracoke when inlet shoreline not in a resource closure as stated in alt E and encourage commercial water shuttle service (i.e. is alt F the same as alt E plus applying for funding for the alt transportation study)? If so, for alt F in Table 10 why not just say "same as E, plus NPS would apply for funding to conduct an alternative trasportation study to evaluate the feasibility of alternative forms of transportation to popular sites, such as the inlets and Cape Point."

QUESTION #2: In the DEIS, the alts narrative for E mentions promotion of water taxi service to designated points and spits, but the alts narratives for C and F don't mention their alternative transportation at all. I'd like to make the level of detail in the alts narratives consistent in the FEIS by adding summary information on alternative transportation for alts C and F to their narratives. Do you

see a problem with that?

Thanks.

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