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From: [Mike Murray](#)
To: [Larry Hardham](#)
Bcc: [Thayer Broili](#); [Cyndy Holda](#)
Subject: Re: Habitat creation
Date: 08/18/2010 01:19 PM

Larry,

My response was not meant as a "no". In the DEIS, we identified "Vegetation Management" and "Habitat Management" as possible adaptive management initiatives (see p. 124 for details), which could lead to the type of project you are suggesting. Once the ORV plan is completed, and depending upon the final decision and wording about possible adaptive management initiatives, we may be able to more actively consider such projects that are feasible and appropriate under NPS policy.

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08/17/2010 09:58 AM

Subject Re: Habitat creation

Mike,

Your reply basically sounds like a no. You had sounded receptive to this concept during Neg. Reg. and I believe said that "adaptive management" might

be the vehicle. Based on "adaptive management" I had high hopes that NPS would see the light and take a positive approach. It still seems like a win,

win approach with a hard sell from you. Sometimes when there is a will there

is a way.

Larry

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

From: <Mike_Murray@nps.gov>

To: "Larry Hardham" <hardhead@embarqmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2010 8:51 AM

Subject: Re: Habitat creation

> Larry,

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> We have taken a preliminary look at your suggestion. As you know, the
> management objectives and policies of Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge
> and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are significantly different than
> that of Cape Hatteras National Seashore and the National Park Service
> (NPS). It is fairly standard for national wildlife refuges to manipulate
> habitat for wildlife management purposes. This is not necessarily the case
> with units of the National Park System. The guidance for park management
> activities, including habitat manipulation, biological resource
> management,
> water resource management, and geological resource management are
> generally
> covered in the NPS Management Policies 2006, Section 4, Natural Resource
> Management. Having said this, we will continue to consider your
> suggestion
> as a potential future initiative if we determine that it is consistent
> with
> NPS policy and the actual implementation of such an effort is cost
> effective and manageable.

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> "Larry Hardham"
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> Habitat creation

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> Mike,
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> Please see attached photo of bird habitat created at Pea Island earlier
> this year. This is not rocket science and was done quickly in conjunction
> with NCDOT. Why can this type of work not be done here in the Seashore? It
> would improve relations with the community (which David Vela seems to want
> to do), not cost NPS anything if you let NCDOT use the sand to repair
> dunes
> protecting Highway 12, and help reduce the competition for beach between
> humans and birds by creating needed bird habitat. Make a big deal out of
> how NPS is helping protect our only transportation corridor, reducing
> conflict and at the same time protecting birds. You can come out as the
> good guys.

> I look forward to you reply.
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> Larry[attachment "Pea Island Bird Habitat created early 2010.ppt" deleted
> by Mike Murray/CAHA/NPS]

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