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Hi Lori,

DO-12 4.5 F.2 (I) and (m) lists sacred sites (EO 13007) and Indian Trust resources (ECM95-2) as mandatory topics for an EIS and states that if these are irrelevant issues in your EIS, include them in the discussion of issues and impact topics dropped from the analysis. I don't see them in the CAHA DEIS CH 1 list of issues considered but dismissed from further analysis, so suggest adding the following text to the CH 1 list in the FEIS:

Indian Trust Resources

The federal Indian trust responsibility is a legally enforceable ficuciary obligation on the part of the United States to protect tribal lands, assets, resources, and treaty rights. No Indian trust resources have been identified for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Therefore, this impact topic is eliminated from further consideration.

Sacred Sites

Of the federally acknowledged tribes recognized pursuant to Pub. L. 103-454, 108 Stat. 4791, the Tuscarora Nation is the only affiliated tribe for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. NPS is not aware of any historic properties that may be of religious and cultural significance to the Tuscarora Nation that would potentially be affected by the management alternatives described in the draft Plan/EIS. The Seashore has consulted with the Tuscarora Nation about the ORV Management Plan/DEIS and the Tuscarora Nation has not informed the Seashore of sacred sites or other historic properties of religious or cultural significance to them which would be potentially affected. Therefore sacred sites has been dismissed from further consideration.

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