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To: [Mike Murray@nps.gov](mailto:Mike_Murray@nps.gov)
Subject: RE: Rulemaking Update
Date: 09/22/2010 02:40 PM

Great. Thanks, Mike.

-Perrin

-----Original Message-----
From: Mike_Murray@nps.gov [mailto:Mike_Murray@nps.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 2:26 PM
To: Cooke, Perrin (Hagan)
Subject: RE: Rulemaking Update

Absolutely! We'll plan to notify you, as well as staff of other key elected officials, in advance of the Federal Register Notice of Availability for the final plan/EIS (FEIS) being published.

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09/22/2010 01:59 PM
"Mike_Murray@nps.gov"
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Sorry, one last question. Is it possible for our office to get a heads-up when the FEIS is ready for publication?

Thanks,
Perrin

-----Original Message-----
From: Mike_Murray@nps.gov [mailto:Mike_Murray@nps.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 7:50 PM
To: Cooke, Perrin (Hagan)
Subject: Re: Rulemaking Update

Hi Perrin,

Public comment on the draft plan/EIS (DEIS) closed May 11. We have reviewed the comments and are preparing the final plan/EIS (FEIS) with estimated release date in November. There is required minimum 30-day waiting period after the FEIS is issued before the Record of Decision (ROD) can be issued. We are on track to meet the consent decree's Dec 31 deadline for the ROD. The proposed rule, based on the ROD, will be issued as soon as possible after the ROD and there will be a 60-day public comment period on the proposed rule, then some time to review comments and publish the final rule. Consent decree deadline for final rule is April 1.

Hope this helps.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----
From: "Cooke, Perrin (Hagan)" [Perrin_Cooke@hagan.senate.gov]
Sent: 09/21/2010 07:27 PM AST
To: Mike Murray
Subject: RE: Rulemaking Update

Hey Mike,

Sorry, just getting a chance to look at this closely. Do you know where things stand at the moment? NPS had taken public comment on the DEIS in the summer. Are those comments still being reviewed, and is NPS now drafting a final EIS? Any idea when the final EIS may be completed - would

it need to be completed sooner than Dec. 31, or could the FEIS and ROD be issued on the same day?

Thanks again for your help on this. Sorry if these questions are relatively remedial.

-Perrin

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

From: Mike_Murray@nps.gov [mailto:Mike_Murray@nps.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2010 8:23 AM
To: Cooke, Perrin (Hagan)
Subject: Re: Rulemaking Update

Hi Perrin,

It has been a good summer, with steady visitation and record numbers of piping plover chicks and American oystercatcher chicks fledged, and number of turtle nests laid at the Seashore. The turtle nest record is particularly notable. Prior to the night driving restriction imposed by the Consent Decree, the Seashore averaged 76 turtle nests a year (2001-2007), with a previous high of 99 nests in 2002. With the night driving restriction in 2008-2010, the number of turtle nests has been 112, 104, and 153 respectively, with an average of 123 nests per year. While it is difficult to know for sure to what extent the night driving restriction plays a role in the increased nesting, the increase is consistent with what turtle experts expected to occur with reduced vehicle use on the beaches at night.

Here is how progress on the ORV plan and regulation is shaping up: NPS expects to complete the NEPA planning process for the final ORV management plan/EIS (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) before the December 31 Consent Decree deadline. The proposed rule to implement the ROD will be published in the Federal Register as soon as possible after the ROD is published, followed by a 60-day public comment period on the proposed rule. The number of comments received will affect the amount of time NPS needs to analyze and address the comments. This could affect NPS meeting the April 1 deadline for the final rule; however, at this point, it is too soon to know if meeting the April 1 deadline will be an issue.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

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09/14/2010 06:16 PM cc
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Rulemaking Update

Hey Mike,

Hope you've had a great summer, and everything is going well. It's been a couple of months since we last spoke about OVR access at CAHA, and I thought I might check in to see if there are any updates. Last I heard, the Park Service was reviewing comments submitted during the public comment period. Are there any updates on where things stand, and what the timeline might be from here on out?

Any info you can provide would be great. Thanks again for your help arranging the aerial tour when I was in town over Memorial Day. It was a great visit.

-Perrin

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