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Kevin,

The sea turtle nest south of Ramp 44 hatched over the course of the past several days. The nest was excavated today (October 13) and the closure removed. The nest was originally found in "the narrows" east of the bypass. At the time the nest was relocated (due to impending storm surge from Igor) the eggs were deemed viable. And although I do not have exact numbers of hatchlings we do know that a trickle of hatchlings emerged over the course of the past several days. One hatchling was found today when the nest was excavated and it was released into the ocean.

As far as the jurisdiction issues of sea turtles on the beach at Camp Lejeune, NC .....I quite frankly have no idea. Camp Lejeune is a Marine Corps base (military and under Department of Defense) and I would suggest you call them for answers to your questions regarding military aircraft hovering over "caged" turtle nest. (Am I correct in assuming that you were not on beaches of Cape Lookout National Seashore....correct?)

I will pass along your comments on the DEIS to Mike Murray.

I hope you have been outside enjoying this lovely fall weather. October has been just about perfect temperature-wise!

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Subject RAMP 44 TURTLE NEST

Good Morning Cindy, I was trying to get a reliable update on the relocated turtle nest just south of ramp 44 to pass around to scores of people asking about it. A ranger told me it was going to be excavated yesterday but I don't think it was. Did it hatch? If so, do you know how many hatchlings it produced. I know it went under water several times and was very curious of it's outcome for my own personal records. Hope we got a few out of it. Several weeks ago I was fossil hunting on a beach at Camp Lejeune, NC. I watched a huge military hover craft come within a hundred feet of a "caged" turtle nest. It seems to me every stretch of the North Carolina coast has a different way of dealing with their turtle nests. I always thought the required procedures were established by the state. Do you know who controls the science behind all this now? Did something change?

On a different note, I just finished reading for the second time the DEIS book in detail. I found it very alarming why there was not more cultural and historic information on Cape Point. That area is one of the most significant regions when it comes to our nations maritime history. It also represents a large recreational spot that including fishing, birding, surfing, swimming, and sunbathing. Remember, nobody is against reasonable enclosures .....it's the made up non-science buffers that deny access that has people very angry. I still can not believe in the DEIS , just a few lines were suppose to sum up Cape Point. I really miss my spring viewing of the various shorebirds. Please pass this on to Mike so I can ask him about it down the road.  
Thanks Again, Kevin McCabe