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Subject: Re: SELC correspondence
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Hi Mike,
Thanks for your message.

Have a great day.
David

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From: Mike Murray
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Hi David,

See message below. The information provided by SELC is interesting, but no surprise.

SELC copied you on their correspondence to me. I think it is not necessary or productive for you to respond to them. We have acknowledged our receipt of the information, but do not believe a detailed response from the park is warranted or productive. I have fedexed copies of the SELC comments to EQD and Solicitors at SER and WASO and will rely upon their advice for how to address the comments in the upcoming planning documents.

As indicated in the recent update on the issue, we are on track for a mid-November release of the FEIS, which keeps us on schedule for issuing the ROD before the end of December.

Thanks,

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Sandy, Jason and Mike,

I just received a large package of information from Southern Environmental Law Center "supplementing" their comments on the DEIS. The new comments document that the NC Wildlife Resource Commission, under pressure from Senator Basnight's office and other elected officials, ignored the advice of a number of professional WRC staff regarding comments about our DEIS. In general, the professional staff appeared to be supportive of the proposed bird protection measures but had some concerns about the proposed hours of night driving (they wanted there to be reduced hours, particularly in the evening when we had proposed to allow driving until 1 hour after sunset). The WRC comments that were ultimately submitted and signed by Director Gordon Meyers did not reflect much of the input of staff and were the result of the political pressure. No big surprise there, since we saw that kind of thing happen during the RegNeg process.

In any case, SELC is advocating that the resource protection measures for the ORV plan be included (and promulgated) in the special regulation, so that those protections are not susceptible to change in the future as a result of political pressure. I have reasons to think that including the species management measures in the reg is not a good idea, but am keenly aware of the relentless pressure that will be exerted on future Superintendent's if our proposed measures are not reasonably secure.

Once I figure out the best way to reproduce the package - it's big, I'll send you a copy. Don't know if we need to discuss it or not, but thought you should see the comments before we think about discussing them.

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