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Hi David,

A belated Happy New Year to you! I want to fill you in on an informal information request from the Director and seek your advice on my planned approach in responding to it.

Background: There seems to be ongoing stakeholder and Congressional interest in whether the NPS will actually be able to fund the implementation of the Selected Alternative for the CAHA ORV management plan. You may recall that the plan was designed so that our current ONPS funding, plus anticipated ORV permit fee revenue (once the new permit requirement goes into effect), would cover the annual operating costs without us needing a base funding increase. However, we did expect we would need project funding assistance for one-time, start-up costs, such as setting up the ORV permit program and for constructing the infrastructure improvements, such as new access points and improved parking, that were identified in the plan. When this funding approach was developed before the DEIS was published in March 2010, we obviously were not aware of the possible 10-13% budget cuts being discussed in recent weeks.

Before the holidays, through a third party, Jon Jarvis informally requested information on how much funding Cape Hatteras NS would need for implementing the plan. (In essence, he asked that I send him an email with the cost information.) The apparent concern being that NPS needs to follow through on its commitment to improving access through diverse means (new parking, etc.) as mitigation of the impacts of restricting ORV use in some locations, as the plan will do. Before sending Jon any cost information, we have been prioritizing and fine tuning our cost estimates, trying to develop a phased approach so our request is reasonable, and trying to identify available fund sources under our control to help with initial implementation.

I don't know if Jon intends or realistically would be able to direct any project funding our way to help address the start-up costs, without redirecting funds from other deserving projects. At this point, I am simply trying to respond to his request, without expectations, and want to keep SER in the loop, with the intent that the park will soon be submitting an RO-7 funding request to SER that will be consistent with the information we provide to Jon. In any case, we are almost ready to send the cost information to Jon. I'm planning to copy you, Gordon, and Michael (anyone else?) when I do send it, so that Jon knows you are in the loop. Then we will follow-up soon in submitting an RO-7 to SER for your consideration.

A brief summary of the funding needed (that I will send to Jon) is as follows (we will have an itemized cost sheet to include with the email):

FY2011 \$213,489 ORV permit program start-up costs (needed late in FY2011)
FY2012 \$983,477 \$23k for SET team of 10 for 1 PP and \$960k for
infrastructure improvements (needed in 1st quarter of FY2012)

How does this approach sound to you? Any concerns or advice?

Thanks,

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