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Jon and/or Paul,

Please review the draft language below from the proposed rule. Does the explanation for why we do not allow ATVs/UTVs seem "about right" or does it place too much emphasis on trailer parking as a limiting factor (which to me is a relatively minor reason for not allowing ATVs)? My impression is that the real reason we have not allowed ATVs/UTVs in the past is because they are typically used primarily as a "recreational vehicle" (similar to PWCs), rather than merely for transportation, which is not an appropriate use of a national seashore. There are also resource protection concerns about the noise and mobility of ATVs and documented differences in the level of disturbance caused by ATVs vs. street vehicles (e.g., the CALO study showing ATVs cause significantly more disturbance of incubating AMOY than "trucks" (SUVs, etc.) do. In any case, please review the wording one last time and offer any edits to make it better.

Can I ride my motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), or utility vehicle (UTV) off of Seashore roads?

No. The operation of motorcycles, as well as other vehicles not registered and equipped for use on a highway, such as ATVs, and UTVs, would be prohibited on designated ORV routes. Motorcycles are generally not capable of travelling through the deep, soft sand or carrying the requisite equipment for self extrication should they become stuck. Vehicles not registered and equipped for highway use including ATV's and UTV's can't lawfully be operated to ORV access points, and adequate parking for trailers or other transport vehicles is not readily available adjacent to ORV access points. Further, these vehicles haven't historically been allowed to operate within the Seashore, and authorizing such use would limit the capacity for and interfere with the more significant and traditional use of ORVs (4x4 Pick-up Trucks and Sport Utility Vehicles) for access associated with fishing, picnicking, sun bathing, surfing, wading and swimming.

Thanks,

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