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To: Mike\_Murray@nps.gov  
Subject: Re: Cape Hatteras National Seashore Beach Access  
Date: 05/06/2011 05:02 PM

Thanks Mike! I appreciate the update and explanation. Let me know if we can lend a hand.

Hope you have a nice weekend.

Lee

On 5/6/11 4:54 PM, "Mike\_Murray@nps.gov" <Mike\_Murray@nps.gov> wrote:

> Lee,  
>  
> Thanks for your message and offer of support. At the moment we are not  
> prepared to accept or expend outside funding for construction of new ramps.  
> We have funding to complete the compliance process, which must be done  
> before we could implement any new construction. We have submitted NPS  
> funding requests to construct new ramps, boardwalks and parking lots  
> related to the ORV plan and have received a preliminary commitment from our  
> regional office for funding support to start construction of the highest  
> priority new access points. It is likely that the total amount of  
> construction funding needed, and therefore the actual construction, would  
> be phased over several years. Some time in the fall we should have a  
> better idea how the funding and construction schedule may play out. At that  
> point we would be better able to let you know what we could do with Tourism  
> Board funds. Again, I appreciate the thought.

> Looks like it will be a nice weekend!

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> FW: Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
> Beach Access

> Hi Mike. Cyndy's report reminded me of something -- I had heard NPS'  
> funding  
> for creation of new ramps (proposed in the Management Plan) was frozen.

> If that's true, and obviously subject to cost, my Board's approval and your  
> willingness, I wondered if perhaps the Tourism Board could free the  
> financial log jam and help to fund at least one of the new ramps?

> This could be one of those, "Sounds good to Lee, but Board feels  
> differently." Anyhow, thought I'd at least run it by you. Thanks and have a  
> good night!

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> From: <Cyndy\_Holda@nps.gov>  
 > Date: Thu, 5 May 2011 11:07:26 -0400  
 > Subject: Cape Hatteras National Seashore Beach Access Report for May 5,  
 > 2011

> (See attached file: 050511 Beach Access Report.doc)

> National Park Service Beach Access Report for May 5, 2011  
 > FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 5, 2011  
 > CONTACT: 252-473-2111, ext. 148

> Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches are being managed under the  
 > terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors  
 > can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to  
 > varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and sea turtle  
 > nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting  
 > closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and  
 > South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the  
 > consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be  
 > implemented.

> The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding  
 > season, and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print. \*  
 > All distances are approximate. The mileage is determined on a weekly  
 > basis using GIS data and is divided geographically by island this year.  
 > The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map,  
 > which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change.  
 > The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
 > <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>. For more  
 > information, check the National Seashore's website at:  
 > <http://www.nps.gov>.

> Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice.  
 > On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth  
 > map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or  
 > closed to the public. Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with  
 > 'symbolic fencing' consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure  
 > signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and  
 > caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park.  
 > Pets are strictly prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere,  
 > pets must be physically restrained at all time on a leash not exceeding  
 > 6 feet in length. For more information, please contact:  
 > [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

> Bodie Island (Ramp 1 to Oregon Inlet; 6.0 miles of ocean shoreline)  
 > Mileage Summary: 4.1 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 1.2 miles  
 > open to pedestrians only; 0.2 of a mile of limited access; 0.5 of a  
 > mile closed to public access due to resource closures. Note: Green  
 > Island, southwest of Oregon Inlet bridge, is closed to public entry.

> Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area) (1.2 miles)  
 > Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV  
 > access.

> Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 (2.4 miles)  
 > Status: Ramp 2 is open to ORV use. North of Ramp 4, the beach is open  
 > for ORV access for approximately 2.4 miles and is open for pedestrian  
 > access approximately 3.6 miles.

> Ramp 4 Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit: 2.0 miles)  
 > Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles  
 > south of Ramp 4 to Oregon Inlet. A resource closure on the southwest  
 > facing shoreline near the bridge precludes access toward the Bait Pond.  
 > Approximately 0.2 of a mile of shoreline northwest of the closure is  
 > marked as 'limited access' for pedestrians only.

> Hatteras Island (Ramp 23 South to Hatteras Inlet; 42.8 miles of ocean  
 > shoreline)  
 > Mileage Summary: 27.9 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 8.9 miles  
 > open to pedestrians only; 0.3 miles of 'limited access' (open to  
 > pedestrians between closures); 5.6 miles closed to public access due to  
 > resource closures.

> Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo - Ramp 23: (Pea Island NWR  
 > boundary to Ramp 23 3.0 miles)  
 > Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access in front of the  
 > villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo.

> Ramp 23 - Ramp 27: (4.3 miles)  
 > Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 4.3 miles  
 > between Ramp 23 and Ramp 27.

> Ramp 27 - Ramp 30: (2.1 miles)  
 > Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 0.1 miles  
 > south of Ramp 27 and 0.5 miles north of Ramp 30. Approximately 0.3  
 > miles of 'limited access' is open between the resource closures.

> Ramp 30 - Ramp 34: (4.3 miles)  
 > Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 4.3 miles  
 > between Ramp 30 and Ramp 34.

> Ramp 34 - Ramp 38: (3.9 miles)  
 > Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 3.9 miles

> between Ramp 34 and Ramp 38.  
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> Ramp 38 - Ramp 43: (6.0 miles)  
> Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles  
> south of Ramp 38 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 43. There is  
> pedestrian access 1.0 mile north of Buxton Village and from Buxton  
> Village beaches south for approximately 2.8 miles to Ramp 43.  
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> Ramp 43 - Ramp 44: (0.4 of a mile)  
> Status: The beach is open for 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 43 and 0.1 of  
> a mile north of Ramp 44 for ORV and pedestrian access.  
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> Ramp 44 - Ramp 45: (Ramp 44 to tip of Cape Point: 3.4 miles)  
> Status: Ramp 44 is open. There is ORV and pedestrian access for 0.5 of  
> a mile south of Ramp 44. Cape Point is closed to ORV and pedestrian  
> access. The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian  
> access. Salt Pond Road is closed.  
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> Ramp 45 - Ramp 49: (South Beach: 3.4 miles)  
> Status: Ramp 45 is open. There is ORV and pedestrian access for 0.2 of  
> a mile east and 0.3 of a mile west of Ramp 45. There is no through  
> access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.  
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> Ramp 49 - Ramp 55: (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking  
> area)  
> Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian use for 1.9 miles  
> northeast and 1.2 miles south of Ramp 49. There is pedestrian, but not  
> ORV, access from the Frisco village line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp  
> 55.  
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> Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet: (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.2 miles)  
> Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline  
> from Ramp 55 south/west for 2.2 miles. The Pole Road is open to ORV and  
> pedestrians. The Spur Road is closed to pedestrian and ORV access.  
> Cable Crossing is open with limited parking for ORVs and soundside  
> access for pedestrians.  
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> Ocracoke Island (20.5 miles of ocean shoreline)  
> Mileage Summary: 7.7 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 5.8 miles  
> open to pedestrians only; 6.9 miles closed to public access due to  
> resource closures.  
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> Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59: (1.4 miles)  
> Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 0.4 of a mile  
> north of Ramp 59 where a resource protection closure precludes northern  
> inlet access.  
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> Ramp 59 - Ramp 67: (7.8 miles)  
> Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.3 of a  
> mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.1 miles north of Ramp 67 where two full beach  
> closures preclude through ORV and through pedestrian access. A total of  
> approximately 5.8 miles of pedestrian access (via NC 12) is located  
> between the two closures.  
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> Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68): (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)  
> Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.2 miles  
> between Ramp 67 and Ramp 68. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian  
> access for 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 68 and 1.8 miles north of Ramp 70  
> where a resource protection closure precludes through access.  
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> Ramp 70 - Ramp 72: (1.8 miles)  
> Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.  
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> Ramp 72 to South Point: (2.6 miles)  
> Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 0.6 of a mile  
> south of Ramp 72 where a resource protection closure precludes access to  
> the inlet.  
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> Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened  
> and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers,  
> American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black  
> skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles,  
> pedestrians, and pets.  
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> ----- End of Forwarded Message  
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