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Subject: Re: Fw: Constituent Email
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Thank you for taking care of this!

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Mike,

Could you please call (or have the appropriate person call) Stratton Kirton to explain the situation? I think this should probably be handled by phone rather than email, but let me know if you'd rather handle it another way.

Thanks,
Melissa

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Subject Constituent Email

Elaine,

Can I get some feedback from the Park Service (informally is fine – not looking to quote, just looking to address the constituents concerns) on some of the concerns or claims raised below? Specifically about his claim that foot traffic is being restricted.

Thanks!

Subject: Sportsman access to the beach

I am writing to you in reference to the beach access situation on the Outer Banks. I am sure you are aware of the fact that much of the beach traditionally open to 4x4 travel has now been closed not only to 4x4 travel but also to foot traffic, ostensibly to protect the wildlife.

I hear stories that people are now banned even from passing the restricted areas by wading into the ocean as they pass those areas. It is now way beyond absurd.

I have been an advocate of both sportsman access and wildlife protection because I, unlike the unelected managers of the resource, understand they are not mutually exclusive. The Sportman groups have made the point repeatedly but it is clear that the outside groups who have forced these closures are deaf to all of our cooperative offers.

Their goal, obviously, is to ban the use of these resources to sportsmen who have used them for generations, in my case 4 generations.

I can only hope that you find this to be an egregious violation of your constituent's rights

and will give us the legislative help necessary to restore our access rights.

I personally have made several overtures of compromise to the resource managers, NPS. Since the access situation is worsening, it is obvious that a cooperative posture is the wrong way to approach this problem. Because the forces aligned against us have ignored our cooperative proposals to help protect the wildlife, I think they make it clear that their only goal is banning us from the resources. These are resources that we all should have access to.

Also, do not forget that there are many North Carolina voters whose lively hood is directly connected to the sportsmen who visit the Outer Banks every year. Given the current economic situation, endangering more jobs is not a very smart thing to do, but the resource managers will say that they have no choice except to do what they are doing. If the law requires me to give up my right to access the beach, then the problem is obviously with the law itself.

This is a prime example of the law being used in a way not intended by congress (I can only hope), so it is my belief that the cause and the solution of the access problem lies in our congress.

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