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Hi Irene,

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Subject questions

Mike,

In addition to my request to interview you by phone, I have a couple other questions.

1. Has the projected cost for infrastructure improvements for news ramps, parking areas, interdunal roads, etc. been developed yet?

More detailed planning needs to be done to accurately determine construction costs. Construction of new infrastructure will require an environmental assessment (EA) to further flesh out details of size, configuration, and construction materials for proposed improvements (which will determine the construction costs), and to evaluate the site-specific impacts. We expect to begin work on the EA this fall.

2. Can NPS implement all changes in the ROD (pedestrian-only areas, etc.) before the improvements are made -- before new accesses are available?

The final rule will go into effect 30 days after it is published. At that point the designated routes and other ORV management elements identified in the rule (such as permits and night driving restrictions) would become effective. Once the EA

(mentioned above) is completed, construction can occur and will likely be phased over several years, with first priority given to installing the new ramps and parking areas that are necessary to support access to the designated routes and vehicle free areas (i.e., that would provide the primary access point to an area), and second priority given to those ramps and parking areas that would enhance access to those areas (e.g., that would provide a second access point to an area).

3. When will a cost be developed for permit?

We are working on determining the fees for the annual and 7-day ORV permits. The process for determining the cost and the expected price range for the respective fees is summarized on pp. C-60 and C-61 of the FEIS (Volume II, Appendix C).

Thanks.

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