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Subject: Please Review
Date: 09/08/2011 07:47 AM

Importance: High

AJ and Doug,

We are starting to get a number of inquiries, such as the one below, from people who submitted comments at www.regulations.gov but have not seen their comments posted for public viewing yet. Is the delay/backlog in posting comments for viewing an NPS or a regulations.gov limitation that can be addressed? Either way, the park needs a good standard response to inquiries such as the one below. See below for a draft proposed response. Please make suggestions for edits.

(draft response)

The National Park Service (NPS) and other Federal agencies are required to use www.regulations.gov to receive electronic public comments on proposed rules. It is not an NPS website. NPS has currently received from www.regulations.gov thousands of electronic comments that are not yet posted for public viewing and is working with www.regulations.gov to address the backlog of comments waiting to be posted for public viewing. When individuals submit comments on www.regulations.gov, they should receive a comment "Document Identification Number", which confirms that the comment has been accepted by the system and will be received by NPS. There is no need to resubmit comments that have already received a Document Identification Number.

(end of draft response)

Thanks,

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Subject RE: Hatteras Island Recovery

Mike, "I've had a few people say that they couldn't file their comment electronically. Is this because the time has expired and NPS has not yet changed the settings? This needs to be taken into consideration as its hard enough for the good people on Hatteras Island trying to recover from Hurricane Irene while having to make comments regarding their future without the system failing them once again! Please look into this yesterday!

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----Original Message----

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Subject: Hatteras Island Recovery

Mike

In light of the devastation by Hurricane Irene and the clean-up and repair that will be on going for months if not years, I am formally requesting that you do everything in your power to extend the public comment period on the Proposed ORV Rule (RIN 1024-AD85). Many of the people most affected by Irene are the same people that will be most affected by the Proposed OV Rule. A minimum extension of 30 days and up to 90 days would seem appropriate. The loss of notes, files, computers, etc. as well as the distractions of recovery will make it difficult if not impossible for many to meet the published September 6, 2011 deadline.

As a member of this community you are intimately aware of our current situation and we anticipate your efforts.

Thank you,

Jim Keene, NCBBA