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**To:** [Mike Murray@nps.gov](mailto:Mike_Murray@nps.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Oregon Inlet  
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Mike

Your rangers need to view this inlet as any other inlet, they are all dynamic and that has been an argument for years when we discuss permanent closures. In its current condition (excluding an unforeseeable weather event) the inlet's stability is more apt to change by growing in a southerly direction than further recession. Your rangers need to reconsider this closure rather than wait for "conditions to change".

Thank you for the reply, I understand delays.  
Jim Keene

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike\_Murray@nps.gov [mailto:Mike\_Murray@nps.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 8:39 AM  
To: W. James Keene  
Subject: Re: Oregon Inlet

Jim,

I apologize for the belated response to your message regarding ORV access to the new channel at Bodie Island Spit. I have touched bases with the Rangers about the situation and understand that the shoreline near the new inlet is dynamic and subject to changing conditions. The staff has assured me that they will monitor the situation and re-evaluate the ORV closure as conditions change.

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Subject

Oregon Inlet

Mike

Following Hurricane Irene and the bisection of Oregon Inlet Spit I fully supported your decision to keep the area adjacent to the new inlet closed for safety reasons. The sand has now compacted and the area closed for safety reasons no longer needs to be closed. The "shoulder Season" visitors, an older group of individuals along with the fishermen, have arrived and are righteously complaining about the inability to access the inlet. I hope you will review this closure and reopen the beach to the point where Oregon Inlet meets the ocean.

Jim Keene