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Subject: Call from John Mortenson
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Paul/Jon:

I received a call from John Mortenson from Buxton/Hatteras Island this morning at 8:15 a.m., January 4, 2012. He was inquiring about the late season sea turtle nest located 1.4 miles north of Ramp 34. I have received several other calls and several emails inquiring about the status of this nest in the past week. This call began as an information request regarding the status of that nest and then escalated into a screaming session from Mr. Mortenson to me. When he used profanity and I began to perceive his angry comments as threats to me, I terminated the call.

I answered his questions about the late season turtle nests and he began to describe to me what he thought were the best scientific explanation for late season turtle nests and how the NPS was negligent in not removing the nest earlier, etc., etc. I asked why he was so concerned about one turtle nest closure that protected less than 300 feet of sand when there were currently over 68 miles of beach open for ORV users? He lost it at that point and yelled into the phone at me, among other things, the following:

- 1) "You guys don't know how to manage turtles worth a damn"
- 2) "I (meaning himself) am concerned about this turtle nest because it just proves that you guys have once again lied to us like you have all along"
- 3) "You guys had better have some reinforcements to protect these beaches 'cause we are going to have plenty of reinforcements when you begin closing our beaches again this spring"
- 4) "You (meaning me/Cyndy) are really good at what you do, you Nazi, but I hope one day you have to get a real job in the real world, you bitch."

As soon as he began cursing, I asked him if he had any other questions and informed him that "I have answered all of your questions this morning" but decided that I will not be subjected to his angry tirade and cursing over something so simple this early in the morning. He said, "No, I don't" and began to say something else and I hung up on him.

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