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Cape Hatteras Recreational Alliance (CHRA)

1/4/08 and 1/5/08 were my first official days as a representative to the committee to form an Off Road Vehicle (ORV) plan for Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Neg/reg).

CHRA is the only group representing recreational interests from the viewpoint of the user who primarily accesses the National Seashore by foot. Steve Kayota, a trauma physician who is representing pedestrian safety issues, has been given a separate seat on the committee.

If you have any issues about non-ORV pedestrian access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore (CHNS) please use this email address and alert me to them. Also please forward this message to anyone you think has concerns about the management of ORVs in CHNS. They do not have to be a member of CHRA for us to represent their views. We would like specific experiences concerning ORV use impacting non-ORV users and how they would like their interests addressed in an ORV management plan. The next year will be your only chance to have input in this process through this committee. We will keep all information confidential. Please direct anyone who has ORV access concerns to address one of the many (10 or more) members of the 30-member committee that are representing ORV access interests either directly or indirectly.

ORV interests have gained considerable influence in how this National Seashore operates. Since Mike Murray became the superintendent of CHNS the non-seasonal (September 15 to May 15) area of pedestrian only access has been reduced in the Park and the seasonal (May 15 to September 15) area of pedestrian access has

been compromised on several occasions. This past summer the superintendent twice temporarily opened up areas set aside for passive non-ORV access to accommodate overcrowding by ORV users. I am disappointed because the Superintendent had assured me on several occasions that the status quo of access would remain the same until the Neg/reg committee could meet and come to consensus and recommend solutions to these issues.

During the two days of meetings no management decisions concerning ORV management was discussed. The ground rules' language was tweaked and approved, agenda items were set, two subcommittees were nominated and approved and information from NPS officials was delivered to members.

It is my nature to be optimistic when working with others and the group did come to consensus on a few items. Although I found the meeting tedious, tense, and laborious I give high marks to facilitators who did their best to conduct the meeting to make it less so. Conversely, I also found the 16 hours of meeting quite stimulating.

Jim Lyons

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