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Thanks, Mike....

I'm sure you been one busy fellow these days & I really appreciate you taking the time to answer me.

I found several bird report summaries on the CAHA website that have answered most of my bird questions. I will add what you have sent to me to that file.

On the question of pedestrian-only visitors, it's too bad that NPS does not apparently track this user group. If there were actual numbers, it would be a simple matter to plug in the percentage of ped-only visitors & come up with a percentage figure for pedestrian-only beach use. While I am totally against single-use beaches (particularly in this dynamic environment), I can understand that you are under pressure to provide for these users. It has always been my opinion that these beaches should remain multi-use, for many reasons. However, it is something you wish for us to consider so it will be considered.

I don't know if a permanent pedestrian beach can be sold to the majority of the representatives. Have you considered including pedestrian-only areas as a temporary thing, like village seasonal closures? I think something along those lines will be an easier sell rather than full-time permanent pedestrian closure(s).

Thanks for your reply when you have time.

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> Dave,
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> Sorry for the delay in responding. Been busy.
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> Attached is a summary of the areas typically used by breeding birds in
> recent years. We do not have good long-term location data for most
> species. Much of the long-term nest count data is summarized in the
> Interim Strategy EA (available on PEPC website). Also, at the back of
> the
> annual Piping Plover report (attached) there are maps showing recent PIPL
> nesting locations for 1998 - 2007.
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> (See attached file: Hot Spots for Breeding Birds at CAHA-rev.doc)
> (See attached file: CAHA Piping Plover Report (2007).pdf)
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> We do not have accurate counts of the number of pedestrian users. There
> is
> indirect information to suggest that visitors who do not have ORVs make up
> a significant portion, possibly the majority, but there are no firm
> numbers
> that we can hang our hat on (just like we do not have firm numbers on ORV
> use).
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> Things we do know:
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> The Seashore received 2.3 million recreational visits in 2007 (see
> attached). If we knew accurately what percentage of visitors used ORVs or
> not, we could do the math and determine an estimated number of ORV users
> vs. non-ORV users. A 2002 Visitor Study (attached) by the University of
> Idaho provides some information about visitor preferences, but no firm
> numbers for pedestrians or ORVs. (You know about the Vogelsong and Neal
> reports. Not sure either helps figure out actual numbers of users.) We
> also know that in 2007, 950,696 visitors attended park facilitated
> interpretive programs at the Seashore, such as the lighthouse, NPS visitor
> centers and scheduled interpretive programs, but we have no data on how
> many or what percentage of those visitors were ORV owners or not.
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> (See attached file: CAHA Visitation.doc) (See attached file: 2002 Visitor
> Use Study.pdf)
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> I hope this helps!
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> Hi Mike,
> I realize that you are probably busy, but in order to gain information
> for the subcommittee's deliberations I need for you to give me the
> following:
> The history of bird nesting areas (where they historically nest) in
> the Seashore - from as far back as you have records;
> The percentage of visitors to the Seashore that are pedestrian only.
> Hopefully this will answer several questions that we have. I would
> appreciate it if you could get this info to me ASAP. I will be
> distributing it to all members of the subcommittee.
> Thanks !!!!
> David Goodwin
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