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FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

I. VEHICLE CHARACTERISTICS

PURPOSE: Manage and regulate the type of vehicle allowed to drive on CAHA beaches.

SCOPE: Applied for all driving on all routes, trails, and areas designated for ORV driving.

VEHICLE CHARACTERISTICS: All vehicles must exhibit the following characteristics to drive on the Park's beaches. Drivers are responsible for ensuring their vehicles meet these characteristics.

1. All vehicles should be registered, licensed, and insured and comply with state inspect regulations within the state, country or province where the vehicle is registered.
2. Four-wheel drive vehicles are allowed.
3. Two wheel drive vehicles are allowed after the operator obtains a special use permit.
4. Motorcycles are prohibited on the ocean beachfront.
5. ATVs are prohibited.
6. There is a three axle maximum for vehicles (this is the axle maximum for the powered vehicle only and does not include the additional number of axles on towed trailers).
7. Any trailers are limited to no more than two axles.
8. The maximum vehicle length is thirty (30') feet (this is the maximum length for the powered vehicle and does not include the additional length of a towed trailer).
9. Tires must be U.S. Department of Transportation listed and/or approved tires only.

ENFORCEMENT: Such regulation shall be enforced by the NPS according to graduated law enforcement principles.

STAKEHOLDER INPUT: The Park shall establish and maintain a standing ORV [FACA] committee with representatives from various sections/geographies of the Park representing diverse and balanced interests to provide input to the Park [Superintendent?] on, among other things, vehicle characteristics.

OTHER RELEVANT REGULATIONS: Other pertinent and relevant federal or state regulations include: [INSERT A SENTENCE DESCRIBING EACH REGULATION](#)

- Reporting motor vehicle accidents pursuant to 36 CFR 4.4
- Essential and emergency vehicles are exempt from these requirements according to 36 CFR __. [Essential and emergency vehicles must be defined]

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II. VEHICLE OPERATIONS

PURPOSE: Ensuring the safety of all public users of the Park and protection of Park resources.

SCOPE: Applied for all driving on all routes, trails, and areas designated for ORV driving.

DRIVER'S LICENSE: All drivers must carry a valid driver's license.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: All vehicles operated on the beach shall contain the following required equipment.

1. A low-pressure tire gauge effective down to 5 psi.
2. A shovel
3. A jack
4. A jack stand
5. Trash bag or container
6. Flashlight for any driving between dusk and dawn.
7. Copy of the current ORV regulations and map.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT: The following equipment is recommended but not required.

1. A full size spare tire
2. First aid kit
3. Fire extinguisher
4. Tow strap with loop ends, no hooks, with a rating capacity at or above the GVW of item being recovered or moved unless vehicle is equipped with an operable electric or hand winch

SPEED LIMITS: The following are speed limits for driving on the beach within CAHA. Speed limit on park beaches is 15 mph May 15-September 15, unless otherwise posted and 25 mph September 16-May 14, unless otherwise posted. [These dates could change pending Committee work on village closures.]

TIRE PRESSURE: Lower the pressure on all tires. The softer the sand the lower the pressure needed. Generally drive with 20-25 lbs. pressure in the tires. When you return to paved roads, inflate the tires to normal as soon as possible.

RIGHT OF WAY: Right of way shall be as follows:

- 1. A vehicle exiting the beach via a Ramp or Interdunal Road has the right of way.*
- 2. When traveling parallel to the ocean or sound, the vehicle with the water to it's right side has the right of way.*

EXEMPT VEHICLES: All emergency vehicles (vehicles used for EMS, rescue, or fire) are exempt from these vehicle operations regulations. Any operators of essential vehicles

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(vehicles used by NPS or with NPS permission), excluding emergency vehicles as identified above, must be trained and authorized to drive on the beach by NPS prior to operating in any way beyond normal public use.

ENFORCEMENT: Such regulation shall be enforced by the NPS according to graduated law enforcement principles.

STAKEHOLDER INPUT: The Park shall establish and maintain a standing ORV committee with representatives from various sections/geographies of the Park representing diverse interests to provide input to the Park [Superintendent?] on, among other things, vehicle operations.

OTHER RELEVANT REGULATIONS: Other pertinent and relevant federal or state regulations include: INSERT A SENTENCE DESCRIBING EACH REGULATION

- Sleeping/Camping language must be developed (36 CFR 2.10)
- Obstructing traffic pursuant to 36 CFR 4.13
- Alcohol regulations (open container) pursuant to 36 CFR 4.14(a)
- Seat belt regulations pursuant to 36 CFR 4.15
- Valid driver's license according to respective state or provincial authority.
- Unsafe operation pursuant to 36 CFR 4.22.
- Essential and emergency vehicles are exempt from these requirements according to 36 CFR __. DECIDE HOW THIS FITS WITH OUR ESSENTIAL VEHICLE DEFINITION