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**Subject:** Re: Fw: Vehicle Characteristics & Operations Call Notes  
**Date:** 09/02/2008 02:20 PM  
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Mike,

I told Patrick on the call that we would not discriminate against tent campers. If we chose to open the three campgrounds in the shoulder seasons, tent campers would be allowed, as well. He kept on harping about the primitive and self-contained camping. He also kept saying that other NPS seashores allowed for self-contained camping only.

If you look at the history of the campgrounds here, we used to have some of them open from Easter Weekend through Thanksgiving Weekend back in the 70's.

One of the reasons we have been wanting to have a camp host site with hook-ups at our campgrounds was to be able to extend the camping season with self-registration and minimal facilities. I do not think we should commit to having these three campgrounds open year round.

I also said that I did not feel this issue, along with the napping and parking issues had anything at all to do with vehicle characteristics, equipment, and operations.

I'll get the feedback from Pat and Norah and set up a meeting with Cyndy.

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Paul,

I had not see this. Please discuss this issue with Norah (DR or fee manager input if

she wants), then schedule a time (1/2 hour) when you two can meet with me to discuss.

My questions will be:

1. Would we be comfortable with the idea of designating a "bullpen" for off-season self-contained vehicle overnight parking ("camping") in the off-season and not allowing tent camping in the same area?
2. Do we want or do we need to also allow tent camping (with limited amenities) at the same location(s)? (If "yes," what does RM-22 say about the minimum amenities we must provide in order to collect a fee (years ago, it said we needed to provide restrooms, running water, picnic table, fire pit, etc., or some minimum number out of a list of amenities. I don't know what the current policy says).
3. If collecting a "camping fee" requires that we provide certain amenities that in this case we may not want to provide, are there any other approaches to "fees" (such as SUPs) that we could use in order to manage the activity and cover some of the costs?

Thanks,

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Subject Re: Vehicle Characteristics & Operations Call Notes

To all,

I am not comfortable with the Camping Language as written. I have consulted with legal council and have been advised the lumping of the two separate user groups (Self Contained ORV and Tent Camping) is not advisable for a variety of reasons. I can not say that I disagree with the spirit of what is written as my desires "MAY" be contained within the language and at the same time I can not say that I agree with the current language.

My main problem is that Self Contained ORV activities are standard in a National Seashore ORV Plan and to now lump this user group in with Tent Camping is in my opinion inappropriate. My continued and ongoing position and desire is that Self Contained ORV Camping is appropriate on the beach itself, in specific designated areas with standard additional regulations defining Self Contained ORV Camping. I am not yet willing to give up or abandon this position.

There is a clear and significant separation between Self Contained Vehicles (a traditional, historic and by NPS standards and practices, an appropriate class of ORV use on the beach) and Tent Camping. Two of the major differences between Self Contained and Tent Camping are the facts that Self Contained Camping by design, has the least amount of impact to the environment and additionally, can lessen disturbance to natural resources.

To be more specific, the reasons I am having trouble with the Camping Language we have developed so far is as follows: 1) Self Contained ORV's and their use are usually addressed in an ORV Management Plan. Tent Camping is not. 2) I "could" agree to designating the three campgrounds mentioned as Self Contained Camping Areas during the off season, however when we add Tent Camping to the subject, we

are in essence mandating the NPS to provide additional services and possibly even provide staff which would not be required in a Self Contained "Bull Pen" as is the norm in other East Coast National Seashore ORV Management Plans. 3) There is a significant difference in maintenance and management costs with regard to a campground that can handle Tent Camping and a designated Self Contained ORV "Bullpen" or Camping Area. I would not agree to using potential Self Contained ORV Permit Revenue (if there is any) to paying for services required for Tent Camping but not Self Contained Camping.

I am not sure where we go from here without further discussion on this matter.

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After some time to think and consider the discussions of the last couple meetings I can not say that I am

In a message dated 8/28/2008 5:41:29 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, oferguson@cbuilding.org writes:

All,

Attached is the updated version of the vehicle characteristics and operations subcommittee work to date. There are several additions (in red) to take a close look at: (1) the summary sentences of the CFR - thanks Paul!, (2) the Camping sentence we developed today, and (3) the final page, which is my attempt to summarize the key issues around napping without getting into every detail. This final item could go somewhere else, but it seemed simple to me to put it directly into the document.

Please let this group know as soon as possible (a) any suggested improvements to the document, and (b) how you would like to proceed on getting the document out to the committee and preparing for the presentation. I would like to send something to the Committee on Weds AM at the

latest, and most of you were not available on Tues during the day for another call. We could perhaps do a Tues evening call if necessary. Also, we could talk towards the end of the week to plan how you want to present your work, if that sounds like a good idea.

Thanks for your best thoughts and ideas on how to move forward and I very much appreciate your work in developing new, clear, productive ideas for the Committee.

Best,

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