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To: [Burnham Gould, Jr.](#)
Subject: update
Date: 09/17/2008 03:42 PM

Hi Burnie,

I haven't forgotten about you. I've been busy discussing the situation with various NPS, DOI, Solicitors, and other process experts and legal advisors in an effort to fully explore possible approaches to addressing your concerns. I have one more conference call tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon to wrap up the discussion and will contact you thereafter to discuss it with you.

Thank you for your patience.

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Subject Re: Next RegNeg Meeting 

Burnie,

Thank you for your thoughtful message. (I also received the note you gave to Cyndy to deliver to me.)

First, I am very disappointed and saddened about the treatment that you and others were subjected to. I relate strongly to the difficulty you and other members of the committee face in representing other points of view, but can only imagine the difficulties this situation has caused you. I would like to talk with you about this next week some time, after we both have had a chance to reflect about the recent meeting. The facilitation team and I have an upcoming call to debrief on various issues, including the circumstances you describe. I will be better prepared to talk to you after we have the debriefing.

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My intent in wanting to talk with you will be to fully hear your concerns and to let you know what I can realistically do to address them. Afterwards, I would hope that you will do whatever is best for you in terms of continued participation or not. There will be no pressure from me and I will respect your decision, whatever it may be. I would like to have the opportunity to talk about it with you before you make a final decision, so that I at least have the benefit of fully knowing your perspective and so you will have the best information I can provide you with about how we might address some of your concerns and what the limitations might be.

Thanks again for communicating your concerns.

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09/10/2008 10:15 AM

Subject Next RegNeg Meeting

Dear Mike,

As you know I have participated in almost all of the Regulation Negotiation (RegNeg) Committee meetings which are attempting to develop plans for managing Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Until two days ago I felt that the process was working. Committee members seemed to be listening to each other and exchanging ideas. Levels of conflict and tension seemed to be slowly subsiding.

The level of tension and conflict displayed during the last two days is very troubling. As you were present throughout the meetings you saw it, so I am not reporting anything that you don't already know. However, let me relate some of my personal experiences.

As I arrived on Monday morning I was greeted by an organized demonstration of about one hundred local protesters, some of whom are my close neighbors. The

Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners was shaking hands with each of the demonstrators and seemed to be offering words of encouragement. That morning a bumper sticker was torn from my car, the first time that it has happened to me in my 76 years. The next day I was warned twice by a member of the committee representing an "open access" group that I needed to be careful because there probably will be a bomb in my car sometime next spring.

I suggest that you consider a change of venue for the next committee meeting. A more neutral location is needed. Emotions on Hatteras Island have become too high for effective dialogue. Dare County officials are not neutral. They have committed the County to financial and legal support of one side of the issues.

Possible more appropriate locations for the next Committee meetings may include Currituck County (e.g. Sanderling, Corolla), Elizabeth City, and Virginia Beach. Hopefully, there would be less intimidation of committee members. That may be more conducive to an open exchange of ideas and compromise. If that does not prove to be effective, the time will have come to bring the RegNeg process to a close. Use the information that already has been developed for your own planning purposes and any government funds saved for some more constructive purpose.

Thank you for efforts to make the Cape Hatteras National Seashore a better place. You, and the facilitators which you retained, could not possibly have done a better job in trying to improve this very difficult situation.

Yours truly,

Burnie

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