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Paat,

The idea is viable, and workable for NPS. I'm not keen on requiring consultation with FWS and WRC for specific management decisions (consulting once a year on big picture issues makes sense), but understand why it may reassure some stakeholders. I would also eliminate the word "symbolic" from the sentence on fencing. We would likely use carsonite posts to delineate ORV vs. non-ORV access in those areas.

Thanks,  
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MIKE

Thanks for your patience and calm during a tough meeting on Friday afternoon. Robert and I will give you a call Tuesday AM from the road from Norfolk to Manteo.

Here's a more general idea attached I thought about regarding the migratory nesting area issue. Curious to whether you think it's viable.

One other thought. I think the resource tables are confusing where SMG and the base thru corridors buffers kind of blend together. I wonder if it's not better to have SM and SM areas and have that specific buffers for the three proposed pass-thru corridors, could we instead have a detailed monitoring, data collection, and site-specific management approach (not detailed too much in this effort) that would allow for careful monitoring, adjustable buffers based on criteria, and careful data collection to learn over time? The three areas are so limited, I wonder if we could work that out?

See you Tuesday.

PAT

In addition to the pre-nesting closures and pedestrian closures that provide habitat for migratory and wintering, non-breeding birds, the Park will provide the following to protect habitat and human access.

The Park will:

- Establish at least XX miles of “migratory and winter oceanside areas” on Hatteras Island (plus or minus 10% to account for establishment in relation to ramps, natural barriers, etc.). Each area will be at least .5 miles in length (parallel to the tide line).
- Ocracoke Island already addresses these kinds of habitat through numerous pedestrian-only areas.
- The areas will be established seasonally at the time adjacent or near-by pre-nesting closures reopen for access. This time will likely range from July 31 into September.
- The areas will be selected each year, given the dynamic nature of the beach, for preferred habitat for a host of shore birds, including, but not limited to \_\_\_\_\_ . The areas will be selected in consultation with FWS and NCWC.
- The areas will range from the high tide line to 50 m upland (50 m perpendicular from the high tide line). The area may be as wide as 40 m at a few points along the area/corridor, in order to allow a sufficient ORV area to be established.
- Areas will be selected to ensure clear, extensive, accessible egress and exit by pedestrians and their diverse activities, primarily through an upland section of beach wide enough for ORV passage two way and parking for ORVs. Thus, most areas will be areas of wider beach. Access for these areas only via an interdunal road will generally not be appropriate, unless that interdunal road provides for sufficient two way traffic, sufficient parking, and extensive beach cuts (every 100 yards or so).
- These areas will allow for full pedestrian access during the times they are established. Pedestrian access will not be limited in these areas.
- The areas will be clearly marked on maps for users and on-site via some kind of symbolic fencing.
- The Park may issue special permits for fishing tournaments that will allow for ORV access for limited times during the year into these areas.