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Attached is "Proposal #3" (dtd 2/20/09) in response to "Proposal #2" presented to the Integration Group on Tuesday, 2/17/09.

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Topic	Proposal #1	Proposal #2	Counter to Proposal #2
Permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ORV Special Use Permit - Education required - No fee, and no fee increase for 7 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ORV Special Use permit - Education required - Fee based on NPS recommendation for amount /timing/scenarios for implementing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ORV Special Use permit - Education required - Fee is \$5/vehicle/day; \$10/vehicle/week; or \$30/vehicle/year. Discounts for residents, seniors, economic hardship, disabled, veterans, active duty military - All fees used to adm. ORV permit, for ORV related improvements/maintenance and LE
Vehicle/Ops Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Per Committee draft - Motorcycles allowed in front of villages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Per Committee draft - No motorcycles allowed on oceanside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Per Committee draft - Motorcycles allowed with free special use permit that includes education
Villages	All villages open to ORVs, closed seasonally from 5/15-9/15, and subject to safety and resource closures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North (East facing) villages open - any seasonal dates ok, no closures during any season also ok. - Frisco and Hatteras closed year round. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All villages seasonally closed to ORVs - East facing closed 5/15 – 9/15 - South facing closed 3/01 – 10/31, Easter week, Thanksgiving week
Park Funding	Support increase in operations funding for NPS	Same	Same
Natural Resources	SM2 everywhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SM2 at points and spits - SM1 elsewhere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SM2 at <u>all</u> points and spits, incl Cape Pt. and West to Ramp 47 - SM1 elsewhere as outlined in NPS draft Alt. E 11/05/08. (unless otherwise specified in

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Turtle Management	<p><u>Night Driving</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restriction Dates: Tuesday after Memorial Day weekend to sunrise/set Friday night of Labor Day weekend • Park and Stay - parking pens with SM2 buffers and escorts off beach • Time: 1 hr after sunset to ½ hour after sunrise/after beach has been cleared by turtle patrol <p><u>Lighting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County ordinance through land use plan for new construction contingent on and in place on/before rule in effect; PR/Education effort by county and partners 	<p><u>Night Driving</u></p> <p><i>Option #1:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restriction Dates: 5/1-11/15 • Park and Stay (25 vehicles per spit, 50 at Cape Pt); 911 escape with escort; self-contained vehicle or vehicle with a toilet, with a special use permit • Time: Sunset to after beach has been cleared by turtle patrol in AM <p><u>Lighting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County ordinance <p><i>Option #2:</i> If routes and areas accepted as proposed</p>	<p>map proposals)</p> <p><u>Night Driving</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restriction Dates: Tuesday after Memorial Day weekend to sunrise/set Friday night of Labor Day weekend • Park and Stay - (25 vehicles per spit, 50 at Cape Pt, 50 at South Ocracoke); 911 escape with escort; self-contained vehicle or vehicle with a toilet, with a special use permit, parking pens with SM2 buffers, no escort off beach • Steward at all locations • Time: 1 hr after sunset to ½ hour after sunrise, NPS utilizing additional ATV/personnel to clear OHV areas as soon as practicable in AM, time being of the essence. <p><u>Lighting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Ordinance

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		(see below), then turtle-related management to be determined by recommendation by FWS and WRC.	
Pre-Nesting Closures -- Areas other than Points and Spits	n/a	Apply anywhere with bird activity during last ten years that has appropriate habitat: Shorebirds (3/15), CWOB (4/1)	Apply pursuant to Draft NPS Alt. E 11/05/08
Routes/Areas	2/13/09 Discussion Draft Maps	2/13/09 Discussion Draft Maps with the changes described below (see **)	2/13/09 Discussion Draft Maps with the changes described below (see ***)

Habitat Management Access

Same as Alt. E for Cape Pt.

*** Proposal #3 – Changes/Additions to 2/13/09 Discussion Draft Maps Proposal #2:

General principles:

1. Non-breeding closures described below are open to pedestrians.
2. Where science allows, based on NPS judgment, exterior water-side pre-nesting boundaries will lie inland of the waterline 50m (or distance allowed).

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Specific proposals to maps:

3. Bodie Island:
 - a. Alt. E, SM2 as proposed in 11/05/08 proposal from NPS, except that the ending date is determined the earlier of 8/31 or 2 weeks after the last chick has fledged.
 - b. Route extends around spit to Bait Pond.
4. Map 4, 5, 6 and 7:
 - a. ¼ mile south of Ramp 27 to ¼ mile north of ramp 30 is permanent 12 month closure (Red) plus SM1 buffers during breeding season.
 - b. Between Ramp 23 and Ramp 34 there will be an additional 1 mile floating closure area effective 12 months, that will move to accommodate breeding birds (breeding season) and/or migrating birds in non-breeding season, managed under SM2 in the breeding season. "Floating zone" location to be determined by NPS.
 - c. New ramps at mile 25 and 32.5
5. Map 7 and 8:
 - a. From Southern border of Avon to Haulover (approx. 2 miles) is ORV (green)
 - b. From Haulover to northern line of Buxton village is closed (red)
 - c. From north boundary of Buxton to old light house site is blue (designated ORV area closed seasonally according to east facing beaches in chart).
 - d. From proposed new ramp 40 to 0.7 miles north of ramp 43 is closed (red).
 - e. From 0.7 miles north of ramp 43 to ramp 44 is open to ORV (green)
 - f. From ramp 44 south and west to ramp 45 is SM2, except that the ending date is determined the earlier of 8/31 or 2 weeks after the last chick has fledged.
 - g. From ramp 45 to ramp 49 retain interdunal road and install new ramp 47.
6. Map 9:
 - a. Between ramps 45 and 47 is a 1 mile floating 12 month closure area. In non-breeding season there is to be an access corridor behind the 12 month closure area 50M from waterline if not at the dune line. Corridor must be wide enough to accommodate horse-back riders and vehicles.
 - b. From ramp 49 eastward approximately 0.5 miles is a seasonally closed area for pedestrian use. Closure to ORV occurs when campground is open. ORV corridor (width determined by NPS) at the base of the dune during ORV closure. Signage alerting pedestrians to be installed @ walkover.
 - c. Frisco village is open seasonally according to south facing beaches in chart.

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7. Map 9 and 10:

- a. West boundary of Frisco to east boundary of Hatteras is closed to ORV (red).

8. Map 10:

- a. Hatteras village is open seasonally according to south facing beaches in chart.
- b. West boundary of Hatteras to Bone road is open to ORV (green)
- c. From Bone road to Pole road terminus is open when inlet is closed during breeding season and Bone road to Pole road terminus is closed when inlet is open.
- d. Pole road from origin at Hatteras village to its exit on the beach is designated a route. Sound side access at coast guard station is a route. Cable Crossing road to sound is a route. Spur road is a route. Crossovers between Bone road and the beach on either side of the Isabell washout are routes. Bone road is a route.
- e. From Pole road terminus to the rip is open to ORV (green) subject to SM2 management during breeding season.
- f. From the rip to the Cable Crossing is a route.

Ocracoke:

9. From ramp 59 north open to pilings (green).
10. $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile north of 67 to $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south of 67 is a route (green)
11. Blue route in front of campground closed to ORVs coinciding with dates campground is open.
12. We reject proposal to extend waterline closure by $\frac{1}{4}$ mile on both ends.