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Fort Raleigh National Historic Site

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore

1401 National Park Drive

Manteo, North Carolina 27954

IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 4, 2010

Dear Interested Party:

Thank you for your interest regarding off-road vehicle (ORV) management at Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Seashore). Enclosed is the *Draft Cape Hatteras National Seashore Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement* (DEIS) for your review. The DEIS evaluates the impacts of several alternatives for regulations and procedures that would carefully manage ORV use/access in the Seashore to protect and preserve natural and cultural resources and natural processes, to provide a variety of visitor use experiences while minimizing conflicts among various users, and to promote the safety of all visitors.

The DEIS is also available electronically on the National Park Service Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha>. A limited number of hard copies of the DEIS will be available for distribution at the Seashore headquarters, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954, or a copy may be requested, as long as supplies last, from Mike Murray, Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954. Copies will be provided to local libraries in Manteo, Kill Devil Hills, Hatteras Village, and Ocracoke, North Carolina.

The National Park Service (NPS) will accept comments on the DEIS for 60 days from the date of publication by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of its Notice of Availability for the DEIS. The exact deadline for comments, when known, will be announced in press releases, e-mail announcements and on the PEPC website. Electronic comments may be submitted online in the PEPC web site by visiting <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha>, clicking on ***Open for Comment**, clicking on the **Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan /EIS**, and then clicking on **Comment on Document**. NPS encourages commenting electronically through PEPC. If you wish to submit your written comments in hard copy (e.g. in a letter), you may send them by U.S. Postal Service or other mail delivery service or hand-deliver them to: Mike Murray, Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954. Oral statements and written comments will also be accepted during the hearing-style public meetings which will be scheduled during the public comment period. Comments will not be accepted by fax, email, or in any other way than those specified above. Bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted.

Dates, times, and locations of the hearing-style public meetings will be announced in press releases, e-mail announcements and on the PEPC website for the project, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha>.

We look forward to receiving your comments on the DEIS. Thank you for your interest and participation in the development of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Murray
Superintendent

