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To: NPS CHNSRA Supt. Mike Murray, et al.

After reviewing the "2008 11Nov 03 - Summary List of Options from Workbook Comments", as well as the "2008 11Nov 05 - ORV EIS Alternatives" in relation to the pending ORV Management plan for CHNSRA, I would like to submit this comment:

I cast my vote for the "Alt A & B" alternative, as it will provide both adequate species protection as well as expanded access routes and ramps for visitors. Creation of new ramps and opening old and new interdunal roads will allow for more flexible access as well as superior species protection, and will be far more affordable to implement than any of the other alternatives presented.

I simply cannot see where the money necessary to implement "Alt's C-E" options, and also dislike the Year-Round closures for many popular areas associated with these alternatives.

I also dislike the fact the NGO's in the guise of Environmental Groups are setting policy for the entirety of our National Seashore Recreation Area, and believe they have no place in this discussion beyond the advisory level.

It has been my understanding that the recent Consent Decree was not to be used as an environmental building block for this committee's recommendations. It has been, and the environmental groups are asking for far more closures and restrictions than in the agreement *all sides* signed in the spring of 2008 creating said Consent Decree.


I most certainly do not believe it either prudent or scientific for these NGO's to claim "Victory" over a one-summer study. I am also angered at their very apparent lack of concern for the livelihood of locals whose very livelihood depends on visitors to the area.

I am quite disappointed at the DOI for its abandonment of the American people in this matter. They have consistently turned their backs on local citizens and visitors alike, allowing this whole situation to deteriorate beginning as far back as 1978. The DOI and the NPS have created this issue, and the American Taxpayer is paying the price for it.

I wish nothing more than to have adequate species protections in place alongside fair, reasonable, and flexible access for ORV's and pedestrians alike. I do not think the science supports human elimination from CHNSRA via turning huge tracts of it into "Wilderness Study Areas".

As a 15 year property owner in the Frisco area, I have seen the volatility that exists on the beaches of CHNSRA, and cannot imagine areas that are constantly subjected to ocean overwash should be closed permanently. We must have an ORV plan that is reflective of the ever changing environment that Hatteras Island is, and always has been.

Humans are not the enemy of species in CHNSRA, Nature itself is.

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