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The Grassroots Campaign to Preserve Access to America's Beaches

Comments from the People

People from around the country are concerned about preserving beach access. Following are personal comments shared by people viewing the PreserveBeachAccess.org website.

Each person's perspective is different. Some want to preserve a heritage and tradition to share with their children and grand-children. Others, who depend on open and accessible beaches to provide for their families, are worried about their financial future and how to survive. All are pleading to preserve access to America's beaches for recreational activities.

There are candid remarks from disabled veterans, single mothers, concerned conservationists and others pleading to preserve access to America's beaches for recreational activities.

First Name	Comment	City	State
Ben	The ability to drive on the beach has allowed us to bring our step father to his favorite place in the world when he was fighting cancer and could not walk to the ocean.	Auburn Twp	Ohio
Mary	I'm a working single mom who literally rolls my change all year long to be able to take 4 days in August to vacation on Ocracoke Island. I cried when I got to the stopping point off Ramp 72 and could not reach South Point. I hope and pray that I will be able to get there in 2009.	Virginia Beach	Virginia

Tim	My wife and I are both huge supporters and protectors of the environment and I work for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. While we totally support the idea of protecting wildlife, we feel it has just gotten out of hand. I can honestly say that I have never seen any other fisherman disrespect nature or the dune system, and most of us take more trash off the beach than we came with, and are very respectful of closed areas the way the Park Service used to handle them.	Westampton	New Jersey
David	As a disabled Veteran and passionate surf fisherman, my Jeep is the only way I have to access beaches. Please keep the beaches open.	Richmond	Virginia
Dan	I proposed marriage to my wife one bright beautiful morning on the beach at Ocracoke. Now that very spot is off-limits to us much of the year. I think that most who visit the Bank's beaches have a very deep reverence and respect for them. They somehow become part of your very being. To suddenly have access taken away creates a sadness deep down inside your soul that simply cannot be described in words.	Virginia Beach	Virginia
Karen	It cannot be stressed enough that beach access is the key to keeping businesses alive and people employed.	Frisco	North Carolina
James	Due to my age and health I can ly enjoy surf fishing, which I started in 1971, unless I have beach access with my truck.	Benson	North Carolina
Marilyn	It seems to me that there can be a middle ground where people can respect the fragile ecosystem at the beaches, yet still have access to the beach for fishing, horseback riding, sunbathing and swimming.	Fairfax	Virginia

Jenny	I don't know how the people at Hatteras could survive if the beach accesses are closed. This is how they live and survive. If they and others cannot access the beach what recourse do they have? How will they support their families? How will they live?	New Bern	North Carolina
Christie	I have been vacationing on Hatteras Island for the past 21 years! I cannot imagine not being able to drive on the beautiful beach. This summer my daughter will finally be old enough to drive on the beach...it has been a lifelong dream.	Lawrenceville	Virginia
Michael	Took my 10 year old grandson out this year for this first week with the boys at the banks and he had a blast. I just hope he gets to take his sons and grandchildren someday.	Winston Salem	North Carolina
Robert	I have been coming to the Outer Banks for the past 36 years. It is an annual fishing trip for myself and other family members and friends. I am a veteran of Vietnam and don't appreciate certain group trying to take away what myself and millions of others have and are still fighting for. I hope all my veteran friends will join in another fight to keep the access of ORV open.	China Grove	North Carolina
Charlayne	I cherish my memories of growing up and spending summers camping at Hatteras. Please keep the public beach access open so others can have the memories I now have.	Acworth	Georgia
Holly	We have co-existed with the wildlife here for a very long time. I have never met anyone visiting or living here that didn't have reverence and awe for the creatures that live here.	Buxton	North Carolina

Brad	We enjoy riding on the beach and fishing and other activities also the family bonding that happens while we are there.	Elizabeth City	North Carolina
Carol	My business along with many others will not survive another season of the beaches being closed.	Buxton	North Carolina
Denise	I am so upset, especially now when family getaways from the stresses of the economy and joblessness are crucial. We have always found our "neighbors on the beaches" to be respectful, civic minded and most importantly, nature loving people. It is time for OUR representatives to protect OUR rights as we were promised when the Park was set aside.	Warsaw	Virginia
Larris	I am the ninth generation of my family on the Outer Banks. I have family in most of the graveyards on the islands that make up these banks. We were promised free and open access to the beaches and waters around us. Now people who had nothing to do with that promise are trying to break it. This is not right any way that you look at it.	Frisco	North Carolina
Alan	I live in VA but have always gone to Hatteras for recreation. My children were introduced to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area 28 years ago and taught how to enjoy and respect it.	Chesapeake	Virginia
Jean	My family has been visiting the Cape Hatteras National Seashore for over 25 years. We enjoy being able to access the beach responsibly, and love Cape Point the most.	Waldorf	Maryland

Charles	In 1972 the Post Office issued stamps commemorating the 100 th anniversary of the National Parks. Check out the four stamp block for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It shows the lighthouse, a wreck, birds and surfcasters with their JEEP ON THE BEACH. Just like in the movie Miracle on 34 th St. If the Post Office says Santa Claus is real, then the Post Office says beach driving is OK.	Kill Devil Hills	North Carolina
Katherine	Beach access is so important to so many people, but speaking for me, I can almost cry to think I will never be able to go back like we used to. We have been coming down there since the 80's. I have such beautifully fond memories of our son, as a baby in a crib on the beach while we fished, then him playing in the sand while fished. Then, when he was old enough, he learned to surf fish and ride the waves. We were always respectful of the marked off areas, whether they were for tern nesting or saving the dunes or beach grass. With so much that is bad happening in the world today, this is something we need to do: keep the beach access open for families to continue to enjoy and build good memories.	Prince George	Virginia

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Charles	I started a tradition with my family coming to Hatteras in 2000. It will be a sad day when we come to Hatteras and not have access to the beach. We will have to find somewhere else to go on our family vacation.	Kingsport	Tennessee
Dan	My family has been regular visitors to the Outer Banks for the last 45 years. We feel like we are returning home every time we cross the Oregon Inlet bridge. Over the years we have made many friends while surf fishing on the beaches and also have many local friends that we have met in the tackle shops that feel like part of our family. I think it's a shame what our government has done to close parts of our national seashore and let an extreme organization like Audubon and the Defenders of Wildlife dictate how to run it. I don't think there is anyone left in Washington D.C. that has an ounce of common sense anymore. Please keep us informed and let us know what we can do to help get the beaches back open especially for night fishing!!!	Selma	North Carolina
Craig	Should there be a need for volunteers I would be happy to help as much as I can.	Nags Head	North Carolina
Robert	A mission worth joining thanks	Utica	Michigan
Reid	Always willing to support a good cause.	Richmond	Virginia
David	As a disabled Veteran and passionate surf fisherman, my Jeep is the only way I have to access beaches. Please keep the beaches open.	Richmond	Virginia
Cathy	As a member of OBPA, I am well aware of the fight and struggle that is currently going on. I have written many letters to Senators, Congressmen, the President (both Bush and Obama), and every other person I can think of. What is happening is truly a tragedy and an injustice to the American Citizenship. I will continue to fight in any way I can for access to my favorite place on earth.	Concord	North Carolina
Amy	As a native of coastal North Carolina it is truly sad that simply walking on the beach is prohibited now. Killing other species so that another may live is beyond sad. What is wrong with this country? Please stop the madness & return free & open access!	Texarkana	Texas
Tim	As a retiree who bought his dream home on the Outer Banks, the closings of beach access has turned a dream into a nightmare.	Great Falls	Virginia
Krisi	Beach access has been an integral part of our life and heritage. I would like it be for my children as well.	Aydlett	North Carolina

Lynne	Beach closures on Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands is killing our economy; businesses are closing, people are out of work, the Food Pantry is trying to help people and so are the Churches with meals. Keep our Beaches Free and Open!!!!	Buxton	North Carolina
Beverly	Beaches are and should always be open for the public to enjoy.	Chesapeake	Virginia
Larry	Beautiful site! We need to do all we can to restore the people's right for open beach access.	Virginia Beach	Virginia
Brian	Been involved for some time now and will continue to be. I have been traveling to Hatteras for the last 30 years and spent 25 years on the point. Want to keep it that way for my children.	Williamsburg	Virginia
Jasper	Being realistic it is time that folks unite and encourage their respective legislative representatives to listen to the will of the American People whom they represent. It is unfortunate that special interest groups led by a Federal Judge who is supposed to enforce the LAW as written rather than legislating from the bench.	Midland	Texas
Ted A.	Both the wife and I are native Tarheels and have owned a house in Salvo since 1971.	Hampton	Virginia
Bill	Can not believe how many people can not see through the smoke and mirrors that the Audubon is throwing up. This is a recreational seashore and taking access away from the people is wrong	Manteo	North Carolina
Joan	Closing miles of beach during the popular tourist season for the sake of a few birds is inhumane to the humans who live, work and play here. We pay the taxes to maintain CHNRS, we can coexist with the wildlife, so in this bad economy, there is no reason for the magnitude of the forced closures or the amount of tax dollars being spent for the sake of a few birds and turtles.	Frisco	North Carolina
Jim	Congratulations and Thank You for producing such a beautiful and informative website.	Nags Head	North Carolina
Marcie	DESTROY THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT NOW !!! It is more powerful than our own constitution, and the environmentalists are using it with no common sense. The economy is already really, really bad. Allowing this kind of restrictive beach access, without any scientific backing regarding the birds and turtles, is insane. The birds and turtles are doing fine. But the people who live on Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands are gonna be the next real endangered species.		
michael	Dow & Audubon should have never been allowed to sue the NPS in federal court in order to force their agenda onto CHNSRA. This park was set up as a recreation area first; not a wildlife refuge. It was created for the common people as a place to enjoy the beaches that can not afford multi-million dollar beachfront property. The NPS has dedicated personnel to protect the wildlife in this park without federal judge Boyle allowing the eco-whackos to ruin this park.	statesville	North Carolina

James	Due to my age and health I can only enjoy surf fishing, which I started in 1971, unless I have beach access with my truck or a friends truck.	Benson	North Carolina
Wayne	First class presentation	Greensboro	North Carolina
Bill	For 30+ years I have enjoyed fishing with my father and brothers. Beach access is a privelege I know, but with the growth of the Outer Banks it's one of the few places where you can fish without the threat of snagging a swimmer!	Northampton	Pennsylvania
Claudia	Get the invironmentalists fanatics off our backs!! The area has been well taken care of, revered by the users, and provided enjoyment to tens of thousands for decades. The birds have thrived! Keep the outside interlopers who would close it, away!		Washington
darren	Good job people. Thanks for doing this. We, the people, need all the help we can get on this topic.	Richmond	Virginia
Dave	Good looking site! If we keep up this fight, we will prevail! Thank you.	Norfolk	Virginia
mike	got any new bumper stickers?	alexandria	Virginia
roberta	grassroot agencies have made this country great.i will back this one , and do what i can too help.	parma	Ohio
lawrence	Great cause I'll do what I can to help.	moyock	North Carolina
crystal	Great job. Mow if only Congress would listen and help	frisco	North Carolina
Alan	Great program! Nice to see the NC localities care so deeply. If there is anything I can do to help in any way, all you need to do is ask! As a property owner in Frisco, NC, this issue is very near and dear to me. Thanks for all that you're doing!	Richmond	Virginia
Kris	Great site! Thanks for helping us Hatteras lovers!	Richmond	Virginia
Mark	Great web site!		Virginia
Randy	Great Website... good job!!! I would suggest adding an enhancement that would be an easy way to send email to a users congress/senator. I've seen other web sites where a person can fill in their info, including a personalized message then the website sends an email to the appropriate congressional represntitives for their state. THANKS !!!	mercerville	New Jersey
Theresa	Great Work !	Chesapeake	Virginia

David	have enjoyed hatteras for a long time dont let it change	ocean city	Maryland
WILLIAM	have had a home at hatteras since 1970, am very interested in whats going on.		
Robert	Have owbed property in Buxton ,NC since June of 1979. Have two married daughters and two grandsons who live on Hatteras Island,NC. Beach closures could impstct their livelihood.	Hagerstown	Maryland
Charlie	Hey, We are the HI (Hatteras HI)guys. How can we help with your logo distribution,etc. We do all kinds of stuff here on Hatteras in support of Beach Preservation.	Buxton	North Carolina
Robert	HI I am retired but not willing to give up to Bird Lawyers and a single isolate . Don't quit until the ammunition is gone and the bayonet is broken . BOB	Buxton	North Carolina
Juana	Hi we live in Ohio and when we take our vacation we always to the Outer Banks. The one thing that brings us back is the beaches, especially the one from Oregon Inlet down. We enjoy the sur fishing and just to enjoy the beach. We have a two week planned this year. We hope that the beaches remain open. We have heard that the beaches are closed already to even surf fishing and swimming, can you let us know if that is true. Thank YOU, Juana	Warren	Ohio
John	I agree with trying to save the environment. However, such restrictions which impact the very lives of the residents in the Outer Banks shows a lack of respect for those who have lived and visited over the years. In todays economy, you can only help those who have been affected.	Sykesville	Maryland
robert	I also have a non rental home in Salvo, NC. Retirement home, almost there, for my joy of having access to the beach for fishing.	Richmond	Virginia
Harry	I also own a home in AVON NC.	Newport News	Virginia
Ralph	I also own a home in Frisco and will continually fight for free acess to the Cape Hatteras National Recreation area.	Richwood	New Jersey
amy	I am in favor of free and open acces.		
scott	I am in favor of free and open access to the Outer Banks. Specifically Ocracoke Island.	Charlotte	North Carolina
Bryan	I am in full support of ORV beach access and other access issues occuring at CHNSRA. What has happened already is illegal to our rights as tax paying citizens. Please let me know what I can do to help fight this.	Richmond	Virginia

Denise	I am so upset, especially now when family getaways from the stresses of the economy and joblessness are crucial. My husband has been enjoying surf fishing in the Park for 30+ years and I have been joining him for the last ten. We have always found our neighbors on the beaches to be respectful, civic minded and most importantly nature loving people. It is time for OUR representatives to protect OUR rights as we were promised when the Park was set aside.	Warsaw	Virginia
Larris	I am the ninth generation of my family on the outer banks. I have family in most of the graveyards on the islands that make up these banks. We were promised free and open access to the beaches and waters around us. Now people who had nothing to do with that promise are trying to break it. This is not right any way that you look at it.	Frisco	North Carolina
Betty	I am very pleased to see this website!!! There are so many folks - living locally, in other states, rental home owners and Hatteras visitors who have been impacted by not allowing ORV access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. Open beach access is essential to the economic growth of the island. My family and many many friends are in support of open beach access!!!	Martinsburg	West Virginia
David	I am willing to do whatever it takes to preserve beach access. With meeting in the middle tactics not Consent Decree do as i say or else tactics. The time for common sense is now!	Yorktown	Virginia
Mark	I appreciate your effort. As a resident, homeowner, and employee of the OBX, I know that this is a vital issue to our way of life. Thank you.	Kill Devil Hills	North Carolina
John	I consider my wife and I responsible people. When driving on beaches we go out of our way to not disturb the environment. I can, almost, guarantee that the vast majority of the beach-loving 4WD people who visit these areas are the same way. It is incumbent upon all of us to report all violations of the 4WD rules and regulations. I suggest that we solicit volunteers to compliment the National Park Service (NPS)in enforcing these rules. The NPS can do only so much.	Kill Devil Hills	North Carolina
Ray	I didn;t know this site existed until a friend sent it to me today. I will do my best to forward it to all concerned.	Annville	Pennsylvania
Jenny	I don't know how the people at Hattaras could survive if the beach accesses are closed. This is how they live and survive. If they and others cannot access the beach what recourse do they have? How will they support their families? How will they live?	new bern	North Carolina
Michael	I enjoy going to the beaches to fish if you are no longer allowed to go to the places I like to fish then there is no reason to go to the beach anymore. I wounder how many people have this same view of things.	Zebulon	North Carolina

Francis	I enjoy the time I spend at the Outer Banks every year when I come to relax & recharge.	Warminster	Pennsylvania
Rob	I feel that as a United States tax payer, I should have the freedom to use the National seashores for recreation without the interference from any organization that wants to inhibit my access or use of those areas.	greer	South Carolina
Pat	I first heard this on CBS news earlier this week...so I looked on the Audubon Society website for more information. I find it quite interesting that the AS has published a study stating they found 305 species of birds have moved their winter range northward by an average of 35 miles because of....(no not ORVs!)... climate change! Please check out: audubon.org/bird/bacc/index.html Could there be a link between piping plovers and climate change? Is it possible the AS published this not realizing what's going on at OBX? Could this page on the AS website be used against them at Reg-Neg?	Greer	South Carolina
Doug	I frequent OBX and Assateague	Newark	Maryland
Kenneth	I fully support free and open access at Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. I firmly believe, as a federal regulator, we will not be successful until we are able to put the concept of Recreation back into the name of the park as it was originally mandated by Congress.	Stafford	Virginia
carl	I GUESS THE CREATURES THAT THESE ENVIROMENTALISTS ARE TRYING TO PROTECT HAVE JUST RECENTLY BEEN DISCOVERED? THESE PEOPLE HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO, IF TRUTH BE KNOWN: THEY ARE PROBABLY TRYING TO GET THEIR GREEDY HANDS ON THE SEASHORE PROPERTYS SO THEY CAN COMMERCIALIZE IT.THERE IS AN UNDERLYING REASON FOR THESE ENVIRO. PUKES TO BE INTERESTED IN SAVING ANIMALS THAT HAVE BEEN HERE FOR 1000S OF YEARS.	chesapeake	Virginia
Mona	I have been coming to Ocracoke, NC for over 35 years with my family as they grew up...teching them about the outer band and why they are so important....we love to fish day and night...we have always come for two weeks and spent between $2000+ every time we are down there....we love it because we can get out on the beaches and now that I am getting older it even means more to me that I can drive on the beach...if the beaches are closed so older people with health problem can not get on the beach...it is just not fare...KEEP THE BEACHES OPEN!!!!!!	Dryden	Virginia
Leo	I have been coming to the out banks for 30 years now both as a family vacation and during the spring and fall for fishing. It is time for the envo's to realize that they have hurt to local ecomony by shutting off beach access to us mobile fishermen/women. As a long time member of NCBBA #1910 I want to help anyway I can to preserve our right to access to the beaches	Harleysville	Pennsylvania

ROBERT	I have been coming to the Outer Banks for the past 36 years. It is an annual fishing trip for myself and other family members and friends. I am a veteran of VietNam and don't appreciate certain group trying to take away what myself and millions of others have and are still fighting for. I hope all my veteran friends will join in another fight to keep the access of ORV open.	CHINA GROVE	North Carolina
Jay	I have been generally following the issues in Cape Hatteras for the last year or more. Three fellow fishermen and I had arranged a surf fishing trip to Ocracoke and Cape Hatteras in April 2008. However, upon hearing of the last-minute beach closures, which were ordered the week before we were to make our trip, we chose to cancel the trip, unfortunately. I know we were among many parties of fishermen that chose to cancel trips to the Outer Banks because of the closures. We were very sorry to have to cancel the trip, and we knew that the economy of the Outer Banks would suffer from the decision to close the sections of beach that are the prime fishing spots. I am very hopeful for the success of the legislation proposed by the North Carolina senators to keep the beaches open and to continue the process of having the National Park Service develop their required vehicle management plan. I had sent messages to the senators of my state to support this legislation, and I will do that again now that this is a new legislative term. Many of us were very dismayed and frankly disgusted by the junk science that was offered by the environmental groups in the defense of the beach closures. I am very glad to see your organization arise, as we, the people, need all the help we can get in the face of minority special interests that seek to exert control over public lands. Thank you, and I look forward to your updates on these issues.	Rehoboth Beach	Delaware
John	I have been going to the Outer Banks and Hatteras beaches since I was a little kid. It would be a shame if people were not allowed to access these beaches. It is the main reason I still go to the Outer Banks.	Chesapeake	Virginia
Christie	I have been vacationing on Hatteras Island for the past 21 years!! I cannot imagine not being able to drive on the beautiful beach..this summer my daughter will finally be old enough to drive on the beach...it has been a lifelong dream...we love it. WE have always, like most users, respected the beach, regarded the signage, the wildlife, I think we can enjoy it and also live harmoniously with the creatures!! Keep driving and enjoying the beach alive!!	Lawrenceville	Virginia
Carlene	I have been visiting the Outer Banks for 35 years, and one of my favorite things to do is drive out on the beach with my family and just spend the day there--fishing, sunning, and playing. I truly hope that this is a tradition that will be allowed to remain for my children, grandchildren, etc.	Carrsville	Virginia

Jim	I have enthusiastically (not necessarily expertly) fished the surf of the Outer Banks every year for the past 34 years. My entire extended family (3 families) enjoyed summer vacations there for 10 years, until last summer, when closures denied us access to our favorite places - so we went elsewhere. The place on the Gulf we chose did not have all we've grown to love about Cape Hatteras, but it was good enough, and easier to get to. That being said, we would return to Hatteras without hesitation if access is restored.	Birmingham	Alabama
Rusty	I have grown up near the Outer Banks and always make it a point to go there. My wife and I even got married at Bodie Lighthouse this past May. Driving on the beach and spending the day with friends has always been a great way to enjoy the summer weather and the ocean and beaches. Its always been part of the OBX lifestyle, driving on the beach... swimming, fishing, and enjoying the ocean with friends and family. I think not allowing people to drive on the beach would be terrible for the economy of the islands. And in this economy... stopping this will only hurt the county further. Thanks for all your doing.	Gatesville	North Carolina
Terry	I have traveled to the Outer Banks since the late 1950's to fish. I am concerned that Cape Hatteras National Seashore will end up like Cape Cod National Seashore. I pay \$150 for a sticker (there is a limited number issued each year) and you have to wait until Aug. first to have access to the few miles of beaches we can access and fish. Prior to Aug. first, we have access to just a couple miles of crowded beach.	East Sandwich	Massachusetts
Georgia	I hope that a compromise will be reached that will allow our beautiful beach to remain open to all who enjoy its bounty and beauty. Keep up the good work and God bless!		North Carolina
thomas	I just hope this will do some good. The seashore was created for the people, not the few elitists.		
Alan	I live in VA but have always gone to Hatteras for recreation. My children were introduced to CHNSRA 28 years ago and taught how to enjoy and respect it. We now have a trailer in Buxton and spend 90% of our recreational time and budget on the island. I'm a NCBBA, CHAC, and OBPA member and contributor to RDT raffles supporting beach access. I write to both VA & NC legislators in support of beach access legislation.	Chesapeake	Virginia
natalie	I love Hatteras island, and have been going down there for 30 years. To me the closing of the beaches and the impact that it has on the local people, is a criminal act. How can you tell a community that has been making their living on the water for generations that they would no longer be able to do that. What and Where are they to do?	portsmouth	Virginia

michele	I love the hattaras island seashore. My family vacations there every year and we love to drive out on the beaches to swim, fish etc. last year we first heard of the problems the island was having. closing down access to the beaches by 4wd's will have an impact on how i look at where we will vacation. we filled out forms last year for a petition to keep the beaches open. i hope you can get enough people to make a difference. It would be a shame to see hattaras island lose what is so special to everyone who lives and visits there. thank you, michele	friedens	Pennsylvania
Robert	I love the out doors and love wild life,but gov't has gone to the extreme to (once again)allow the minority to dictate to large number of people what they can do. R-I-D-I-C-U-L-O-U-S	Basye	Virginia
Stephen	I m new in States I understand you because I live at 10 minutes from an nice small river Coneywago and I have a Canoe , but along 30 miles there is no public access to this river ... I never saw that in the world Its a very bad picture for the States !	York	Pennsylvania
Barry	I own a home in Salvo, N.C. and am very concerned about restrictive access to the Beaches that my family and I love.	Smithfield	Virginia
Ollie	I own a tackle shop. I was fifty percent down last year mostly due the closing of the beaches. Fishermen stated that there was no sense in coming to Hatteras if they could not get to the point to fish. Please help us.	Buxton	North Carolina
Fred	I am willing to do what I can to help preserve beach access.	Avon	North Carolina
Daniel	I really enjoy it when I drive down to fish. I love everything about it, this would be devastating to our State if we were no longer allowed to drive on our public beaches. The shame of it all realy is that our very tax dollars are being used against us in the persuit of the beach closure endeavor. Keep it available for me and for my children.		North Carolina
Scott	I relocated to the OBX 2 years ago. The area is filled with history and a sense of family. The activities for families, the natural beauty of surf and sound and the departure from the real world is indeed the draw to this vacation paradise. For me the draw is the ability to drive my red 1970 VW Dune Buggy on the beach and to see the smiles on the kids when they see it. Where else will a child see this and ask their grandpa what is that? I can almost hear them, as they bend down to that child and say when I was a kid. Our reasons for being here are varried, our love for this place is the same. Please save our beaches and keep them free and open for all to experience and enjoy. Do it for our children... and their children.	Kill Devil Hills	North Carolina

mark	I SAW A PIPING PLOVER ON HIGHWAY 12 LAST WEEK I GUESS THIS MEANS THAT WE SHOULD CLOSE HYWAY 12 (HOW STUPID CAN PEOPLE GET OVER A STUPID BIRD). THERE ARE MORE THING THAT NEED SAVING LIKE OUR SOULS!!!!!!!PRAISE GOD	frisco	North Carolina
Kevin	I started coming down in 1990 and I've not missed a year yet. If they take our beech the Island will never be the same.	St,Michaels	Maryland
Todd	I suggest you sell attractive bumper stickers to help support!	Norfolk	Virginia
Herbert	I support free and open access to the beaches of the Outer Banks National Seashore and Recreation Ares.	Morgantown	West Virginia
Charlotte	I support free and open beaches at the CHNSRA. No special interest group should have the kind of power over the government that, apparently, the Audubon Society and Defenders of Wildlife have. I really think that our freedom is in jeopardy.	Florida	New York
erik	I support the groups fighting for OBX access, but my primary interest is here in Maryland. We are gradually being closed out at AINS...the access/recourse management policies at AINS have been a total failure, but Piping Plover closures continue to get more stringent and frequent. 381 out of 400 Piping Plover were killed by predation in an area totally closed to OSVs last Summer. This has been documented in the press....and this failure of management/DOI policy could serve us well as proof that OSV access is not a primary threat to nesting shorebirds. Erik	berlin	Maryland
Travis	I think that these videos are a great way to make the point.	Frisco	North Carolina
Carol	I was at the meetings in the fifties when Park Service promised NEVER to stop vehicles on the beach, plus maintain our dunes plus pay market price for land. All lies.	Buxton, N. C. 27920-0428	North Carolina
Betty Jo	I was raised enjoying the beautiful beaches of the Outer Banks. I lived on the Outer Banks for twelve years because of the natural beauty. I plan to raise my daughter enjoying the same beautiful beach accesses that I enjoyed as a child. Please keep our beaches accesses open for all to enjoy! Thank You!	Tar Heel	North Carolina
Jim	I was shocked to learn when I visited the Outer Banks (Hatteras) last year that a number of beaches and beach access points were closed. I understand the concern for the wild life but we can not just close the beaches. This has a negative impact on the entire island economy not to mention putting more human impact pressure on the beaches and access areas still open. We must remeber that humns are more important than wildlife this is not say we should be good stewarts of our planet but we must remember that peopel must come first. Thanks JIM	Elizabeth	Pennsylvania

Susan	I work in the vacation industry, like most everyone here does, and we are all scared. To have this issue, compounded by the economy being in dire straights, I just don't know if this island and it's businesses can handle much more. We love our visitors, who love this island too, so every little bit of noise made will make a difference.	Rodanthe	North Carolina
John J.	I would like to return to Cape Hatteras and be able to drive on the beach. This is one of my favorite places to vacation.	Middle Village	New York
William	I would like to see a reasonable weekly beach driving fee of \$36;35.00 I believe this would keep alot of beach cruisers and dumb two wheelers who get stuck and tie up the beach access area off the beaches.	Indiana	Pennsylvania
Josh	I would love to help in any way	Moyock	North Carolina
jimmie	IF THE LITTLE BIRDS ARE INDANGERED; WHY ARE THEY NESTING IN OK?? WHY ARE THE POWERS TO BE TRYING TO MAKE THEM ENDANGERED HERE ON HATTERAS WHEN THEY ARE NESTING ON MOST OF THE SOUTHERN BEACHES?? WHY ARE THE EXPERT WITNESS SO FLAUDED IN THEIR EVIDENCE?? WHY WAS THE COMMETIES SKEWED OR WAS THIS DONE ON PURPOSE??	Buxton	North Carolina
Ben	I'm 39 years old & have been coming to the outer banks every since I was born. My grandparents started bringing my Moms family down in the early 60'S. My mom started bringing us down when we were born & I have been bringing my kids down for the last 21 years. We are very respectful of the beaches & enviroment when we drive on the beach. The ability to drive on the beach has allowed us to bring our step father to his favorite place in the world when he was fighting cancer & could not walk to the ocean. If our rights to the beach are taken away, our family will unfortunetly have to go elsewere for vacation.	Auburn Twp	Ohio
Sam	I'm a web designer/developer and frequently travel to banks monthly. my wife and I would be devistated if our dreams of fishing on the beach out of the truck w/ our children is ruined. We live for our trips to banks and have made so many wonderful friends. Let me know how i can help. Sam	winchester	Virginia
Mary	I'm a working single mom who literally rolls my change all year long to be able to take 4 days in August to vacation on Ocracoke Island.I cried when I got to the stopping point off Ramp 72 and could not reach South Point.I hope and pray that I will be able to get there in 2009.Along with reading Island Free Press I look forward to receiving your newsletter.	Virginia Beach	Virginia
David	I'm also a part time resident of Avon,NC	Richmond	Virginia

Martha	I'm happy to see a centralized website where we can all unite our efforts and stay informed in a timely manner.	Buxton	North Carolina
charles	In 1972 the Post Office issued stamps commemorating the 100th anniv of the National Parks. Check out the 4 stamp block for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It shows the lighthouse,a wreck, birds and surfcasters with their JEEP ON THE BEACH. Just like in the movie Miracle on 34th St. If the Post Office says Santa Claus is real, then the Post Office says beach driving is OK.	kill devil hills	North Carolina
Ken	It is true the government is to be By the People. However, as we have learned recently they are most corrupt in their endeavors (IE) money talks. How do we the people, as a group, bring about a class action law suit against these whackos? Where do they get their funding ? can it be cut off? We must attack now before they have us all living in grass huts. That includes Global warming.	Duncannon	Pennsylvania
Mike	Its a shame that one judges decision can affect so many people. Bird people tried to close logging up here in the mountains a few years ago because of some bats. Found out later that these so called bird people had put these bats here that wasn't even native to the area. We need to fight these people before they make the whole country a zoo. This is what they want. This is not a joke. When they deprive people of their lively hood for a few birds, its getting to be a sick society.	Franklin	North Carolina
Jerry	I've been coming to the Outer Bank seance I was 13 years old I'm 68 now. I vacation there every year for fishing and riding on the beach. Tell those ass wholes to leave our beaches alone. You've got my support.	Deltaville	Virginia
GaeAnn	I've enjoyed driving on the beach to swim, shell, birdwatch and simply relax. I enjoy sharing our beaches with friends who visit. When I owned a motel, I used to take guests out onto the beach and the thrill they experienced seeing Cape Point for the first time was a treat for me as well as for them!!! Last week when a friend and I went to the beach in hopes of finding shells, we spend 3 hours picking up thrash that had come in during the last storm. We treasure or beach and enjoy it, at the same time, we also care about it and try to preserve its beauty and its natural inhabitants. Humans and nature can co-exist in harmony!!! One must realize the only way to get to most of the beaches within the Cape Hatteras Natinal Seashore Recreational Area is to drive on them to get to the water's edge. Our entire economy depends on access to our beaches regardless of the recreational activity. Access can be in harmony with the wildlife and in the 38 years that I've lived here, it has been in harmony without denial to people until recently and that denial has certainly adversely affected business. Keeping people off the beaches at CHNSRA only compounds the national economy situation of today.	Buxton	North Carolina

Veronica	I've lived here nearly 30 years and have seen alot of changes. We need to keep our beaches from further change. Before we know it, we won't be any different than Virgina Beach. I'd really hate to see that happen to our shorelines.	Wanchese	North Carolina
Doug	Job Stimulus, If the government representatives want to create and save hundreds if not thousands of jobs they should really think about how trying to save a dozen or so nesting birds every year is affecting thousands of people and there jobs. I am all for environmental protection but this is insane.	kitty hawk	North Carolina
sterling	keep it going!	kdh	North Carolina
Mandy	keep it open		
Brad	KEEP OUR BEACHES OPEN!!!	buxton	North Carolina
Wray	Keep the beaches open as we as tax payers have the right and priviledge to access what is ours not special interest groups only whom have a their own personal interest in mind and not the persons whom have been raised and those whom have visited and recreated there all of their life. Is it fair for our children to be denied access,NO!!! We have always believed in the preservation of nature as can be proven over and over. We can all live in harmony with each other and nature,thank you.		North Carolina
Steve	Keep up the fight. This is one last enjoyments that bleeding heart liberals want to strip from us. Put sufficient limits and regulations in place but allow free access to the beaches.	Stafford	Virginia
Darlene	Keep up the good fight and get this ridiculous consent decree overruled!!! We support beach access (for humans, ORV's and pets).	Freeport	Pennsylvania
John	Keep up the good work!		
david	Keep up the good work!	Southern Shores	North Carolina
Cindy	Keep up the good work, as a person that can not walk long distances I resent having the only way to get to a public beach being taken away by the government.	Fairton	New Jersey
Joe	Keep up the good work. Open and freebeaches!!!	Bridgeville	Delaware
Elliott	Keep up the good work. The radical enviiormentalest should be made to live and work on the outter banks.	Edenton	North Carolina
john	Legislation or appeal to a higher court would be the only way to resolve this unholy mess.	buxton	North Carolina

Kathy	Let us keep enjoying the beaches we enjoy so much!	Kill Devil Hills	North Carolina
Becky	Let's keep those beaches open for everyone!	Rootstown	Ohio
Tim	Line # 1 is too forgiving. We must take a harder stand and meet in the middle. Line # 1 appears to be a common sense approach and we should start with more proposed access,hold your ground and work toward a compromise at the last minute. The Special interest know you have a lot of heavy hitters behind you.	Kernersville	North Carolina
Robert	Live in NJ have a small place in Buxton, when I can I help with petitions etc.. keep me advised. Thank you... b	Neptune	New Jersey
Jackie	Love this website and how it so beautifully tells the real story of the importance of beach access to everyone.	Kill Devil Hills	North Carolina
carol	my business along with many others will not survive another season of the beaches being closed.	buxton	North Carolina
Charlayne	My family has always had property on the Outer Banks since the 1950's. We own property there now. I cherish my memories of growing up and spending summers camping at Hattaras. Please keep the public beach access open so others can have the memories I now have.	Acworth	Georgia
Jean	My family has been visiting the Cape Hatteras National Seashore for over 25 years. We enjoy being able to access the beach responsibly, and love Cape Point the most. We are planning a trip down in March for my birthday, and again in August for our yearly summer vacation. Please keep us informed as to what we can do to help keep the beaches open to the public. Jean	Waldorf	Maryland

Donna	<p>My family loves the Outer Banks. We started vacationing there in 1995 with my family, my parents, sister and sister-in-law. Since that time everyone in my immediate family has vacationed with us at some point. The Outer Banks was the first and only beach my son has been to. He was 17 months old on our first trip and as a toddler would cry because he didn't want to leave. It is a special place that belongs to all the people to enjoy. The first year we went, my mom wanted to go since she hadn't seen the ocean, but my Dad was working and said he had seen the ocean in Florida and didn't want to go. We got him to go and everyone had a great time. The rental company left an envelope in our house with a card to reserve it for the same time next year with a \$10 deposit. When we were packing up to return home, my Dad said he had the \$10 for the deposit, who wanted to come back the next year. We came every year in the fall until a couple of years ago when the gas prices started rising out of control, and the beach houses increased their rates a lot and we haven't been able to afford to return. We all miss it terribly. We usually came on fall break the first week of October and when that time of the year rolls around it is so hard to stay here. My sister and I say we are having withdrawal symptoms. We need our annual fix. We love the Outer Banks.</p>	Olive Hill	Kentucky
Michael	<p>My fiancée and I just purchased a bed and breakfast on Ocracoke Island. Naturally, we are very concerned about efforts to restrict beach access and support open access whenever possible.</p>	Ocracoke	Virginia
COLLEEN	<p>My husband has been going to NC for over 20 years and I've joined him for the last 12. He as well as I have always enjoyed driving on the beach. Especially after our children were born, we looked so forward to the NC beaches for our 2 week vacation every year. Especially Hatteras and driving to the point. Please, Please, Please save the beaches so my 2 children can have the same great experiences (and maybe take their kids and grandkids) that we had giving to them. We used to love when they were little and loved the sand and dipping their feet in the water. Then after each year they got braver and braver going in the water more and more. But they especially loved the sand and that Daddy and even Mommy could drive on it. There is so much turmoil in the world now, please let people have some relief from the stress of everyday life and enjoy some BEACH ACCESS, BEAUTY AND RELAXATION!</p>	WOOD-RIDGE	New Jersey
Susan	<p>My husband is an avid surf fisherman. Not letting the locals and those who frequent the beaches of Hatteras is ridiculous. Their economy suffers, and all because a handful of people think they know what is best for an area where people have lived for generations. This is destroying the island, and a way of life. Keep the beaches open- they've done it right for at least the last 20 years we've been coming there. Trust the locals.</p>	Raleigh	North Carolina

Sylvia	My livelihood depends on the beaches being kept open. I am a single mom with two kids to support. My children want to go to college and come back here to live. Neither will be possible if I lose my business and my house.	Frisco	North Carolina
Lynn	My passion in life was to retire early and expand my time to surf fish Hatteras Island which I started 46 years ago. Now, much to my dismay, my favorite places--the most productive--for the fish I target is now off limits for a good deal of the year. I have no other hobbies, I have a dedicated vehicle packed and ready to go all the time but now sits in the garage waiting for the prime beaches to open. It's a shame...	Raleigh	North Carolina
Donald	My wife and I have been to the Outer Banks several times. Being able to go off road on the beach is something we enjoy. We got engaged on Oregon Inlet and drove out on the beach. I live in MD and also off road on Assateague Island National Seashore. I believe if the environmentalists win in NC then they are coming north. I know someone who owns an OBX house and his rentals have gone down because people are unable to access the beach to fish. Please keep me informed.	Bowie	Maryland
John	My wife and I have loved our time on the island for the last 27 years. Had planned to move there when I retire in 7 and a half years. Now these folks want to save the beach for the birds and not the people. That's for the birds. I've vacation there for 27 years and have 2 trips planned for this year. Was planning on house hunting the next 2-3 years but if the beaches are closed to people (tax payers) and open to birds I guess I'll continue to live up north and vacation on the island. Hard to believe this crap with the economy in the dumper. Just my .02	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
Dan	My wife and I love the Outer Banks and have made more weekend trips to them over the years than I can count. I proposed marriage to my wife one bright beautiful morning on the beach at Ocracoke. Now that very spot is off-limits to us much of the year. I think that most who visit the Bank's beaches have a very deep reverence and respect for them. They somehow become part of your very being. To suddenly have access taken away creates a sadness deep down inside your soul that simply cannot be described in words. Locals and visitors alike need to unite both in mind and resources to pursue whatever legal and political channels it takes to right this very sad wrong. Thanks for this website. I sure hope it helps.	Virginia Beach	Virginia

Katherine	NC beach access is so important to so many people, but speaking for me, I can almost cry to think I would never be able to go back like we used to. We have been coming down there since the 80's when we could only afford the cheapest hotel, moved up to renting a cottage for a week, then two weeks. When that wasn't enough, we bought a home in 1992 in Brigand's Bay. I have such BEAUTIFULLY fond memories of our son as a baby in a crib on the beach while we fished, then him playing in the sand while we fished, then when he was old enough, he learned to surf fish and ride the waves. We loved how we could move up and down the beach to another spot. We hated crowding up at the point. We liked to spread out and not tangle with other people's fishing lines. If fishing wasn't good at this spot, we could move somewhere else. We were always respectful of the marked off areas, whether they be for tern nesting or saving the dunes or beach grass. With so much that is bad happening in the world today this is something we need to do: keep the beach access open for families to continue to enjoy and build good memories!!!	Prince George	Virginia
jerry	NEVER GIVE UP THE FIGHT FOR OUR BEACHES.	kitty hawk	North Carolina
Rob	Nice Site and Thanks for your Efforts..Rob	Buxton	North Carolina
Annette	Nice site. Keep up the good work.	Nags Head	North Carolina
Melvin	No one group should have complete control over our BEACHES!! Federal money is used in the parks so tax payers should have FREE and OPEN ACCESS. Just my .02 worth. MT	Southmont	North Carolina
Dennis	Our beach access is for people too!	Buxton	North Carolina
carol	Our businesses along the Outer Banks will not survive if the beaches are closed to beach driving again this year. Last year was a total disaster, please don't allow the beaches to be closed this year.	buxton	North Carolina
Melanie	Our family has enjoyed vacationing on the Outer Banks for at least 3 generations.We have enjoyed having open access along the Outer Banks; to fish, to camp, to walk. We were quite disappointed to hear of that access being limited & concerned about the impact that would have on the locals.	Springfield	Virginia
Carolyn	Our family supports efforts to keep the beaches open!	Dover	Delaware

Joel	Our home is in Newport News,VA but consider Buxton and Cape Hatteras our second home. We avidly support all access issues... our time on the beach has provided us with many wonderful friends and memories. We strongly believe the people of the Outer Banks and all users of the National Park have been betrayed by the government. Since the establishment of the CHNSRA the government has slowly but meticulously taken away access to the park.	Newport News	Virginia
David	Outstanding job, glad to see the new attempt at open beaches.	Carlisle	Pennsylvania
greg	people first	camden	North Carolina
Pam	people need access to beaches as well as wildlife. please consider the economic needs of all hatteras residents...	Avon	
Joyce	Please connect yourself to Facebook so those of us who use Facebook and attach your information to our Facebook page and show we are a Fan of the Organization or Support the organization. Those of us who use Facebook are in touch with friends across the United States, good way to get your organization seen.	Manteo	North Carolina
Mary Ellen	Please do something. My husband has worked long and hard to achieve his dream and I support him 100%. He's done everything he could to take care of us and my family. I know that I too deserve to live my retirement dream (living near the ocean) but of all the places we've been the Buxton/Frisco area has been OUR favorite. Please do what you can and don't be afraid to ask for our help. I know Jack was down last June and gave out flyers in the Supermarket parking lot. Please send this on to your friends and co-workers. Look's like we need all the help we can get. I appreciate your efforts, we need that beach! Thank You, Mary Ellen	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
Robert	Please don't let our tradition die.	Durham	North Carolina
Miles	Please don't take the beaches away from the public , I have family their that cannot survive without the money that the tourist put into the economy in the Outer Banks!	Mechanicsville	Virginia
Daniel	Please help us here on Hatteras Island.	Buxton	North Carolina
Kathleen	Please help us keep the beaches open for our recreational park.	Buxton	North Carolina

Nedra R.	Please keep our beaches free and open for ALL to use. This is my home. Narrow minded extremists could care less about saving our way of life. They are bending the truth to the point of absurdity. We are trying to survive in the same way we have for centuries. We honor the wildlife and environment more than those trying to destroy our lives here. Are you aware of those people rounding up massive flocks of Canadian Geese on our Island on a National Refuge and then killing them because there were too many??? How dare they!!!! The piping plover is not an endangered species. They are prolific elsewhere in addition to huge numbers of them can be found on a storm made sand formation in our sound not far from our Islands. All they want is to destroy us!!! Their motives and methods are unacceptable. Shame on them and shame on anyone who supports them.	Frisco	North Carolina
Bonnie	PLEASE keep the beaches open! This is VITAL to the survival of the beach communities.	Raleigh	North Carolina
Karen	Please keep the beaches open! I know how important this subject is as we have similiar issues here in Volusia County in Florida.	New Smyrna Beach	Florida
John P.	Please keep the beaches open. In this economy the people on Hatteras depend on these being open.	Lancaster	Ohio
Diane	Please make sure that Mike Berry's latest letter outlining the abrogation of the reg/neg process by the Audubon Society, Defenders of Wildlife, and others should make them ineligible to sit at the negotiating table.	Buxton	North Carolina
Heather	Please Save our Beaches! Nature gave them to us for enjoyment...how can we enjoy them if our rights are taken away. We all will Save the Beaches, not just environmental groups. Together we all will make a difference. Our economy and job losses will be greatly impacted if the beaches are closed!	Raleigh	North Carolina
mark	send forms	taneytown	Maryland
Louise	Shall send this to others who also love the Outer Banks - we have been loving it since 1962 (before the Bonner bridge was built!) We'll be praying for the Judge to change his mind and give you back your beloved Outer Banks, ESPECIALLY you residents of this lovely place.		Virginia

Charlotte	Since hearing about the beach closures, I'm not sure if it was last year or the year before, I sent out my own letters to family and friends who I knew would be interested/ concerned over the closures. Many of which, I know don't keep up with local news or issues, but people I knew this would effect. People who had lived here but had moved away, but come back to visit, friends who surfed, fished, etc. or vacationed here. I felt the more people who knew the better and I told them to tell their friends. I also urged them to visit the past websites offering info. Much of the info floating around was/is misinforming people. Many people were against it until I told them to check the sites. Finding out that they had unfortunately been misinformed. Being a native surfer, artist, and person who loves the Outer banks, I guess it's time to send out a new letter to inform friends who might not otherwise know what is going on. Many of which live out of state and of course know nothing or little of what is going on. I will try to do my part to help out anyway I can.	Kill Devil Hills	North Carolina
Jim	Since the beach closure I have had a huge decline in business. This closure is ridiculous. Man, the beach and it's creatures have got along fine without the help of the eco- wackos. In this economy we don't need nonsense like this just because some SMALL group likes to watch birds with complete disregard to the harm done to everyone else. Judge Boyle showed his complete disregard to the people of HI with his ruling, shame.	Frisco	North Carolina
Victoria	SO great to see a website up about keeping the beautiful Outer Banks beaches open to all! So many, including myself, were and still are outraged at the beach closures. TRULY hope this website will help!	Smithsburg	Maryland
Gerry	take the last free thing we can do away from use. whats left move to china and try to get our jobs back? stop trying to govern us and do your job of governing your selves try controlling the people who make these stupid rules that prevent us as a group from enjoying the beaches	wahoo	Nebraska
Max	Thank god your doing this	Beaver	West Virginia
Todd	Thank you for being pro-active, our family truly enjoys the beaches of Hatteras Island. We camp at frisco woods and support the local economy. Thanks for giving the people a voice.	chesapeake	Washington

Greg	Thank you for caring, and I will as well as my business be devoted in cause of keeping our beaches free and open to the public. Without the beaches being open with free access, I don't know that my business can sustain itself much longer. As a homeowner and avid outdoorsman my wife and I are as environmentally conscious as any body on the outer banks and would hate to have to leave because of some extremist that don't think that humans and nature can coexist. If some resolution does not come soon we will be forced to sell our property and leave so that we can keep some quality of life. We love these beaches and will do whatever it takes to spread the word to help keep our wonderful island as it is. Thank you for caring.	Buxton	North Carolina
Kevin	Thank you for doing this. Our family has enjoyed the ORV access in Hatteras for decades. So much so we purchased a house in Waves 5 years ago. Let me know how we can help maintain our access! Thank you for doing all that you do.	Chesapeake	Virginia
Scott	Thank you for fighting to keep our access to these great beaches. This public land-grab must be stopped! It is shameful what is being done, most notably, to the good people that have inhabited these islands for generations but also to those of us that have enjoyed visiting the islands and being free to use the beaches for recreational purposes for decades.	North Huntingdon	Pennsylvania
Shaun	Thank you for letting me help in any small way.	Buxton	North Carolina
Paul	Thank you for what you are doing!!	Roanoke	Virginia
Ben	Thank you for your efforts to maintain open access to our beaches.	Pinehurst	North Carolina
Steven	Thank you for your efforts to return management of the CHNSRA to the NPS.	Rockville	Maryland
Mary	Thank you for your help Preserving Access to our island beach.	Buxton	North Carolina
Hilary	Thank you!!!	Richmond	Virginia
Jeff	Thank you, thank you, thank you!	Elizabeth City	North Carolina
Wade	Thanks for all you are doing for open beach access!	New Bern	North Carolina
Scott	Thanks for your time and efforts. If I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to ask. Respectively, Scott	Virginia Beach	Virginia

Barton	Thanks so much for this effort. I have been keeping up with this situation through Island Free Press and the Fish Militia and Red Drum Tackle sites, as well as the Island Free Press. I have been surfing and fishing on the Cape Hatteras beaches for nearly all 40 years of my life and spend all the free time I have throughout the year on the Outer Banks.	Portsmouth	Virginia
Shawn	Thanks!	Sparta	North Carolina
Jim	The beaches belong to the people. There is no valid justification for the consent decree. We have to keep fighting. Thanks for the new venue. Great pictures-which anyone with a history on the Islands could add to. There is no place like it. Jim	Baltimore	Maryland
Dee	The Beaches need to be open for all to enjoy. They are what makes this area so special.	Nags Head	North Carolina
bert	the economy is bad enough , lets not make it worst because of a bird ,peoples livelihood are at stake.	avon	North Carolina
David	The effects of the consent decree & the results of the reg-neg have & will be extremely detrimental to the economy & lifestyle of current residents. This has been shown in no better way than your videos of local residents & businessmen/women. We are being steam-rolled into oblivion by environmental groups that are doing so with no science - only an agenda of no humans allowed. We are a test case for the rest of the national parks & seashores. If they are successful here, they will immediately attack other areas to prevent human access to the very areas that have been set aside specifically for human activity. This is nothing short of a land-grab.	Buxton	North Carolina
diana	The equine access to CHNSRA is an unparalleled glory along the the East Coast. Every year I come uniquely to ride the beach with the Equine Adventure trail rides. The horses are well cared for and responsive, the trail meandering thru the back marsh land lovely, and then like the rising sun is the beach breaking open before you to run you horse in its full glory. As a supporter of national parks I consider responsibly lead trail rides to these empty beaches fundamental to why CHNSRA was established. If the ponies of Chincoteague are allowed to run wild why shouldn't responsible trail rides be permitted. It is national heritage for all to experience.	glen echo	Maryland
Deborah	The government has taken everything else away from us. Now you want to take the very land away too? We have less and less money to take vacations and we frequent these beautiful places. How is it you can take this away? Let us have our beaches and boat launches and public parks and forest preserves. What on earth is left? Truly, Deborah		

michael	The interim NPS plan was working-the public-taxpayers were accepting it-go with it!	avon	North Carolina
Ginny	The Outer Banks are a beautiful, fragile environment that is found no where else on earth. Those of us who frequent the Banks treasure and respect this. I know from personal experience that the people who drive on the OBX beaches do so to be a part of something special, not to destroy the dunes and wildlife. We need to stop the lies that outsiders are telling about the way fishermen and ATV drivers act out there. We go out there to be a part of nature and get away from civilization. We need to fight to keep the beaches open so that future generations can experience a place that we love. There is nothing better for the soul than to stand on one of the OBX beaches, without another person around, and feel the wind in your face and hear nothing but the sea rolling in.	Raleigh	North Carolina
Chip	The Outer Banks is the only place my family and I go to every year for vacation we love it there it would be very dishearten to us and to alot of other families who can no longer use the beaches for their vacation on the Outer Banks. Remember what the (chnsra) was for we have rights to.	millsboro	Delaware
Amber and David	The outer Banks just would not be the same without public beach access. Our family visits every year and we just love it. We think by closing these it could possibly hurt tourism! Our family makes a day of fishing at the inlets! Thank you for your attention on this matter! Amber and David	Uniontown	Ohio
Beth	The peoples land, our land, land of the free	Hatteras	North Carolina
Kimberly	The reason we love the OBX so much is that we can drive on the beach, walk on the beach, run on the beach.	Pasadena	Maryland
Doug	The videos on the home page are a great idea. Maybe this spring, when the fishermen and tourists return, many more videos could be recorded. Record the videos on the beach or using stores as backdrops. These could be 60 seconds or less with the subject saying what they love about Hatteras and how sad they are that misguided environmentalists want to restrict access.		
Steven	There is a petition that has over 12,000 signatures supporting free and open access to CHNSRA. Please contact me if it would be of any use for your site or if a link is needed. Thanks again for your efforts!	Rockville	Maryland
Jim	This Consent Decree is going to be the death of this Island and it's economy before it's all over, taking into consideration that we're in a recession, the likes of which we haven't seen in scores of years.	Avon	North Carolina
Donald	This is a Federal Recreation park, Please keep it open for all to enjoy. ORV's are not hurting the beach. But Defenders Of Wildlife are killing the villages.	Greensboro	North Carolina

Robert	This is a great cause... We do need to keep the beaches open. Open access for all to enjoy.	Troy	Virginia
sandy	this is a great way to keep us informed and get us involved! Thanks!	manteo	North Carolina
Eric	this is a very special place...we don't want to run over birds or turtles... we just want to go out to the point and surrounding environs to fish	Charlottesville	Virginia
maria elena	This is an incredible article with such valuable information. How sad that those that don't live here are trying to undermine a gracious and tranquil way of life.	nags head	North Carolina
Ed	This section of coast was set aside for the public to enjoy. Closing the beaches is just plain wrong. I drive 8 hours fom West Virginia, pay for saltwater fishing license and then am told I can't fish half of the beaches because of some birds.	Cross Lanes	West Virginia
Allison	This site is wonderful and offers lots of information to it's visitors that maybe they where not aware of to begin with.	Grandy	North Carolina
Michael	This would be an absolute tragedy.	Jacksonville	Florida
Martha	Today as I was accessing Facebook , my attention was caught by an ad on the right column of the pageProtect NC's Coast I clicked on it, it took me to http://ncconservationnetwork1.org/campaign/beachdriving_fb which is a website that misleads people about the beach access issue.At the head of that page, when you click on Issues, there is a place to join their FACEBOOK page. I think we should also have a Facebook page to counter this. I clicked a thumbsdown on their facebook ad for being misleading.	Buxton	North Carolina
Jerry	Too bad people don't get this excited about America. Bring back America,and we wouldn't have this crap in the first place. It's not only Hatteras,it's the entire country that suffers form such Political Ignorance,and incompetence.	Kill Devil Hills	North Carolina
Sam	Unfortunately, with the change in the US Congress and in the White House, your task is going to get even more difficult, but there are thousands of us that support your cause and will work to help in ways we can. Bravo to you for your efforts!	Virginia Beach	Virginia
jim	very good website; one that will pay dividends for Cape Hatteras access... Thanks..	greensboro	North Carolina
steve	very nice site, great presentation of the issue i hope that we can defeat the 'green machine'. i'm with you all the way. steve	severna park	Maryland
Robert	Very Well Done- Thank You	Warrenton	Virginia

Beverley	WE all have the right to be able to enjoy beach access, just as long as we're responsible, and go by any and all restrictions, our environmentalists aren't the only ones that should be heard!! We too have a voice!	Elizabeth City	North Carolina
Robert&Jacqueline	We both strongly feel the beaches should be recreational.We vacationed here for 30+years and were fortunate enough to move to Manteo in 2006 when we retired.People on the Outer Banks have always been conservationists and don't need outside organizations dictating how things should and should not be. What is happening with the wild life being killed is criminal. We support your efforts.	Manteo	North Carolina
Brad	We enjoy ridding on the beach and fishing and other activites. also the family bonding that happens while we are there. we have many memories there and want to continue to make them. so please keep the beaches open.	elizabeth city	North Carolina
Mike	We have been enloing the Island since 1963 and hate whats happening. Let me know what I can do to help as we are still going to continue come down 10-12 times a year.	Chester	Virginia
Holly	We have co-existed with the wildlife here for a very long time. One of the things that makes this such a special place is that we get the chance to see the wildlife in their natural habitat. I have never met anyone visiting or living here that didnt have reverence and awe for the creatures that live here. The creatures came despite the fact that we have been driving on the beach for decades and I dont believe they will dissappear if we continue to do so. The only thing that will dissappear is the revenue that comes from all the visitors.	Buxton	North Carolina
Larry	We have donated money and time, but whateever else we can do we will.. Damn the torpedos full speed ahead ...	avon	North Carolina
Danny	We love visiting Hatteras Island and it's natural beauty.However one of the reason for our 10 hr trek is to be able to drive the beach. If that is restricted,then we would probably find another vacation destiny.Please do not allow this to happen.	Bluefield	West Virginia
jimmie	WE NOW KNOW HOW THE INDIANS WERE TREATED!	buxton	North Carolina
Elizabeth Ann	We retired here hoping to be fishing on the beach instead of worrying about where on earth are we going to find a place to fish with all of these darned closures. Shame on you all.	Buxton	North Carolina
susan	We vacation in the Waves/Salvo area each year. We are from PA and enjoy your quiet, clean beaches. If beach access were to be restricted, we would have to go elsewhere. What is the point of a beach vacation when you can't go to the beach because of some stupid birds. This is especially ridiculous in our present economy, unless the birds will be paying higher rent for their beachfront nesting sights than the current vacationers bring in. Thanks	New Cumberland	Pennsylvania

Deane & Nancy	We're pulling for you!!!	Puyallup	Washington
Kevin	When do we sue?	Buxton	North Carolina
David	You have my continue support...Dave OPBA, NCBBA	Newton	North Carolina
Dewey	Your web-site is great. I will do my best to let others know about it. I thank you along with The Tourist Bureau, and County Commissioners for engaging in this activity. Will list you immediately on my website. If you are ver down this way give me a call so I can meet you.	Buxton	North Carolina
Michael	ZIP CODE 27107 I been enjoying the Banks for 25+ years. Fishing isn't as good as it used to be but the adventure and beauty are still the best. Free access is our deeded right. If I can help I will be happy to. I have sent in letters to my Congresswoman and Senator as well as the State Rep's. Took my 10 year old grandson out this year for his first week with the Boys at the banks and he had a blast. I just hope he gets to take his sons and grandchildren someday.	Winston Salem	North Carolina