

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

August 3, 2007

The Honorable Mary A. Bomar  
Director  
National Park Service  
1849 C Street, NW (MS 3316)  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Director Bomar:

We are writing to you today regarding public access to one of North Carolina's most treasured sites, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The July 17, 2007, ruling by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina has brought into question the ability of visitors and residents to access the Cape Hatteras National Seashore with off-road vehicles, as they have done for generations.

In light of the recent court ruling, off-road vehicle use and beach access is a concern for everyone who enjoys and benefits from recreation along the Outer Banks. Furthermore, the fact that there are several other recreation areas across the country which lack an off-road vehicle policy ensures that this will be a recurring issue for the National Park Service. It is clear that this uncertainty will need to be addressed, and we request that you share with us your short-term and long-term plans, as well as a timeline, for responding to the ruling.

We appreciate your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Richard Burr  
United States Senator



Elizabeth Dole  
United States Senator



Walter Jones  
United States Congressman

cc: David Bernhardt, Solicitor