

## Comparison of Alternatives Table

Alternative	No Action Alternative	Alternative 1	Alternative 2 NPS Preferred	Alternative 3	CHAPA - 8/2015 Recommendations Confirmed 3/2016
<b>Morning beach openings</b>	All beaches would continue to open to ORV use at 7:00 a.m.	Open priority routes (Ramps 2, 4, 25, 27, 43, 44, 48, 49, 70, and 72) at 6:30 a.m. All non-priority routes open at 7:00 a.m.	Priority routes (same beaches as in alternative 1) open at 6:00 a.m. May, June July; open at 6:30 a.m. August and September; open at 7:00 a.m. Oct–Nov. 15 All non-priority routes open at 7:00 a.m.	Priority routes (same beaches as in alternative 1) open at 6:00 a.m. All non-priority routes open at 7:00 a.m.	Same as Alternative 3 (ramps 25, 27, 70 were not requested as priority). Also recommended routes remain open until 10:00 pm.
<b>Seasonal ORV routes</b>	No change from existing management Villages/Ocracoke campground open seasonally to ORVs (Nov 1–Mar 31) ; Routes not at villages (Sep 15 – Mar 15)	Extend seasonal ORV use two weeks in spring and fall in front of Villages and Ocracoke campground (Oct 15–Apr 14)	Same as alternative 1 (Oct 15– Apr 14)	Extend seasonal ORV use by four weeks in spring and fall in front of Villages and Ocracoke campground (Oct 1–Apr 30)	Same as Alternative 3, plus extend seasonal routes not at villages to Sep 1 – Apr 30.
<b>Vehicle-free areas</b>	No change from existing management	Restore Ramp 2 and use Ramp 59, extending each existing year-round ORV route approximately 0.5 mile in both locations	Same as alternative 1, plus: VFA south of Ramp 23 (1.5 miles) would be redesignated as a seasonal ORV route; a portion of the VFA north of Ramp 34 (1 mile) would be redesignated as a seasonal ORV route, and Ramp 45 designated as a park road	Same as alternative 2, except: the entire VFA at Ramp 34 (north) would be redesignated as a seasonal ORV route (2 miles)	Same as Alternative 3, plus: Redesignate VFAs at ramp 1 south(.5 mi), Bodie Island spit (.75 mi), ramp 43 north (.6 mi), ramp 45 west (1.3 mi) as seasonal ORV routes; ramp 48 east (.5 miles) as year round.  Redesignate ramp 23 north (.5 mi currently designated as seasonal) as year round route.
<b>Access improvements</b>	None	Road improvements and parking area installation at Bitter Wash Creek and Devil Shoals Road sites; both are designated as park roads	Same as alternative 1, plus: Extend bypass road north to Ramp 44 for 0.4 mile, and install a parking area near Ramp 45	Same as alternative 2	Same as Alternative 2,(parking area at ramp 45 was not requested) plus: Provisions for temporary ORV corridor from Ramp 45 to Cape Point when conditions prevent access from the east beach and when risk to wildlife not present; Ssoundside access on Bodie Island.
<b>Permits</b>	7-day, annual by calendar year	Annual by date of issue, 7-day permit, and 14-day permits available	Annual by date of issue, and 10day permits available	Annual by date of issue, 3day, 7-day, and 14-day permits available	Same as Alternative 2
<b>Total VFA and ORV route mileage</b>	28 miles of year-round ORV routes 13 miles of seasonal ORV routes 26 miles of VFAs	29 miles of year-round ORV routes 13 miles of seasonal ORV routes 25 miles of VFAs	29 miles of year-round ORV routes 15 miles of seasonal ORV routes 23 miles of VFAs	29 miles of year-round ORV routes 16 miles of seasonal ORV routes 22 miles of VFAs	26.7 miles of year round of year round Oceanfront ORV routes , 19 miles of seasonal ORV routes, 18.5 mi of VFAs. (NPS year round routes include 2.8 miles which are not Oceanfront access)