

TABLE 1. ALTERNATIVES SUMMARY

Alternative	No-Action Alternative	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
Morning beach openings	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.
Seasonal ORV routes	No change from existing management Villages/Ocracoke campground open seasonally to ORVs (Nov 1–Mar 31)	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)
Vehicle-free areas	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)
Access improvements	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
Permits	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 10-day permits available	Annual by date of issue, 3-day, 7-day, and 14-day permits available
Total VFA and ORV route mileage	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