



Purpose of the Plan

Purpose is a broad statement of the overarching goal that the National Park Service intends to fulfill by taking action.

The purpose of this action is to establish a Dune Shack District Preservation and Use Plan that provides clear direction and consistency for NPS managers, dune shack dwellers, users, and advocates.





Need for the Plan

Need is a discussion of existing conditions, problems that need to be remedied, decisions that need to be made, and policies or mandates that need to be implemented.

Need answers the question “Why is action is being taken at this time?”

Action is needed at this time to provide for the long-term protection of the historic district as a whole, including the structures, cultural landscape, and natural environment.

A sustainable plan is needed that is economically feasible, conforms to applicable law and NPS policies, and can be implemented with available federal administrative instruments. Examples of these instruments are long-term leases up to 20 years and short-term permits.



Plan Objectives

Objectives are “what must be achieved to a large degree for the action to be considered a success” (NPS Director’s Order 12 Handbook).

- Continue to provide the opportunity for contemplative solitude in support of art and literature.
- Support long-term relationships as ethnographic values highlighted in Robert Wolfe’s report, “Dwelling in the Dunes.”





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- Provide appropriate opportunities for the public to experience the themes and resource values of the district.



- Take advantage of partnership opportunities where appropriate.



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- Minimize interference with the natural dune processes that are part of the overall dune system.
- Describe preservation maintenance practices and consultation processes between the national seashore and dune shack occupants that will protect the historic structures and adhere to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.