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Expect Temporary Delays on NC 12 in Cape Hatteras National Seashore's Bodie Island District for Next Several Months

Superintendent Mike Murray announced today that in mid-February contractors from multiple agencies including the National Park Service (NPS), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the United States Navy, will begin construction projects including resurfacing of NC 12 in the Bodie Island section of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The projects include:

- Replacement of drainage pipes along NC 12 by NCDOT
- Preparation of road shoulders for widening NC 12 by NCDOT
- Removal of several buildings associated with operation of an existing radio tower by the US Navy
- Paving of NC 12 from Whalebone Junction south to Highway 1234 (Old Oregon Inlet Road) by the FHWA
- Paving of the Bodie Island Lighthouse Road and parking areas
- Replacement of the water line from Highway 1243 to the Bodie Island Lighthouse

Beginning Monday, February 14, 2011, the section of NC 12 just south of Whalebone Junction Visitor Center to the intersection of SR1243 (Old Oregon Inlet Road) will be closed to traffic for approximately 30 days and all traffic will be detoured to SR 1243 during this period. A single lane of traffic will reopen on NC 12 as soon as possible. In addition, on February 21, 2011, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will begin construction along NC 12 from SR 1243 to the Oregon Inlet Bridge. This section of road will be open to single lane traffic.

The total road construction project from Whalebone Junction to Oregon Inlet Road will extend from February 14, 2011 through May 27, 2011. Motorists may encounter temporary traffic delays of up to 20 -30 minutes for north and southbound lanes while the projects are being conducted.

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