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### Preserving Public Access to Cape Hatteras Beaches Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Mar 7, 2013

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 180.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 180. (Sep 10, 2013)

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 23, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2954	Related bill	<b>Feb 10, 2014:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
113 HR 819	Related bill	<b>Jul 9, 2013:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 106.

Preserving Public Access to Cape Hatteras Beaches Act - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to review and modify wildlife buffers in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area in North Carolina.

Requires the Secretary, in modifying such wildlife buffers, to: (1) ensure that they are of the shortest duration and cover the smallest area necessary to protect a species, and (2) designate pedestrian and vehicle corridors around areas of the National Seashore closed because of wildlife buffers to allow access to areas that are open.

Requires the Secretary to determine appropriate buffer protections for species that are not listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, but that are identified for protection under state law.

Instructs the Secretary to undertake a public process to consider the following changes to the final rule: (1) opening beaches at the National Seashore that are closed to night driving restrictions, (2) extending seasonal off-road vehicle routes for additional periods in the Fall and Spring if off-road vehicle use would not create resource management problems at the National Seashore, and (3) modifying the size and location of vehicle-free areas.

Requires the Secretary to construct new vehicle access points and roads at the National Seashore: (1) as expeditiously as practicable, and (2) in accordance with applicable management plans for the National Seashore.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 10, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Wyden with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 113-102.
- **Sep 10, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 180.
- **Jun 18, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 23, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 113-27.
- **Mar 7, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 7, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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