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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Robin Mann, Chair  
Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 1757  
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

Dear Ms. Mann:

Thank you for your letter dated February 3, 2012, concerning the request to conduct a Fourth of July fireworks display from the Avon Pier.

The National Park Service (NPS) is open to the use of the Avon Pier for the proposed fireworks display, subject to the approval of the pier operator. While we are not able to authorize the discharge of fireworks from Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches because of safety and resource protection concerns, we can issue a special use permit to allow the transport of the fireworks across park land onto the pier to be discharged outside the park boundary (i.e., beyond the mean low water mark) over State jurisdictional waters. The transport, storage, and discharge of the fireworks would need to be in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, permits, and safety requirements, subject to NPS liability insurance requirements, and subject to the on-site safety inspection and direction of the Dare County Fire Marshal.

Hopefully, this approach is workable for all involved. The event organizer may begin the permitting process by contacting NPS Special Park Uses Coordinator Steve Thompson, whose contact information is: [steve\\_d\\_thompson@nps.gov](mailto:steve_d_thompson@nps.gov) or (ph) 252 473-2111 x121.

Sincerely,

*Michael B. Murray*

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Superintendent

cc: Congressman Walter B. Jones

