**ASSATEAGUE ISLAND INITIAL MAIL CONTACT**

Dear Assateague Island National Seashore Visitor,

This study will develop information about Oversand Vehicle Zone use and expectations and preferences of visitors to the zone at Assateague Island National Seashore. The results will assist in the upcoming General Management Planning process by providing information that will inform decision-making about the future management of the Oversand Vehicle Zone and backcountry areas at the National Seashore.

The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. You are one of a select number of park visitors sampled, and your opinions are very important to the success of this project.

Reports from this study will summarize findings across all responses so that individual answers will not be associated with you in any way. Your contact information is kept only so we can record who has returned a survey. After the survey is completed, all contact information will be destroyed.

After you have finished the survey, please put it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope and place it in any U.S. mailbox. Or, if you prefer, you can access the survey online at:

[www.XXXXX](http://www.XXXXX).

Your user name: XXX

Password: XXXX

Thank you for your time and cooperation in completing the survey. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Bransford, Eppley Institute at Indiana University, 501 N. Morton St., Suite 101, Bloomington, IN 47404; (812) 856-3870.

Sincerely,

Trish Kicklighter, Superintendent

Assateague Island National Seashore