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National Park Service to Repair Parking Lots at Toms Cove Recreational Beach

BERLIN, Maryland: Superintendent Trish Kicklighter today announced that funds have been requested to fully repair all parking at the Toms Cove Recreational Beach in the Virginia District of Assateague Island National Seashore. The parking lots sustained damage from overwash caused by Hurricane Irene this past August.

Limited parking was restored prior to the Labor Day weekend and, since then, additional spaces have been cleared and repaired. Although reduced from the usual amount, adequate beach parking will be available through the off-season. According to Maintenance Chief Ish Ennis, approximately 350 parking spaces are ready for use, and will be kept open through the fall and winter.

“Given the susceptibility of the Toms Cove beach to winter storms, it just doesn’t make sense to repair all of the parking at this point,” said Kicklighter. “Come spring, our staff will begin work on the other damaged lots in preparation for the busy season. I’m confident we’ll have the full amount of parking ready for next summer’s beach goers.”

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