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**IN REPLY REFER TO:
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May 24, 2007

Dear Interested Party:

The Keeper of the National Register has made the determination that the Dune Shacks of the Peaked Hill Bars Historic District does not qualify as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) under the National Register. Regardless of the decision, we are committed to the protection of the historic district for present and future generations. As we move forward in planning for future preservation, the National Park Service (NPS) will consult with interested parties, and we will consider the elements that made the district eligible for listing in 1989, as well as the values highlighted in the ethnographic report, *Dwelling in the Dunes*.

We are working with the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission on the reconstitution of a Dune Shack Subcommittee, with Rich Delaney as the chair. I have attached the 12/15/06 subcommittee proposal presented to Ron Kaufman, commission chair, for your information. With the addition of a Truro representative, this letter gives you a good idea of the starting place for the work of the subcommittee. The charge of this group will be to work with the NPS to develop a long-term plan that is sustainable. It must be economically feasible, conform to NPS policies and be able to be implemented with federal administrative instruments. This planning process will include consultation between the NPS and interested parties.

I am enclosing: a copy of the notice from the Keeper of the National Register, Jan Matthews; a copy of the press release; the transmittal document to me from the Acting NPS Regional Director; and a copy of the 12/15/06 subcommittee proposal to Ron Kaufman. Part of the responsibility of the subcommittee will be to host public meetings to explore various topics related to the dune shacks to help to develop the long-term plan. We will notify you of these meetings and invite you to attend and/or provide input as alternatives and recommendations are developed.

Please feel free to call me at 508-349-3785 x 203 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

George E. Price, Jr.
Superintendent