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**IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Dear Sir/Madame:

The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce the release of the Herring River Restoration Project Joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (draft EIS/EIR) for public review. A copy of the draft EIS/EIR is enclosed. The draft EIS/EIR is also available electronically on the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CACO>.

The Herring River flood plain, in Wellfleet and Truro and lying partially within Cape Cod National Seashore, is a large and complex area that has been impacted by more than 150 years of human manipulation, the most substantial being the construction of the Chequessett Neck Road Dike at the mouth of the river in 1909. Just as the current degraded state of the river is the combined effect of many alterations occurring over many years, the draft EIS/EIR describes plans for restoration of the river requiring multiple, combined actions to return it to a more fully functioning natural system.

We welcome your comments on the draft EIS/EIR. You may submit comments on the document electronically through the PEPC website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CACO>. Written comments may also be mailed to Cape Cod National Seashore, Herring River Draft EIS/EIR, 99 Marconi Site Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667. Additionally, we invite comments at a public meeting to be held on Thursday, November 8, 2012 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Wellfleet Senior Center/Council on Aging, 715 Old King's Highway, Wellfleet, MA.

The draft EIS/EIR will be available for public review for 60 days, beginning October 12, 2012 and concluding December 12, 2012. Thank you for your interest and participation in the development of the Herring River Restoration Project draft EIS/EIR.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent