



Division of Parks and Recreation
NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

Governor Roy Cooper

Secretary D. Reid Wilson

October 28, 2022

Friends of Jockey's Ridge
P.O. Box 358
Nags Head, NC 27959

Dear Friends of Jockey's Ridge:

Thank you for contacting the North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation regarding your concerns about a potential museum proposed by the Rogallo Foundation that they wish to locate at Jockey's Ridge State Park.

The Division has collected information regarding the proposal, considered it, and discussed it with leadership of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, which oversees the Division and our properties. While we remain interested in telling the story of the Rogallos and low speed flight as part of our educational mission, the Department does not support proceeding with a lease of property to the Foundation or construction of a museum at Jockey's Ridge. The Secretary is concerned about the size and scope of the proposed museum and its effect on both the natural landscape and the limited acreage available in the vicinity of the visitor center for recreational and other uses by the Park. The Secretary is also concerned that the proposal does not meet various legal requirements affecting the property, including the purposes of the constitutional and statutory provisions establishing the State Nature and Historic Preserve, of which Jockey's Ridge is a designated component. There are also concerns about the appropriateness of leasing public land to a private entity whose mission and objectives may vary from those of the Division, and with recently expressed public opposition to the proposal.

Thank you for your ongoing support for Jockey's Ridge and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

Dwayne Patterson
Director, North Carolina State Parks

cc: Secretary Reid Wilson, N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Joy Greenwood, Park Superintendent, Jockey's Ridge State Park