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Buck Island National Monument News Release

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High Surf Advisory

Buck Island Reef National Monument –

Buck Island Reef NM (BUIS) is under a high surf advisory as of today October 30, 2019. Buck Island remains open to the public however, the National Park Service advises visitors to exercise caution as Alert VI/VITEMA has issued a high surf advisory for the territory beginning 10/29/19 and ending on 11/01/2019.

Buck Island Reef facilities including the pier (administrative use/emergency), Underwater Trail and SCUBA moorings, beach picnic areas, rest rooms, and Hiking trail will remain open to the public use during day light hours. Anchoring area off West Beach is being impacted by swells however anchoring remains restricted to Anchoring Area.

A high surf warning indicates that dangerous waves can be expected approaching the island from the north. The swells will pound into the shoreline and can cause severe undertow along the beach and shoreline. This can result in hazardous conditions and in some cases life-threatening conditions for boaters and bathers.

On November 2, 2019, the parks will conduct an assessment to review any damage to park facilities, natural resources and announce any further advisories.

Thank you for your support and understanding. For further information please contact Superintendent, Gregory_camacho@nps.gov or Acting Supervisory U.S Park Ranger, Gabriel_laurenicin@nps.gov 340-773-1460.

