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## Isolated NC beach community may be evacuated

**RALEIGH, N.C.** Officials in one North Carolina county are considering ordering an evacuation of an area that's reachable only by four-wheel drive vehicles on a beach road as Hurricane Earl threatens the state's coast.

Currituck County has a 12-mile-long area known as Carova that has no paved roads. Emergency Management Director Mary Beth News says officials are considering an evacuation of that area, which has about 800 homes and about 100 full-time residents.

Farther south, the National Park Service is closing visitor centers in Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and Wright Brothers National memorial at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Earl's strongest winds are expected to reach the coast Thursday night into Friday morning.