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Notes from conf call 10.25.05 2:00 p.m. MT, Sandy Hamilton, Wally Hibbard, Mary Doll, Sherri Fields, Dana Otto re development of preliminary alternatives for public scoping.

Group reviewed draft from Dana, agreed to think about it further overnight, Sherri will forward matrix she worked on before to Dana. Goal is to make it easier for public to distinguish differences among preliminary alts.

Agreed to change designation to preliminary conceptual alternatives since are and will not be fully developed into alternatives for detailed analysis until after input from public scoping.

Wally expressed concerns that in present form would be hard for some of public they heard from at informational meetings to see how alts respond to their concerns for management

to be less rigid, more reactive, and friendlier. They may think these are worse than what we did before. It may have been not helpful to have given people at the meetings the impression that management under a plan would be less rigid etc. Sandy asked for clarification of what less rigid, more reactive, friendlier management would look like, response was it would be smaller areas closed in April, and then the park would wait to react if more aggressive monitoring showed birds nesting. Friendlier means escorts, if used, would not be law enforcement (with guns). Public had concern that closing large areas for piping plover to nest in allowed other birds to nest there and then areas had to be closed to protect their nests, even if plover didn't use the area, hence the desire for fewer/smaller areas closed for plover to discourage other birds. Question: do the other birds have adequate nesting area in the interior (inside the ORV corridor). Answer from Mary: would need to ask resource staff, but she thinks they would need feeding areas and pedestrians would need to be kept out of the interior areas so they could nest without repeated disturbance. Wally heard at info meetings that people think park is trying to be deceptive to close areas for plover purposely to let other birds nest in them and then protect those nests, chicks. Unresolved issue discussed: Doesn't protecting wild life per the Organic Act involve providing for breeding areas for these other birds so that they can nest and raise young?

Group agreed to discuss rework of preliminary alts to be provided by Dana

at 7:00 MT tomorrow (Wed), and will persist until something is agreed on for the public scoping meetings.

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