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Subject: 2 things

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Thayer,

- 1) I have asked Cyndy to set up a meeting/conf call with RM, LE and Maintenance staff to discuss/coordinate prenesting closures. Before the call, please have Britta and crew make a basic list of the likely bird nesting sites that are away from the spits and Cape Point/South Beach and that will warrant effort to being sure the ORV corridor is well delineated. We can assign others to check current posts and mark those sites, but without a list of where the sites area, it will be difficult to assign it to anyone to do it. (A simple list would be better than a complicated list).
- 2) A frequent comment in the ORV workbooks is that all NPS employees going into resources closures should be readily identifiable as NPS employees. I suspect that this is a reference to the past practice of new bio-techs wearing a hodgepodge of personal clothing until their uniforms arrive and some still wearing a hodgepodge of outerwear even if/when they have a uniform (e.g., wearing a personal raincoat over their uniform). With the likelihood that there will be more significant closures this year, I think the concern has some validity, at least from the public perception aspect. I think a simple solution would be for you (or your staff) to order some sort of standardized field vest, in a consistent color, with "NPS" in bold letters stenciled on the back, that staff without uniforms could wear over their personal clothing when they are entering resource closures so it is more obvious that they are park employees. Without some sort of uniformity (such as an NPS uniform or a clearly identifiable vest), then we are setting ourselves up for handling numerous nuisance calls, complaints and reports of unauthorized persons entering the closures. (Color, style and functionality don't matter to me. Uniformity and consistent use of some sort of identifying clothing does matter to me.) Please come up with a cost effective solution or figure out a way that the new staff can borrow uniform shirts to get by until their uniform order arrives.

Thanks,

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