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CONVERSATION

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I had a brief conversation with John Kanter, asking him to describe the field protocol that the state of New Hampshire used for the management of piping plovers. Below is his response.

The State of New Hampshire manages piping plovers on state parks and a municipal beach, following the 50 m (164 ft) protocol of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Piping Plover recovery plan. The State and Federal Endangered Species Acts are the most relevant legislation; however, they do not specifically describe buffer management. Plovers are buffered from human activities by way of predator and human exclosure fencing. Predator exclosure fencing is installed after eggs are laid, is not moved once installed, and is 10 feet in diameter around each nest. Human symbolic exclosure fencing extends across the length of dunes. The distance from the symbolic and predator fence does occasionally vary with topography.

Written by John Walsh