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Subject: Re: ORV Alts Matrix comment

Okay with me. (I had lost track of where the information on "essential vehicles" was located.)

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Re: ORV Alts Matrix comment
(Document link: Mike Murray)

Hi Mike,

Essential vehicles are addressed in the common to all alternatives section of Chapter 2 along with other actions which do not differ among the alternatives (except in the matrix we do include the boat launch information, and the general statement that ORV can only access designated routes/areas). In the interest of simplicity, perhaps we should footnote the matrix on the first page with the statement "This matrix is designed to display differences among alternatives, and actions common to all alternatives are not included in it. Actions common to all alternatives can be viewed on pp. xx-xx." We would move the other two common to all actions out of the matrix into the common to all page.

Including them all in the matrix will make it even longer and, I think, contribute little. What do you think?

Sandy

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ORV Alts Matrix comment

Sandy,

It has come to my attention that we have not identified procedures for "Essential Vehicles" in the ORV Management Alternatives Matrix. We should add a section (i.e., a row) to the table and use the approach from the Interim Strategy (FONSI, p. 40), which is:

Essential Vehicle Use

Essential vehicles allowed in closures subject to guidelines in Essential Vehicles section of Appendix G of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Atlantic Coast Population, Revised Recovery Plan (USFWS 1996a, as cited in the strategy/EA).

In the event of an emergency, the protection of human life takes precedence over all other management activities. To the extent practicable, emergency response vehicle operators will consult with trained resources management staff regarding protected species before driving into or through resource closures; however, prior consultation may not always be practical.

Essential vehicles will avoid driving within turtle nest closures.

Thanks,

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