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Britta,

Thayer provided some suggested edits to an earlier version of Table 10 than the one you and I were working on, but I neglected to reconcile his suggestions with our version. Most of his suggestions are not in conflict with our edits, but there one suggestion he made that I would like your input on. His suggestion is to delete the requirement under Unfledged Chick Surveys that "monitor(s) be present during periods of ORV or pedestrian access." See below.

Unfledged Chick Surveys	<p>PIPL: Brood will be observed at least one hour each in a.m. and p.m. daily. Monitor(s) will be present during periods of ORV or pedestrian access.</p> <p>WIPL: Observe brood once daily.</p> <p>All: Observations will end once chicks have fledged. Chicks are considered fledged at 35 days of age or when observed in sustained flight of at least 15 meters.</p>
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Given the size of our ORV and pedestrian buffers (1000 m / 300 m) for PIPL chicks, Thayer's suggestion makes sense to me. Is it really necessary to have a monitor present if there is ORV use 1000 m away? Where would the monitor be "present" in order to be effective (at the edge of the ORV area open to ORVs 1000 m from the chicks, or with the chicks 1000 m away from the ORVs)? In any case, I think the requirement is a remnant of the Interim Strategy language ("dawn to dusk monitoring") and the consent decree provision ("after two weeks can allow ORVs within 300 m if NPS provides dawn to dusk monitoring by monitors with at least one season of experience...").

In any case, for the long-term plan, do you think we should delete the sentence or keep it in?

Thanks,

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