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Subject: Fw: Nests expansions. **Date:** 07/30/2010 10:51 AM

This was discussed at Bird Call oday with Mike. Just wanted to follow up with the written description and for Darrell's information.

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Subject Nests expansions.

Hey all,

Sea turtle nest NH03 was vandalized sometime during its incubation. Someone moved the PVC overwash marker and the B-pole ~5' to the north. By doing this, they caused us to install the filter fence to the north of the nest location, so besides the fact we narrowly missed the nest with a fence stake, the nest boiled outside of the filter fence on the night of Wednesday 7/28. This caused >5 hatchlings to try and climb the dune behind the nest. Several others appeared to travel parallel to the shoreline, but their tracks disappeared in the pedestrian tracks.

From now on, the protocol for installing filter fence will include locating the nest's transponder ball so as to verify the nest location and then install the filter fence accordingly. Please see to it that the techs are informed of this change.

Another thing that's rather disconcerting is the fact someone entered a closure, moved the PVC pipes and there was no documented closure intrusion. Granted they may have wiped out their tracks if they were going to the trouble to alter the nest site, but make sure everyone is checking every nest, every day - not just for intrusions/vandalism, but for early depressions as well.

Thanks.

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