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Subject: Fw: Table 10-1 language
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Britta,

See DRAFT message below (that I have NOT sent to Sandy yet). She and Doug were confused by our edits in Table 10-1 of the "pedestrian shoreline access seaward of the prenesting area" .

In thinking about it further, I understand your point about not wanting to have to make multiple minor changes in the pedestrian shoreline access ("PSA") corridor signing if/when breeding activity occurs at several or sequential locations in the same prenesting area. I can also think of potential situations in which, under the revised wording, breeding behavior at one end of a large area could unnecessarily close the entire PSA. For example, in trying to imagine the future management of Bodie Island spit, which is proposed as a VFA during the breeding season, if we were ever able to work out a water shuttle to a designated portion of the spit on the inlet shoreline and if breeding activity were to occur first way up at the narrows north of the flats, I would want the management flexibility to allow the water shuttle to continue to the inlet shoreline until there was some kind of breeding activity closer to the inlet.

There are many possible scenarios and it is nearly impossible to write wording that perfectly describes or addresses each of them. See draft language below, which would limit the PSA procedure to VFAs and would reinstate the "subject to standard buffers" language but adds "Seashore retains the discretion" language, so that we can/would close the PSA corridor seaward of some or all of the prenesting area if/when it becomes problematic to manage.

Can you live with the new wording suggested below? Do we need to limit the new wording to VFAs? (If not, please suggest a revision that would better address your concern, without completely eliminating all management flexibility to close as much of the PSA corridor as necessary and without making it an automatic requirement to close all of the PSA every time).

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Sandy,

(see proposed revised wording of current revised wording)

In VFAs, pedestrian access along ocean and inlet shorelines below the high tide line will be permitted in front of (i.e., seaward of) pre-nesting areas until breeding activity is observed, then **standard buffers will apply** ~~the pre-nesting area will be closed to pedestrians.~~ **The Seashore retains the discretion to reduce or close pedestrian shoreline access seaward of prenesting areas as needed to protect park resources.** ~~Pedestrian access along ocean and inlet shorelines below the high tide line will be permitted in front of (i.e., seaward of) pre-nesting areas until breeding activity is observed, then the pre-nesting area will be closed to pedestrians.~~ Pets and horses are prohibited in pedestrian shoreline access areas in front of pre-nesting areas. ORVs, pedestrians, pets and horses are prohibited within all resource closures, including pre-nesting closures.

ORV corridors at Cape Point and South Point: When pre-nesting closures are implemented, the ORV access corridor at Cape Point and South Point will be reduced from 50 meters (164 ft) during the non-breeding season to 35 meters (115 ft). Once established, the pre-nesting closure will not be modified if the beach erodes into the ORV corridor or into the protected habitat. Once breeding activity is observed, standard buffers for breeding activity will apply. The ORV corridor width will be restored to 50 meters (164 ft) after breeding activity is completed at the site and pre-nesting closures are removed.

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