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Subject: FW: beach fires
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Amanda,

Please add to the CAHA admin record, thanks!

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Subject: Fw: beach fires

Doug,

After some internal discussion, the wording we suggest to be added to the Chapter 2 narrative and Table 8 (at least for Alternative F, if not for the Action Alternatives) is as follows:

Fires are prohibited within 100 meters of any turtle nest closure.

We do not believe this wording is needed in table 10 or 10-1 (which currently state that "Beach fires would be allowed/restricted as described in the respective alternatives.") By this wording, we intend that if the small 10mx10m nest closure is in effect, fires would be prohibited within 100 m of the closure fencing (i.e., the perimeter fencing). When there is an expanded closure in place after the nest reaches its hatch window, fires would be prohibited within 100 m of the closure fencing (perimeter). The required fire permit would provide this information to the permittee, rather than having additional signs installed 100 m from each nest closure. The fire restriction language would be added to the Compendium, so it is

enforceable.

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Jon and I can live with this.

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Paul Stevens)

Britta,

Under the FEIS Preferred Alternative, we would require a free "fire permit", which is essentially a brochure (with the rules listed) that must be in the possession of the permittee having a fire, so we can say whatever we need to say there and not rely on extra signing at each nest. I can live with the wording: Fires are prohibited within 100 meters of any expanded turtle nest." We just need to be sure we get the wording in the FEIS (Chapter 2, table 8, etc.), then add it to the Compendium when the time comes.

Paul or Jon, can you live with that?

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I would leave the wording in there but change it to say "prohibit fires within 100 meters of any expanded turtle nest" at it would be especially important for nests in front of the villages. We will need to change the wording on our turtle signs to include the prohibition (maybe put another

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sign below the existing sign on the same stake so we wouldn't have to have different sign made). For example, nests in the villages will have buffers of 50 meters (25 meters each side of nest) so the signs around the nest could say "no campfires within 75 meters". The signs around nests on ORV beaches would have to say "no campfires within 50 meters" since the buffers are larger for these nests. I do not think it is a good idea to have signs posted that would say "no campfires beyond this point" as these random signs (i.e. not directly tied in with a closure) would most likely get pulled up/out by the public and would constantly need to be replaced.

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See Doug's question below. Do we need to use the language he mentions, which was not currently in the Compendium or included in the narrative description or Table 8 for the FEIS? Does the standard buffer expansion provide adequate buffer (which varies based on type of use in the area) around nests that have reached their hatch window? Or, do we need to explicitly prohibit fires within 100 yds of a turtle nest?

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The following text is under "common to all action" in the FEIS.

"Where fires are permitted, they would be prohibited within 100 yards of turtle nest protection areas."

I don't see it in chapter 2 and I don't see it in table 7 (just indicates that fires are prohibited within resource closures) or table 10-1. It was probably a remnant of the 2007 compendium. Is this something that should be deleted from the FEIS?

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