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 Subject: FW: turtle closure language

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 Subject: Re: turtle closure language

All-

I'm responsible for the additional wording that was added in here because I did not want folks to interpret a "105 meter buffer" to mean a circular buffer like we have for bird buffers. A 105 meter buffer behind all turtle nests would essentially eliminate all driving behind turtle nests. I think the buffer size described here is for daytime driving throughout the regular nesting season and not during periods of night driving.

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Re: turtle closure language
(Document link: Britta Muiznieks)

I think this needs to be two sentences: one sentence about routes with no nests remaining reopening; and a second sentence about the size and configuration of the next buffer for remaining nests. Putting them both in the same sentence is confusing.

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turtle closure language

Hi Britta,

I am going through the concern/response report and came across this comment that I don't think was addressed regarding how we describe turtle closures. Below is my attempt to clarify this language - can you let me know what you think of this clarification (if it is accurate or not) and if there are any other changes you would like to see made to this text?

Thanks,

Lori

Under the revised alternative F designated ORV routes in potential sea turtle nesting habitat (ocean intertidal zone, ocean backshore, and dunes) would be closed to non-essential ORV use from 9:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m.

From September 16 to November 15, ORV routes with no turtle nest remaining will reopen for night driving with 105 m wide buffers (i.e., 52.5 meters on either side - left or right - of the nest, with 10 meters behind, or landward, of the nest) [bdm1] around [bdm2] remaining nests.

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[bdm1]Need to make sure people do not think of a circular buffer as are established for bird species. Only 10 meters are required behind the nest.

[bdm2]Is a better description of turtle buffers needed in the FEIS? Maybe a sketch?

Berger - any additional changes? Seems like explanation provided will work.