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Sandy,

We want to stick with the existing wording used in the Interim Strategy that "Kite flying, kite boards, and ball and Frisbee tossing are prohibited **within or above** all bird closures." It is not practical to post or to expect people on the beach to intuitively comply with a 100 m kite flying buffer outside of the symbolic fencing. Under the proposed resource management provisions, there is ample protection of nesting areas from the potential impacts of kites. For example, the nest buffers for most species are already 100m or greater, so there is inherently a 100 m buffer from kites, as long as kites are not flying over the closure area. Although the proposed nest buffer for PIPL is less than 100 m (it is 75 m), the reality is that most (all?) PIPL nests in recent years have been well inside of the prenesting areas with at least a 100m buffer, often more, to the boundary of the prenesting closure. If kite flying in accordance with our measures were to disturb nesting birds, we could implement the 50 m buffer provision to expand the buffer by 50 m if the buffer is inadequate to prevent disturbance.

In any case, the park will suggest edits to correct the language in the BO when we submit our comments to FWS.

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Hi Mike,

Doug just reminded me that the FWS draft BO assumes a 100 meter buffer for kite flying which isn't in any of our alts. We need to send any final changes to CH 2 to LB COB today to stay on schedule.

Do you intend to include this in alt F or shall we assume it'll fall out as the consultation process continues, and not worry about it for the FEIS. Thanks.

Sandy

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