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Mike,

NH67 was a Hurricane Earl relocation which required us to relocate it straight back from the original nest relocation. The small dune to the north of the ramp was straight back from that original location. The ramp was closed until the nest hatched and ORV access to the north, so Katy must have missed that on the access line. It was a very short-lived (for turtle nests) expansion. It had a depression on the day it was expanded (Sun 9/18), hatched 9/19 and was excavated and the closure was removed on Thursday 9/23.

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 Subject draft letter

Doug,

I'm starting to work on Britta's draft response to the Larry Hardham letter about the relocation of turtle nests NH67 and NH74. I'm not understanding Larry's letter (or Britta's response) regarding NH67. Larry seems to be saying that we relocated the nest "to the toe of the dune just north of Ramp 43" resulting in a full beach closure (which he observed on Sept 19) with "Ramp 43 being closed as well as 0.4 miles of beach north of the Ramp".

Is that correct? I don't recall seeing anything in Google Earth or in the weekly Beach Access Report indicating that Ramp 43 and the area north of it had been closed. The Google Earth updates sent out by Caty around that time period show a small (presumably turtle) closure near Ramp 43, but all updates indicate that there is ORV access (i.e., a GREEN line) north of Ramp 43. Did we miss something there in not showing it was closed to ORVs? Did we miss including the closure in the interactive map or weekly access report, or was it short lived,

closed temporarily for some other reason, etc.? Could you please give me a brief history of what actually happened, so I can better understand how to word our response; or, if it is complicated to explain, I can give you a call in the morning.

Thanks,

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