

0029284

From: [Fox, Lori](#)
To: [Herron, Amanda](#)
Subject: FW: three questions from CH 4
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 2:06:57 PM

For CAHA admin record...

Lori Fox
Deputy Director, Denver Operations/Senior Planner

Direct 303-985-6602
Main 303-985-6600
Mobile 301-461-8772

Fax 303-984-4942

The Louis Berger Group, Inc. | 12596 West Bayaud Street| Suite 201 | Lakewood, CO 80228-2031 |
www.louisberger.com

This message, including any attachments hereto, may contain privileged and/or confidential information and is intended solely for the attention and use of the intended addressee(s). If you are not the intended addressee, you may neither use, copy, nor deliver to anyone this message or any of its attachments. In such case, you should immediately destroy this message and its attachments and kindly notify the sender by reply mail. Unless made by a person with actual authority conferred by The Louis Berger Group, Inc., (Berger) the information and statements herein do not constitute a binding commitment or warranty by Berger. Berger assumes no responsibility for any misperceptions, errors or misunderstandings. You are urged to verify any information that is confusing and report any errors/concerns to us in writing.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike_Murray@nps.gov [mailto:Mike_Murray@nps.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 9:04 AM
To: Sandra_Hamilton@nps.gov
Cc: Fox, Lori
Subject: Re: three questions from CH 4

See comments in BLUE (and underlined so Lori can see them).

Mike Murray
Superintendent
Cape Hatteras NS/ Wright Brothers NMem/ Ft. Raleigh NHS
(w) 252-473-2111, ext. 148
(c) 252-216-5520
fax 252-473-2595

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

This message is intended exclusively for the individual or entity to which it is addressed. This communication may contain information that is proprietary, privileged or confidential or otherwise legally exempt from disclosure.

Sandra
Hamilton/DENVER/N
PS

To
Mike Murray/CAHA/NPS@NPS
10/13/2010 10:25

cc

AM

lfox@louisberger.com
Subject
three questions from CH 4

Hi Mike,

1. I recall that an issue arose over use of "wrack line" in the CAHA EA because while there is "wrack" on the CAHA beaches, it's not in a long, wide, and distinct line like it is at CACO. The following sentence, or a variant of it depending on the impact topic, is a number of places in the 2nd internal review draft FEIS:

Alternative B would allow for beach driving in the wrack line during the day in areas of the Seashore open to ORV use (not within resource closures), but would maintain nighttime closures reducing disturbance in this area at night for a portion of the year.

Would you prefer we change "driving in the wrack line" to "driving in the wrack" which would better describe the more scattered "wrack" that occurs at CAHA? Or is this no longer an issue? "Driving in the wrack" is better wording.

2. I notice you've inserted "solely" in the sentence on p. 401 and also in Table 10-1

The NPS shall not relocate turtle nests solely to accommodate ORV access.

It's seems inconsistent with the criteria for nest relocation stated in Table 10-1. I'm not sure if your intent is that if a nest has to be relocated anyway according to the criteria in Table 10-1 and the location immediately behind (landward) of the nest isn't suitable, then selection of an alternate location could consider accommodating ORV access in selecting other sites that are equally suitable biologically, but accommodating ORV access would not be considered as the sole or predominant criterion for site selection. Without some clarification, it's going to confuse folks, I think. Intent is as you described. Nests would not be relocated simply (solely) to accommodate recreational access, but if a nest legitimately needed to be relocated to a "safe area", then some consideration would be given to using a suitable relocation site that would not unnecessarily preclude access to a popular area.

3. p. 467 alt F state-listed species - the last sentence seems to repeat the one before it except for "whichever is later" Can we add "whichever is later" onto the preceding sentence and delete that last sentence? Or am I missing something that the last sentence addresses?

The NPS would not reduce buffers to accommodate an ORV corridor or ORV ramp access. Buffers would remain in place for two weeks after a nest is lost to determine if the pair will re-nest. For buffers that occur outside of, or

that expand, the original prenesting areas, the buffer or expansion would be removed if no breeding activity is observed for a two-week period, or when associated breeding activity has concluded, whichever is later. For alternative F, buffers would be removed outside of prenesting areas if no breeding activity is observed for a two-week period or when associated breeding activity has concluded, whichever is later. Your suggestion works.

Thanks.

Sandy

Sandy Hamilton
Environmental Protection Specialist
National Park Service - Environmental Quality Division
Academy Place
P.O. Box 25287
Denver CO 80225
PH: (303) 969-2068
FAX: (303) 987-6782