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From: [Thayer Broili](#)
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Subject: Fw: please review ASAP
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The language is clear to me, but I would be remiss if I didn't say that I have concerns that it will foster a case-by-case debate when we do choose to relocate a nest other than straight back toward the dunes from its location. The trick will be to not give the ORV folks any sense that they have a "vote" in relocation decisions from the very beginning of implementation. Otherwise, they be pestering us, writing letters, etc., every time there is a relocation they disagree with.

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Mike,
The new language looks fine.

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Doug,

ASAP please review final draft language on turtle nest relocations and suggest any edits needed. Pay particular attention to the underlined wording, as it is new and

has not been reviewed by Britta.

In general, NPS staff will follow guidance in the NCWRC handbook and FWS Loggerhead Sea Turtle Recovery Plan, which is to allow nests to incubate at their original location if there is any reasonable likelihood of survival.

Relocation of a nest is considered only as an option of last resort.

Accommodation of ORV access shall not be a factor in determining whether a nest needs to be relocated. When relocation is determined to be necessary, nests will be moved toward the dunes immediately behind the original nest location (when possible). Narrow beaches or beaches without nearby dunes (i.e. points and spits) may necessitate relocations to adjacent areas above the high tide line that are free of vegetation. **If a choice for a relocation site must be made among adjacent areas that are equally suitable biologically, then accommodation of ORV access to a popular location may be considered as a factor in choosing an appropriate relocation site. An adjacent site that is less suitable biologically shall not be selected for a relocated nest to accommodate ORV access.**

Please let me know you can live with the new language or suggest edits so it becomes wording you can live with (e.g., change wording, delete wording, etc.).

Thanks,

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