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Subject: Analysis Area Map for L-LS EA

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Ken: I have a suggestion for the Purpose and Need section of the L-LS EA. On page 1, under 1.0, last paragraph, I think we should insert a description of the analysis area. This would help the reader understand the geographic extent of impacts, and for Darrell to create the map to be inserted as Figure 1. Here's a suggested revision to that paragraph for your consideration to insert into the EA:

The analysis area for this EA includes the area within the park that would be directly or indirectly affected by the operations. The direct area of impact would include the access route from the park entrance via paved Park Road 22, along the designated Gulf beach vehicle corridor to a cut through the foredunes, and then along a new caliche access road to the wellpad; and the footprint for constructing the wellpad and flowline. The indirect area of impact could vary for each impact topic; but generally would not extend beyond 1/4 mile. The analysis area for evaluating cumulative impacts on park resources and values includes the entire park, and for nonfederal oil and gas includes the nation's domestic energy supply. Figure 1 depicts the analysis area.

The only other way that Darrell could map the analysis area is that we describe the area of direct/indirect impacts in the environmental consequences section and color-code each in Figure 1.

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