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To: Jock Whitworth/PAIS/NPS@NPS, Darrell Echols/PAIS/NPS@NPS
cc: Skip Ladd/DENVER/NPS@NPS
Subject: Re: BA

Copy to Skip - FYI.

Jock,

I'm forwarding a message from Skip that was sent to my mailbox. The faxed material Skip is talking about was received this morning. I gave it to Darrell.

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Skip Ladd
11/15/02 05:24 PM
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To: Marilyn McConkey/PAIS/NPS@NPS
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Subject: Re: BA

Jock---I just faxed you some info--excerpts from the July 10, 2001 Fed Register in which critical habitat for wintering piping plovers is designated (final rule). Your BA currently says there is no critical habitat for any federally listed species designated within the park. The July 2001 FR dispels that notion so you'll definitely need to address the critical habitat issue in terms of "likely to adversely affect". Let me know if you don't receive that fax--its about 15 pages worth of excerpt.

I'll likely be sending some additional comments, but so far, the only other thing I've noted is that according to the Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Guidelines, a BA does not discuss alternatives to the proposed action, but your BA currently does. Probably doesn't hurt to have it there, especially if you are using the BA for other purposes, but you don't need it there. It could be left to just the EA/EIS itself.

Talk to you soon.
Skip

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