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Darrell,

I am addressing this to you because I believe I understood you were working on the EA revisions. Since Ken is gone for two weeks and I am not sure if Arlene may have mentioned it but, during the meeting on 5/9, BNP mentioned that to drill the two wells on Lemon/Lemon one of the wells would require a bigger rig. They had originally planned to take the smaller rig at Murdock out of the park and bring in the larger rig to drill both wells. However, because of the sea turtles they had changed their plans and decided to drill the well that could be drilled with the smaller rig at Murdock first. That way they could utilize the smaller rig to drill the well they could with it and then when that was done, move that one out of the park and move in the bigger one for the other well. Depending on the timing of the permit and/or when that smaller well was done, they may or may not be out of the turtle season when those rigs will need to be moved in or out of the park.

Although I understood their reasoning and was glad that they were trying to reduce the impact during the season by deciding to switch to another plan, I was concerned that this was the first we had ever heard of needing a larger rig. It was not mentioned in the EA as part of their proposed action. I would recommend that this be addressed in the EA and different scenarios be presented as to how much additional traffic and potential impacts will be associated with this action. I would present an out of the turtle season and in turtle season plan. I know it will be hard to do because you never know what will happen when drilling or how long it will take, but an estimate can be made with BNP's help. I would just be sure to include a statement of what will be done if certain things change, like reinitiation of talks or consultation.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Mary