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To: [Matthew Thompson](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Sea Turtle was able to get on the beach on Thursday, day of launch?
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Ok.

From: Matthew Thompson <Matthew.Thompson@spacex.com>
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Hi Chris –

The road, beach and pad was closed. At Sea Turtle Inc's request, we dropped off their employee on the north end of Boca Chica beach via hovercraft. They were able to perform a limited walking survey on the north side of the beach which was outside of the hazard area. They came out again the next day and tried to access the north and south ends of the beach which were outside of the hazard area, but as stated, they were not able to make it work.

Thanks very much

Matt

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From: Perez, Chris <chris_perez@fws.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 6:49 AM
To: Matthew Thompson <Matthew.Thompson@spacex.com>
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Hi Matt:

Please see the note below. So, I am wondering if the beach was closed to everyone for 48 hours after launch, how was Sea Turtle able to get out there?

I spoke to Amy Bonka, Sea Turtle, Inc. yesterday and she stated her crew and her were able to get out on Wednesday April 19, to do a prelaunch survey. She was also able to go out and to do a survey Thursday April 20th, in the afternoon after the launch. SpaceX assisted her getting on the beach and she walked the beach for over 6 hours. Friday April 21, she went out again,

but had trouble with high water and did not walk the entire distance, but was able to get out on Saturday April 22. There was no evidence of nesting sea turtles on any of the surveys. She also did not report any debris or large chunks of concrete on the beach. If they were in the water she could not tell. There was one nest during the storm on Sunday April 23, but it was on SPI and none on Boca Chica.

Mary