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As we discussed the other day, it appears that the nighttime time-area constrained searches (TACS, also known as visual encounter surveys, or VES) are yielding little in terms of documenting species, especially in light of the hours invested. Therefore, as we agreed to the other day, the hours targeted toward this effort in the approved project scope-of-work should be re-directed toward comparable daytime searches or nighttime road and trail surveys (however, if conditions warrant you may still conduct the nighttime TACS at your discretion). This email documents this deviation from the project scope-of-work. I appreciate your flexibility and adaptability in conducting the herpetofauna surveys. As always, call if you have questions or comments.

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