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Kenny,

See attached map. In trying to find a compromise solution for access to North Ocracoke, I wonder if there might be a viable interdunal road option to get people closer to the inlet than might otherwise be possible if ORV access is restricted north of Ramp 59. When you get a chance, please check it out on the ground. I can't really tell from the aerial photo if the route is viable or how far north it could go before there are over-arching environmental issues (wetlands, dunes, etc.) that would be difficult to overcome.

General principles:

- Ideally, the "route" would be in "almost driveable" conditions as is and would not require extensive construction, though may require some vegetation removable. In other words, could you reasonably drive it right now and not cause major impacts.
- We need to avoid wetlands and major dunes, if possible.
- The route would need to be far enough off the beach that ORVs are separated from the beach by a natural barrier of dunes and/or vegetation.

If you are aware of some other possible route that would achieve approximately the same thing (i.e., get people in ORVs north of Ramp 59 to a point more or less across from the pilings, where they could park their vehicles off-beach and walk onto the beach), while following the same general principles, please check out those options and let me know what looks feasible to you (e.g., is there a possible route from the ferry terminal parking area that could head east toward the beach and terminate in a small parking area shy of the beach?).



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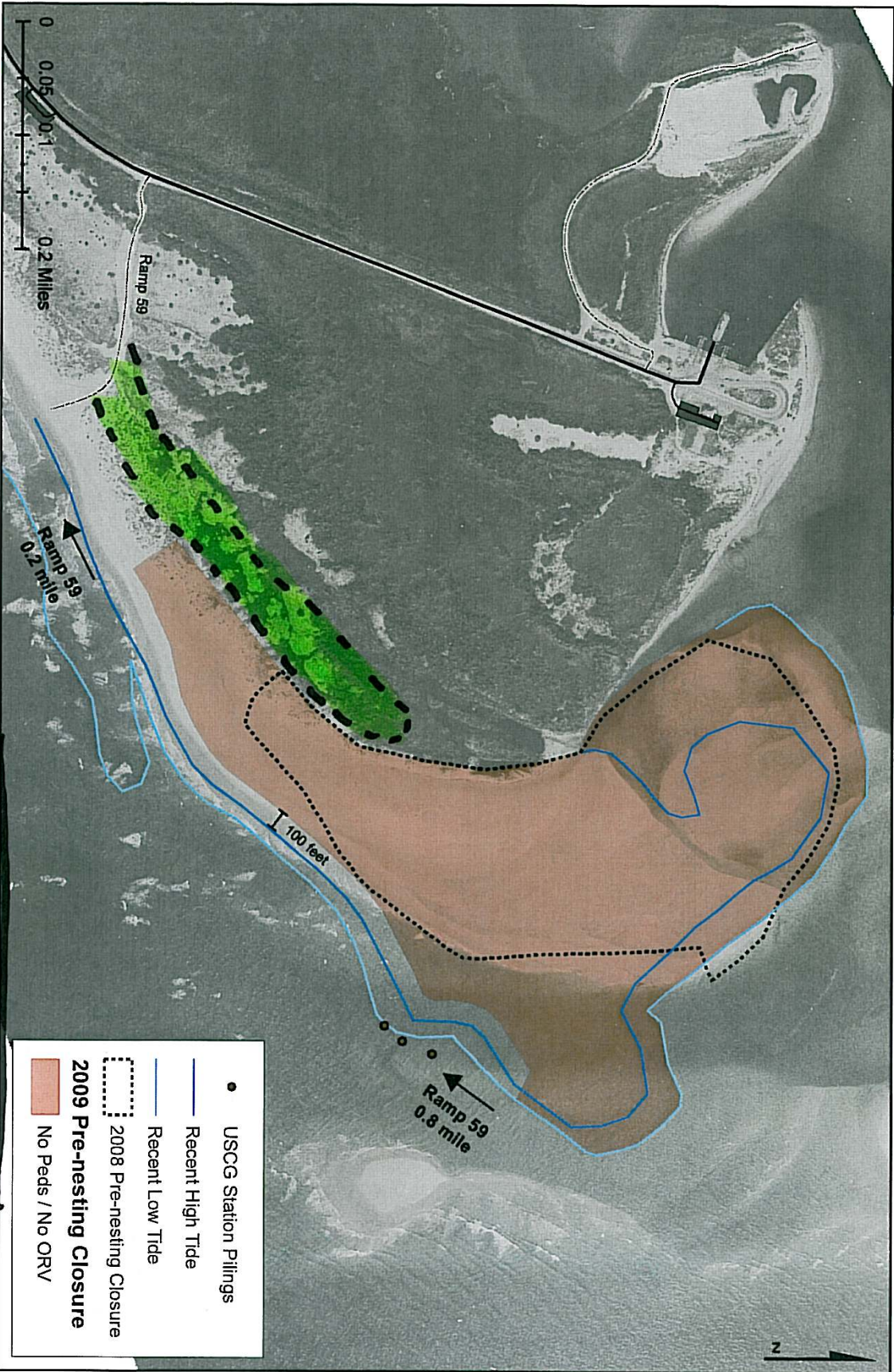
Thanks,

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2009 North Ocracoke Pre-nesting Closure Recommendation



- USCG Station Piling
- Recent High Tide
- Recent Low Tide
- 2008 Pre-nesting Closure
- 2009 Pre-nesting Closure**
- No Peds / No ORV

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Map 6

Interdunal route?

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