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**To:** [Mike Murray](#)  
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The PIPL was a migratory bird outside a closure (between Ramp 70-72 on Ocracoke).

The AMOYs were a breeding pair that hadn't set up yet, i.e., prior to nesting, so that a closure had not yet been established.

We attach no particular significance to the tire tracks being present. Neither case reflected a violation and we have no knowledge of who owned the vehicle that created the tracks since the pictures weren't posed to demonstrate vehicular interaction as is inferred by the inquirer. Birds occupy tire tracks outside of closures all the time, often to get out of the wind, and there are a lot of tire tracks on the beach outside of closures or before closures are established.

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Thanks. A few final questions: Are the PIPL and AMOY photos of breeding birds inside or outside of an established closure? Are the fact that two photo show birds are resting in tire tracks meaningful in any way (e.g., are those NPS tire tracks inside a closure? are those "violation" tracks, etc.?)?

Thanks again,

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According to Doug McGee, the chick was already in the hat. The chicks find any shade on the beach they can find and use it. As I stated below, none of the photos were "staged". The likely reason the photo was taken was because it was "cutsey" to the bio tech who took it and offered a good contrast.

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Thanks. How about the chick in a hat photo? Was the hat on the ground and chick went in it, or did we use the hat to pick up the chick for a legitimate reason? Doesn't matter. Just want to be accurate.

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Response to questions. I did not respond to the question of who took the photos since I don't think answering this is appropriate, but for your information Doug McGee took the PIPL photo and Katie Bell, one of our seasonals, took the AMOY and CWB photos:

- The photos in question were taken by NPS staff employed at CAHA.
- The PIPL photo was taken during the 2008 spring-summer season. The AMOY and CWB photos were taken during the

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2009 spring-summer season.

- All photos were taken at CAHA.
- The PIPL photo was taken on Ocracoke Island. The CWB photo was taken on Hatteras Island at Southbeach. The AMOY photo was taken on Hatteras Island near Ramp 44.
- None of the photos were "staged".

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Thayer,

See attached letter. Please check with staff and provide with me a brief factual response to the question early next week (after the holiday). I may get asked about this tomorrow night. It would help me if you could confirm today that all photos were taken by NPS staff.

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