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Thanks Kenny. Please remind which location you mention that we looked at. Is it either of the two options shown with RED arrows on the attached map, or is it something else?

When you get a chance, please take a look the two locations shown with RED arrows on the attached map to see if either would be viable ORV routes to get within easy walking distance of the sound. The northern RED arrow, off of the old South Point Road, is less likely to be closed during the breeding season; but is there a viable route there that would avoid wetlands? The southern of the two RED arrows, accessible from the beach, is probably a viable route, but it is likely to be closed during the breeding season, so it is a good seasonal option but not a good breeding season option.



Map 1.Ocracoke soundside access.pdf

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Subject: Re: Fw: DEIS comments 

Good Afternoon Mike :

I have been from one end of the island to the other trying to find a area that would served for a soundside beach area and not many choices I can offer. When looking at the north end all the way up to the campground area there are no areas that would work due to the water is only ankle deep in most of these areas. Those other areas that are deep enough to use would be around areas that we would need to

disturb marsh grass. The only area that my staff and I think would work would be just off of Ramp 72 Southpoint area. This area is the area that Darrell, Thayler, you and myself walked several years ago looking at. This area would be the ideal place on the sound side where you could launch boats, park visitors could enjoy the sound area and feel safe for kids also. Nice view looking back at the village, ferries coming and going , and a great view of Portsmouth Island. It's a hard decision to make because of the way the island is located too. I hope this will help some and feel if we could make this area a nice soundside beach it would take alot of pressure off of NPS, feel the community and park visitors would enjoy it too.

Let me know if you want me to continue but feel this area would be the best of all I have looked at today.

Kenny

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