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 Possible ramp location

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Doug,

The ORV plans calls for a new ORV ramp at least 0.5 miles south of Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach). We are in the early preplanning stage for mapping the proposed new ramp and will prepare an EA as compliance for this and a number of other new ramps and parking areas related to the ORV plan.

For "Ramp 2.5" the best option(s) for the new ramp is located almost directly east of Bodie Island Light because narrow beaches and/or high dunes a little further south make a new ramp elsewhere unfeasible. See attached map. We mapped three options that appear to be workable, but would ultimately only pursue the best of the three options. For environmental reasons, the northernmost route is probably a little better than the other two routes (it is the shortest, the dune crossing is the least impacting, it may have an advantage of going through a wider band of dense upland vegetation, which may reduce viewshed impacts from the lighthouse if such impacts would be a concern, etc.).

In your opinion, would creation of a new ORV ramp at any of these locations create any significant viewshed concerns from the lighthouse? Of the three possible routes on the map, does any one seem preferable to you from a cultural resource point of view? It is doubtful we could find another location that is environmentally feasible (other than one of the three options on the map), but I'd rather know if there are potential concerns now, rather than wait until we have prepared an EA that is locked in on any particular location for the new ramp.



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Thanks,

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