

20 September 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, Training and Operations

Subj: USE OF AND ACCESS TO ONSLOW BEACH

1. At 0900 on 16 September 85 representatives of this office, the Provost Marshal, Natural Resources, Morale, Welfare, Recreation and Family Advocacy, and Training Facilities met with AC/S, Facilities to discuss use of and access to Onslow Beach. The meeting was a result of directions given to various staff agencies by the Commanding General. Following the meeting, all representatives visited the beach where discussions continued.

2. The following points were agreed to by all participants and will be reflected in updates to directives published by their sections:

a. 2, 3, or 4 wheeled off-road vehicles not licensed by the state (dirt bikes, ATC's, etc.) are not to be operated in the beach areas--in fact they are restricted to locations specified in base traffic regulations.

b. Access to the beach and the unimproved road south of Riseley Pier is restricted to licensed 4 wheel drive cars and trucks.

c. An expanded and improved parking area will be provided at Riseley Pier.

d. Access to the beach will be at Riseley Pier and several other well-defined natural access routes; not thru existing dunes.

e. No access to or driving on the beach is permitted at any point north of Riseley Pier.

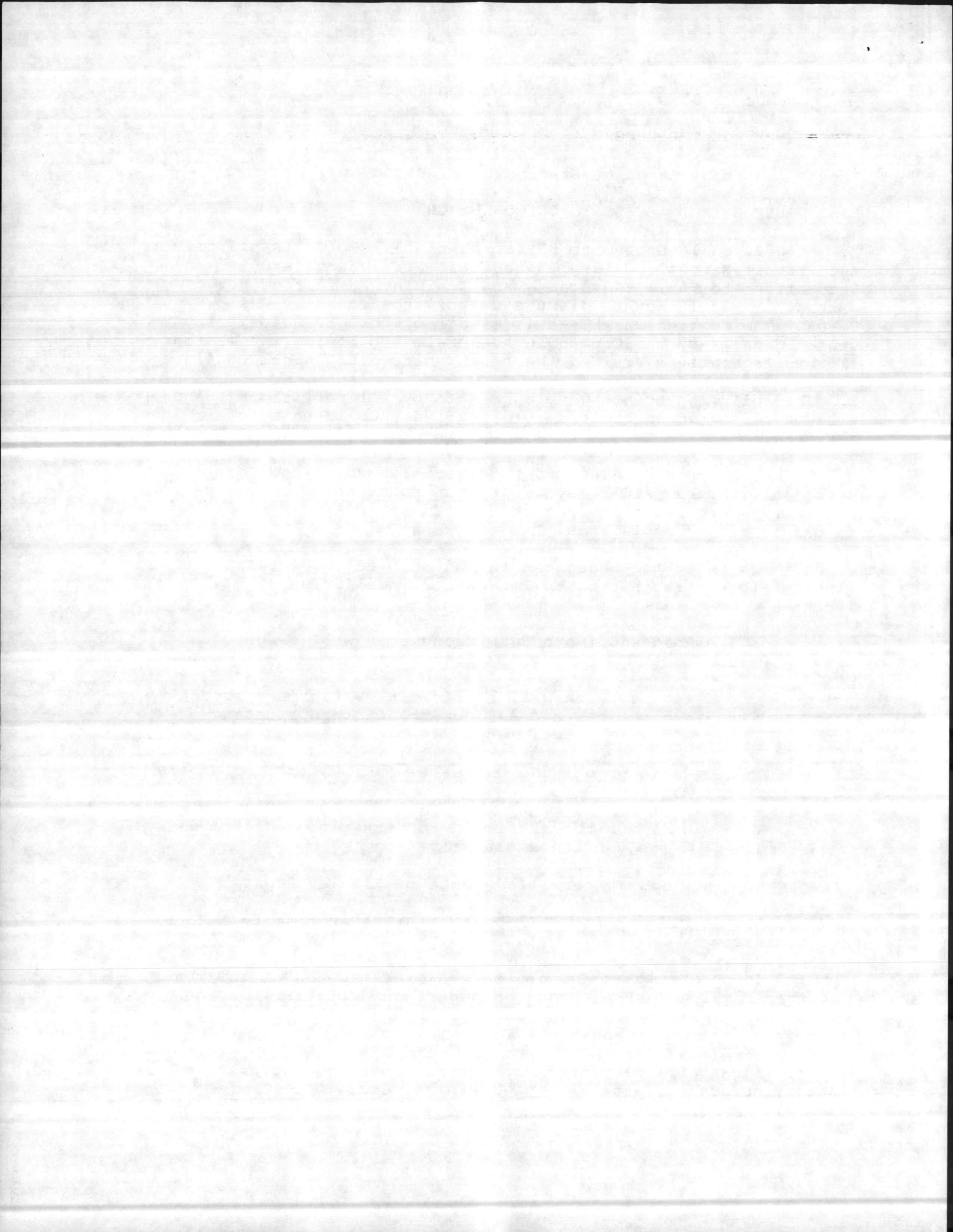
f. Access will not be restricted to fishermen only but will be determined by the vehicle capability.

g. Hunting will be permitted south of Riseley Pier.

h. Access will be from 1/2 hour prior to sunrise to 1 hour after sunset.

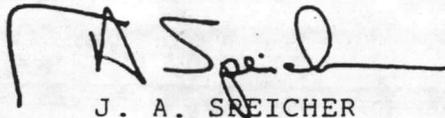
i. In an attempt to both stop vehicles from using the dunes, and tracks which pass through the dunes, and to stabilize these dunes, NREAD will procure and install sections of snow fence throughout the dunes south of Riseley Pier.

j. Signs will be posted reflecting these regulations and indicating access, parking, speed limits, etc.



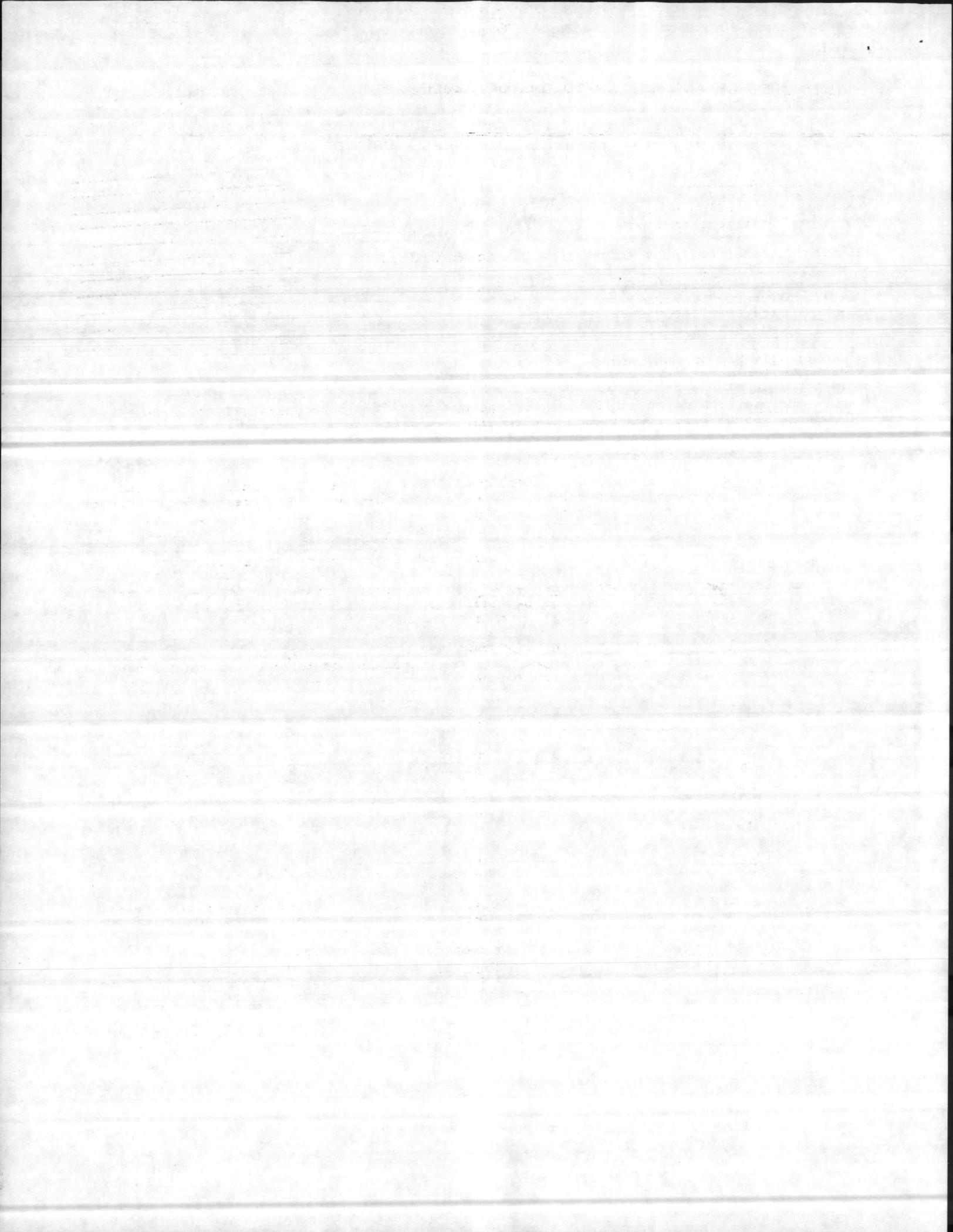
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k. Enforcement remains the responsibility of the PMO; however range control, natural resources, and special services personnel are frequently in the area and are asked to assist in enforcement.



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BASE ORDER 11017.1B

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Use of Off-Road Recreational Vehicles (ORRVs)

Ref: (a) MCO P11000.8B  
(b) BO P5560.2J  
(c) BO P1710.27E  
(d) BO P11102.1K

Encl: (1) Map of ORRV Areas  
(2) Map of Onslow Beach

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1. Purpose. To establish policy for the use of ORRVs aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, in accordance with reference (a).

2. Cancellation. BO 11017.1A *jd*

3. Background. The increased popularity of ORRVs has created an increased demand for their use in undeveloped and recreational areas of the base. As directed by reference (a), this use must be strictly regulated to ensure preservation of natural resources, public safety, and compatibility with the military training mission of the base.

4. Definitions. For purposes of this Order, the following definitions apply:

a. Off-Road Recreational Vehicle (ORRV). Any privately-owned, wheeled, motorized vehicle designed with the specific capability of travel on nonpaved surfaces. For purposes of this order, ORRVs will be characterized as follows:

(1) Registered ORRVs. Any ORRV that meets the base and state requirements for operation on a paved road, and is in fact registered aboard the base in accordance with reference (b). This definition usually refers to four-wheel drive trucks and cars.

(2) Non-registered ORRVs. Those vehicles that cannot be registered for use on paved roads according to state regulations and reference (b). This definition generally includes the so-called "adventure vehicles," such as the three and four-wheel "all terrain vehicles (ATVs)," dirt or trail bikes, dune buggies and go-carts.

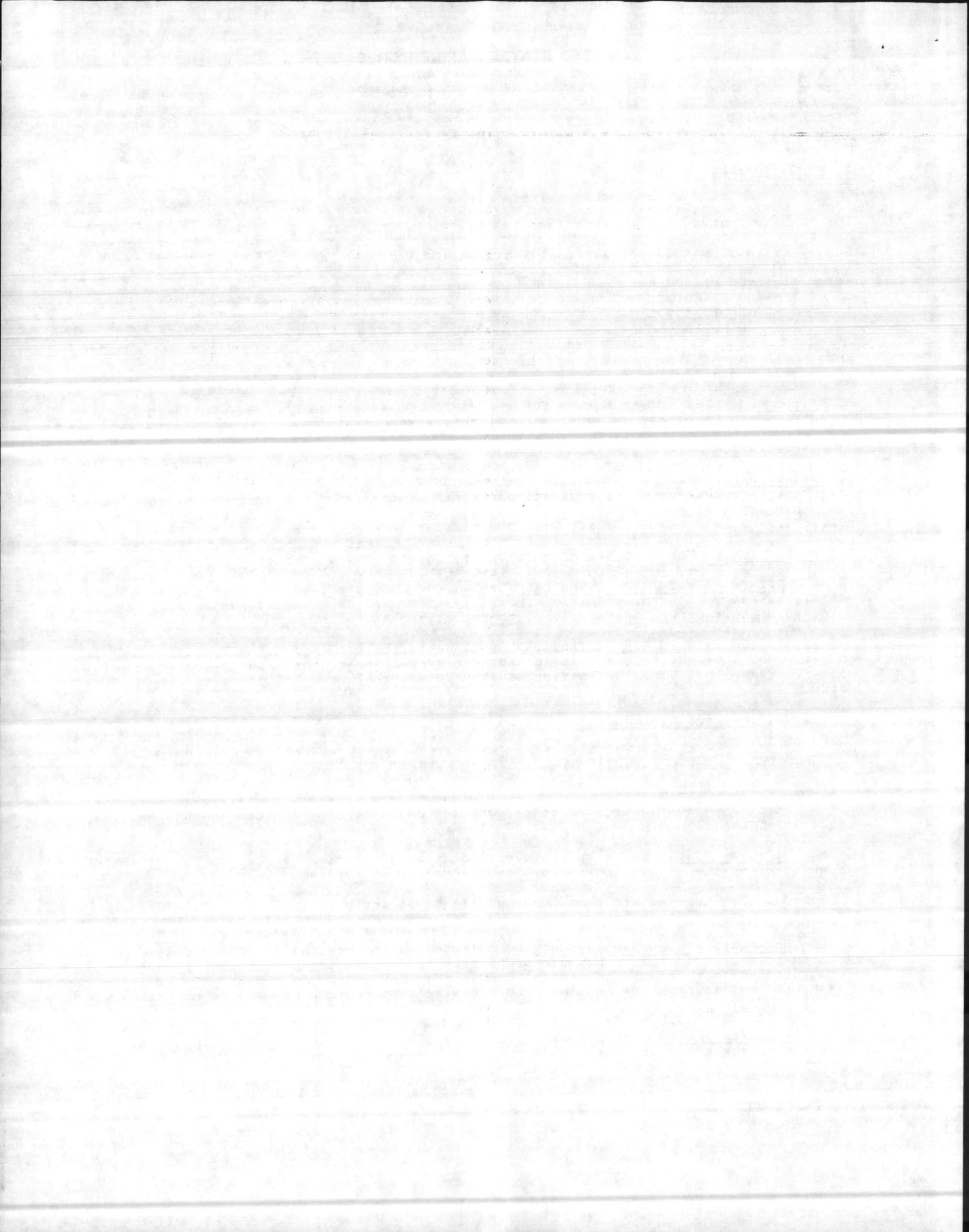
(3) The term "ORRV" specifically excludes tactical military vehicles, emergency and law enforcement vehicles, and other vehicles designated by the Commanding General for official use.

b. Official Use. Use by an employee, agent or designated representative of the Marine Corps or one of its contractors in the course of employment.

5. Policy. ORRV use aboard Camp Lejeune will be strictly limited to certain areas and uses, to ensure the preservation of natural resources and public safety.

a. Non-registered ORRVs may only be operated in the designated ORRV areas depicted in enclosure (1). They are prohibited from operating on any part of the beach, all secondary roads and trails, and in the family housing areas. They will be transported to and from the designated ORRV sites in a registered vehicle or trailer towed by a registered vehicle.

b. Registered ORRVs are permitted to operate in the following off-road areas under the following conditions:



(1) Fishermen may use registered ORRVs on nonpaved roads and trails to reach streams, ponds, and the intracoastal waterway for recreational fishing.

(2) Hunters may use registered ORRVs to travel to the authorized hunting areas designated by the Base Game Warden.

(3) Firewood gatherers who possess a valid wood collection permit may use registered ORRVs on access roads to designated firewood areas.

(4) Saltwater fishermen may operate registered ORRVs on the beach strand only under the strict conditions delineated below.

c Use of Onslow Beach. The beach is a very fragile ecological system which is heavily used by the Camp Lejeune community for both recreation and military training. It is, therefore, imperative to protect the beach and associated dune system from further deterioration so its existence will be preserved for future generations. To this end, the following policies are established:

(1) The area north and northeast of the North Tower is an impact area and off-limits to all personnel.

(2) The area between the North Tower and Riseley Pier is used as both a recreation and training area. Privately-owned vehicles of any type are prohibited in this area except on the road and in designated parking areas. Reference (c) establishes policies for recreational uses of the beach and reference (d) establishes policy for use of tactical vehicles in this area.

(3) The area southwest from Riseley Pier to the New River Inlet is primarily a training area, but saltwater fishing is permitted when no training is in progress.

(a) Only registered four-wheel drive vehicles are permitted past Riseley Pier.

(b) Fishermen are permitted to travel in registered four-wheel drive vehicles on the beach strand between the water's edge and the seaward side of the dunes, if necessary for access to fishing areas. Access points for the strand are at Riseley Pier and the South Tower; vehicles are not permitted to cross over the dunes at any other point. Enclosure (2) depicts these access points.

(c) From June through October, travel on the strand is restricted to the hours of daylight for the protection of nesting sea turtles, a threatened species.

(4) Vehicular traffic of any kind is prohibited from traversing the sand dunes adjacent to the beach. These dunes and the sparse vegetation growing on them are essential to prevent erosion of the beach.

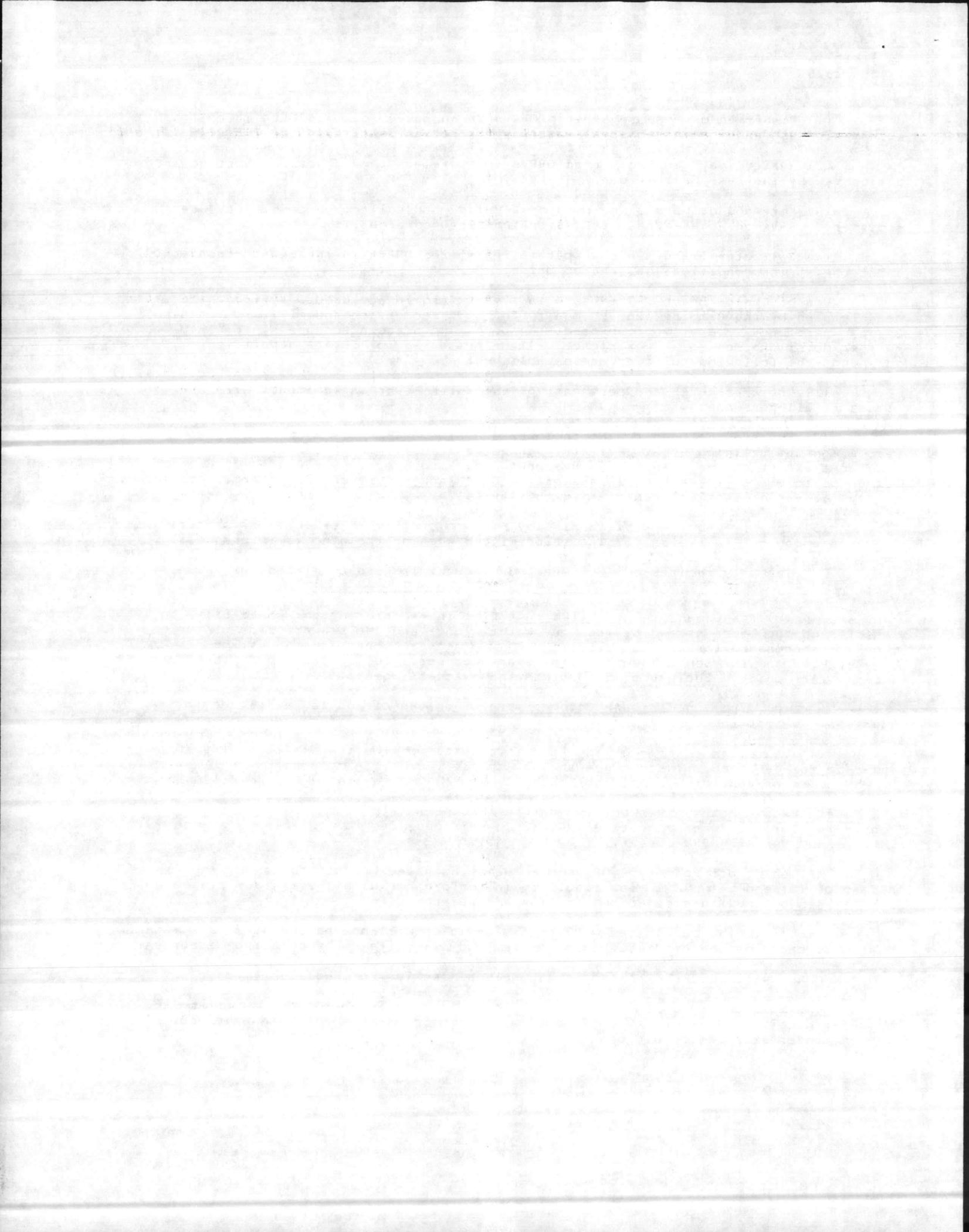
6 Safety Requirements. Respect for nature and the safety of others must be considered foremost when operating ORRVs. To this end, the following regulations are established for all ORRV operations.

a All on or off-road type ORRVs must meet the safety requirements outlined in reference (b) and be insured for liability in conformance with the minimum standards established by the State of North Carolina and reference (b).

b Except in the designated ORRV areas, vehicles will not be operated in a manner that will cause damage or disturbance of the land, wildlife, or vegetative resources.

c ORRVs will not be operated in a careless, reckless or negligent manner.

d The maximum speed limit on unpaved roads is 25 miles per hour, as established by reference (b). However, a lower speed will be maintained when reasonable and prudent under existing conditions.



e. Children will be thoroughly instructed in the safe and proper operating procedures before being allowed to operate an ORRV. Adult supervision is required for any child under the age of 16 when operating an ORRV.

f. Littering is prohibited in all areas aboard the base. This includes the ORRV areas and the unimproved roads and trails.

g. Common courtesies are expected between all ORRV users.

h. ORRVs will not be operated by anyone who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

i. ORRVs will not be operated by anyone whose base driving privileges are under suspension or revocation.

7. Action

a. Assistant Chief of Staff, Training and Operations. The Training Facilities Officer will provide daily range assignments and maneuver areas to the Game Warden.

b. Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities

(1) The Base Maintenance Officer will maintain the designated ORRV sites.

(2) The Director, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs will monitor the ORRV sites to determine if excessive environmental damage to terrain, wildlife, or vegetation is occurring.

c. Base Provost Marshal will enforce all aspects of this Order through the Game Warden and Military Police.

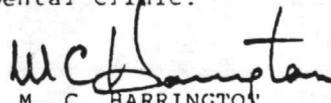
d. Assistant Chief of Staff, Morale, Welfare and Recreation

(1) The Base Special Services Officer has overall responsibility for the ORRV sites as recreation areas. This responsibility includes selection of sites, proper marking, police, and requesting maintenance when required.

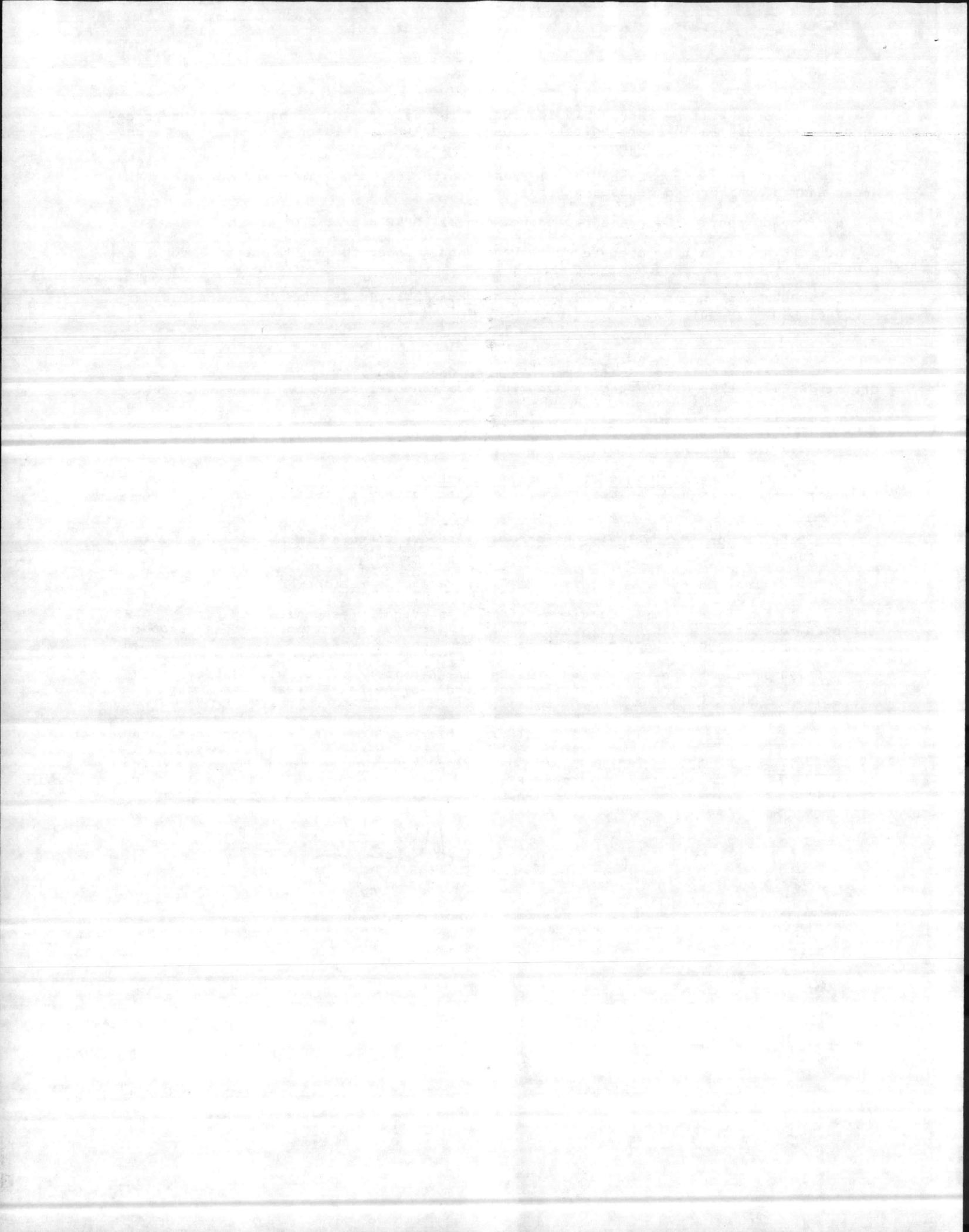
(2) During the beach season, the Special Services Officer will assist in the enforcement of this Order by reporting violations in the beach area to the Provost Marshal.

e. Base Inspector will process violations of this Order in an appropriate manner.

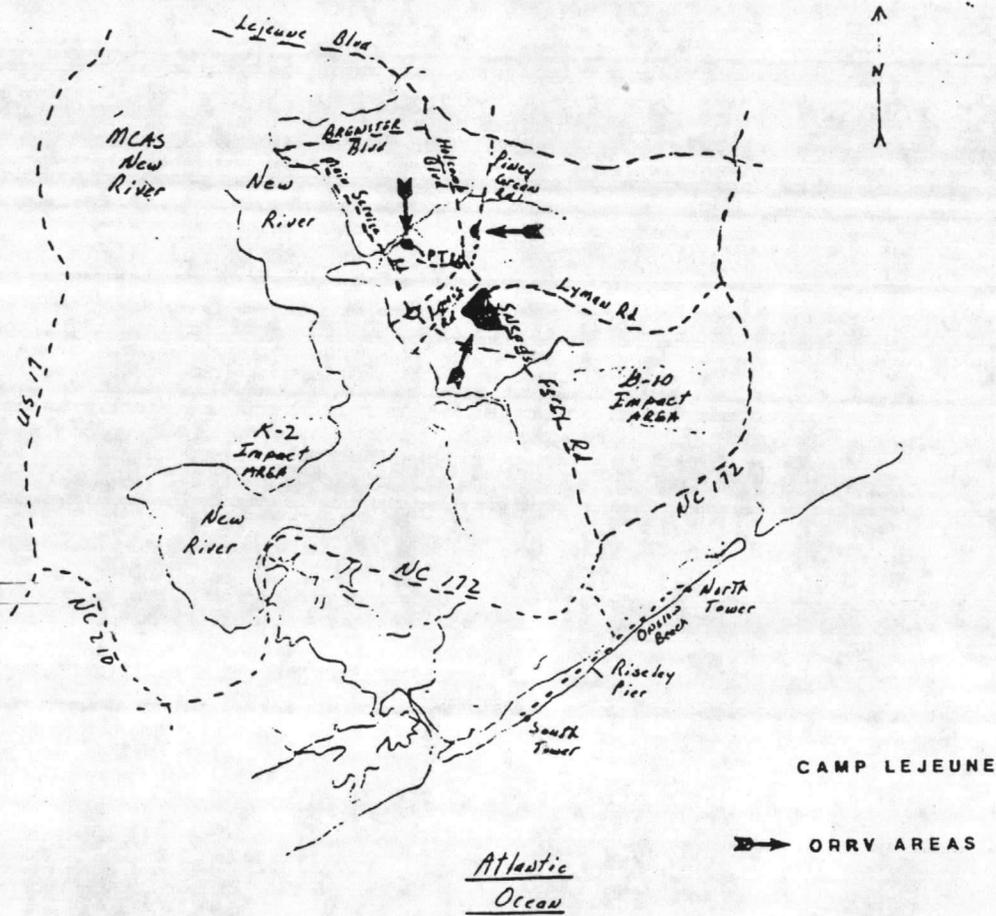
8. Concurrence. This Order has been coordinated and concurred in by the Commanding Generals, II Marine Amphibious Force, FMF; 2d Marine Division, FMF; 2d Force Service Support Group (Rein), FMF; 6th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF; and the Commanding Officers, Naval Hospital, and the Naval Dental Clinic.

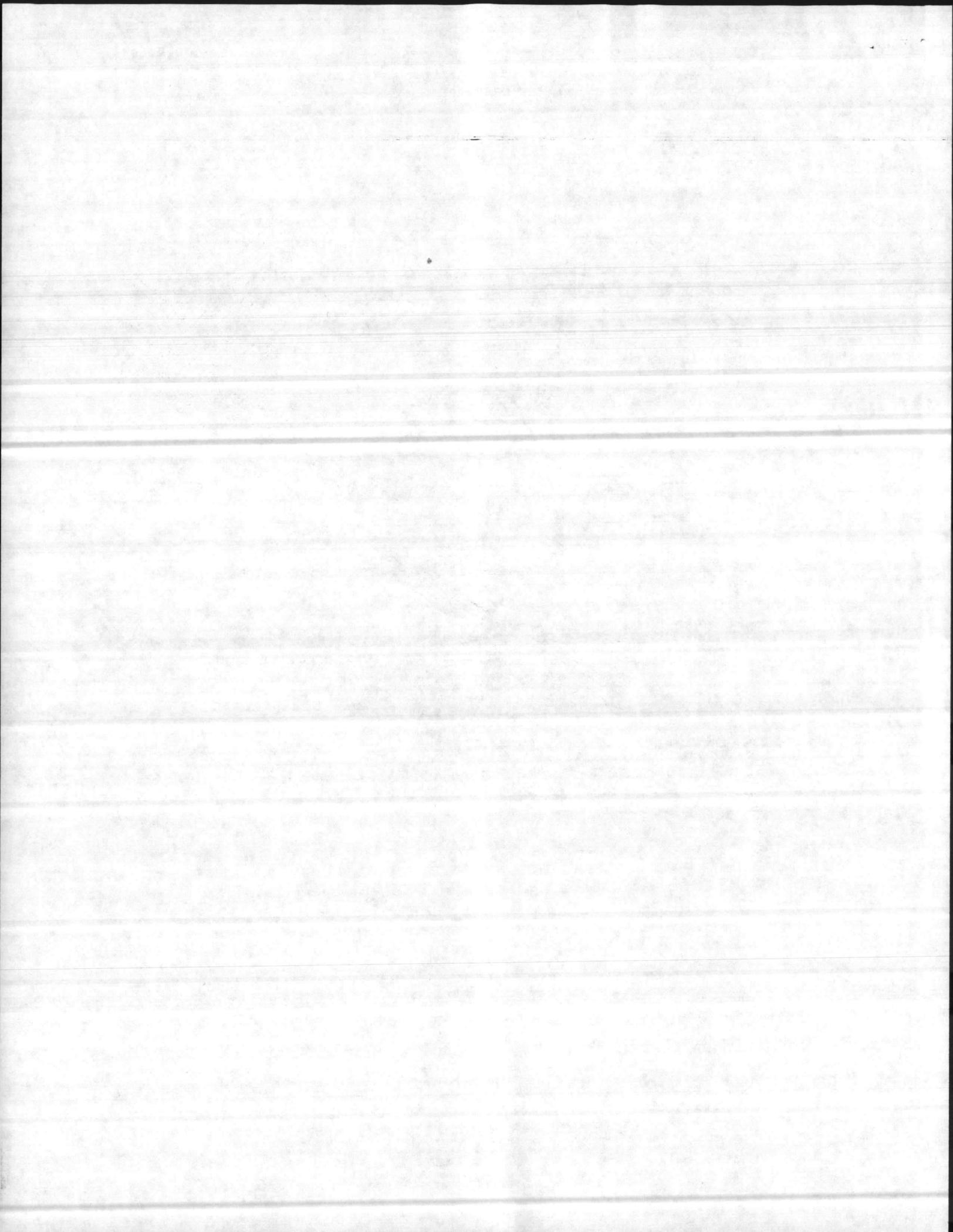
  
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MAP OF ORRV AREAS





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