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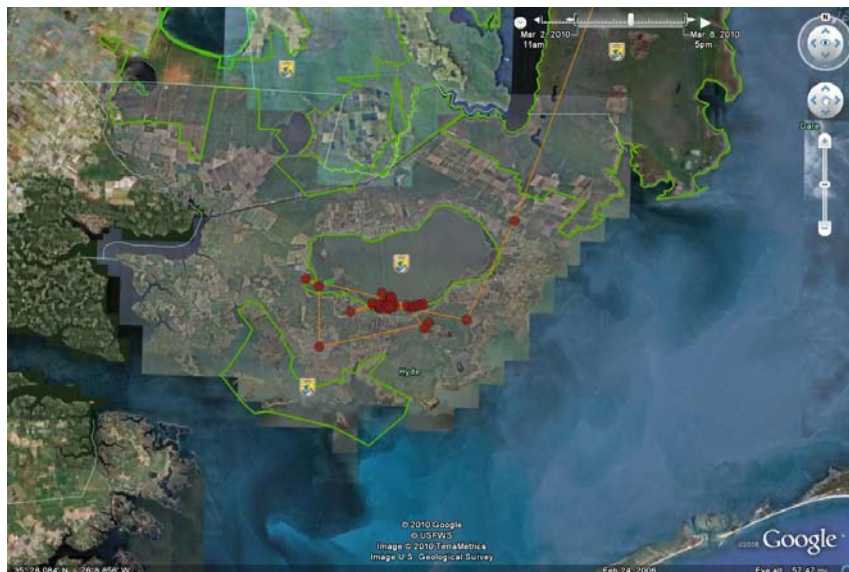
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## Azalea Returns to Eastern NC for More "Southern Hospitality"!

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Remember Azalea? She's the bald eagle that left her home in the Norfolk area several months back and staked a claim on Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge. Well, she's back in eastern North Carolina! According to Reese Lukei, who tracks her movement, "Azalea left Virginia Beach at 9 am March 4 and flew south over Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge about 1 pm. She kept going and arrived at Mattamuskeet by 3 pm. At 5 pm March 8, she was just off Rt 94 opposite the Refuge Wildlife Drive and has been in that general area south of Mattamuskeet Lake since arrival. Good ole NC hospitality." Azalea's story can be followed at <http://eagletrak.blogs.wm.edu>. Lukei also reports that Norfolk Botanical Garden eagle eggs are due to begin hatching March 10. Follow their progress at <http://eaglenest.blogs.wm.edu> Above, Azalea models her satellite transmitter for a group of students prior to her release.



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