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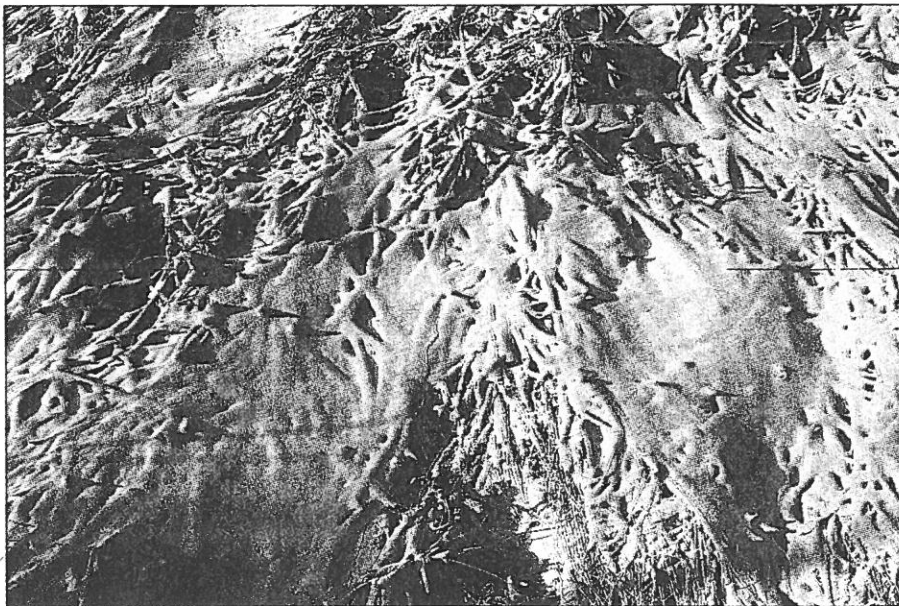
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A DUNE ON THE MOVE



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A pine tree, above, is overtaken by the movement of a dune line on the south side of Jockey's Ridge State Park in Nags Head. Recent high winds have reshaped the East Coast's largest sand dune.

At left, sticky, salty grains of sand cling to a windblown meadow of grasses on the lee side of the migrating dune.