

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS
OFFICE OF PARK PLANNING**



**TOPSAIL HILL
PRESERVE STATE PARK**

**08.22.2019 Public Meeting
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

From: [Nancy Jones](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach access added to park plan
Date: Sunday, August 25, 2019 5:54:09 PM

Dear Park Planning.....I'm highly in favor of additional access thru Topsail & the proposal by the communities that border the park on 30A to build another boardwalk. As residents in these communities look for ways to access their beach & our limited public accesses are over run with tourist we need smarter ways to safely get to the beach. Esp ones that entail not having to start a car to add to the traffic, pollution & parking issues. This boardwalk would encourage safe & better access to the hundreds of residents that could use foot power to get to the beach. I've lived here since '06 & the current setup for the only boardwalk in Topsail isnt easy, fun or utilized because of it! No one wants to pack up kids in the car, drive to Topsails parking lot, unload & wait in the heat for a tram. Then cram in w other sweaty bodies to unload at the boardwalk to finally walk out to the beach. We have been offered a walkable solution to serve hundreds of residents. Let's use it! It seems a no brainer esp since it can protect the park grounds by offering an elevated path thru it to the beach.

Please add this boardwalk!

Nancy Jones
271 Cypress Dr
SRB

A neighbor, resident & lover of Topsail & our natural resources

Sent from my iPad

From: [Thornber Smith](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: KEEP TOPSAIL HILL PRESERVE INTACT
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 10:04:10 AM

Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only

The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access.

No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Hugh T. Smith

269 Ewing Court.

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

From: [Serena Robison](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Keep Topsail natural
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 4:18:48 PM

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Serena Robison
86 Fig Ct
SRB. 32459

From: [John Stasko](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 7:38:51 AM

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John Stasko

From: [george.hoffer](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 2:40:43 PM

One entrance only to Topsail Preserve. Do not give in to Cypress Dunes development.

From: [MELANIE A SCHOFIELD](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: No additional access through Topsail State Preserve!
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 6:49:09 PM

There is no need to allow a few privileged homeowners, who bought their homes without beach access ruin or deteriorate one of the best assets FL has. They have access and ample parking less than a mile away. Please put this issue to rest once and for all, it's come up least three times since I've lived here.

Thank you,

Melanie Schofield
404-414-7216
Walton County

From: [Jacqueline Gibson](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: No additional accesses for Topsail State Preserve
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 5:54:37 AM

Dear Park Officials,

Please do not allow any further accesses through our State Preserves in spite of the pleas of developers who hope to make a profit at the expense of Florida's future.

Surely we have seen enough commercialism in this area! Topsail needs to be maintained for all people, not just for wealthy landowners.

Thank you,
Jacqueline Gibson
89 Dune Drive
Santa Rosa Beach, FL

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Liz](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: No additional beach access in Topsail Hill State Park!
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 2:23:02 PM

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Judy Kish](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: One entrance at Topsi State Park
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 10:03:11 AM

Dear Planning Committee

While I'm sure the owners in Cypress Dunes would enjoy easier access their were made aware that they were buying in a community with no beach access. The Emerald Coast is quickly becoming unrecognizable to those who have been coming here for years and enjoy the quaintness it once was. It seems a shame to change a state park to suit a relatively small number of people who knew what they were buying from day one.

Please help preserve what is left of our small natural habitat.

a concerned citizen

Judy K

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Catherine Hoffer](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: One entrance for Topsail Hill State Park
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 8:39:03 PM

The division of parks must protect the environment at Topsail. One access only

Thank you

Catherine Hoffer

Santa Rosa Beach

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Jan Rieveschl](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [April Rieveschl](#); soappedaler@gmail.com
Subject: Preservation means Preservation
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 5:53:17 PM

To Whom It Should Concern, Topsail Hill Preserve is just that, a Preserve. It should in no way be “developed” for any other purpose than to preserve it as is. It is the crown jewel in the miraculous and unique neckless that is South Walton’s Coastal Dune Lakes. There should be no more entrances. It has been preserved for its own sake, not for the sake of those who want to add more and more “access.” It has sadly been proven over and over again that the line between access and excess is rarely respected and almost always pressured to move in the direction of excess. The solution is to just stop. We are full time residents of Santa Rosa Beach and we are adamantly opposed to the proposed new entrance to Topsail Hill State Park. Sincerely, Jan and April Rieveschl

From: [Nancy](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Preserve Topsail!!
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 11:31:05 AM

Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only

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No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve! With the disappearance of our land through development it is imperative that we preserve our natural environment for the future. Once it is gone it is gone forever. Sincerely, Nancy Spencer, a resident of Miramar Beach

From: [claire kuhn](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Preserve!!!!!!
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 3:16:29 PM

Cypress Dune HOA continues to lobby for a beach access for their subdivision. Topsail Hill Preserve protects the most outstanding assemblage of natural communities on the coast of the Florida Panhandle. It is the only place on the planet where dune lakes exist entirely within conservation land, the rare Choctawhatchee beach mouse habitat is undisturbed and wet prairies and coastal scrub are found intact. All of the private land in South Walton will someday be developed, we must preserve our state parks and forest.

I agree with this statement!!!!

Claire Kuhn

From: [Brandt Enos](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 10:11:21 AM

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Thank you! Brandt

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From: [Carol Blackburn](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 12:40:41 AM

Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only

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Sent from Carol's iPhone

From: [Adam McCall](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park - Access approval
Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 1:57:08 PM

Dear Sir or Madame,

As a conservationist who has spent the better part of my life playing in mountains, creeks, and lakes I usually argue against increased access through a nature preserve. In most cases, my opinion is based on what is already an over-crowded scenario. However, I believe when looking at all the variables, access to the beach across Topsail Hill Preserve is acceptable for several reasons. I don't live in the area and do not much care one way or another regarding whether it benefits a neighborhood. Instead, I believe access to the beach can and will have a positive impact on the preserve itself by opening access to more children and adults in order to enjoy such a gorgeous area of preserved land. In summary, I would like to give my comments in support of opening access to the beach through Topsail Hill Preserve.

Adam McCall

From: caroling@mchsi.com
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park - one entrance only
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 4:55:33 PM

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Carol Geary
Annual Pass owner
Local 32459 resident

From: [William Potter](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:25:49 AM

I want to thank you again for hosting the meeting last night regarding this wonderful park. As I stated last night I use the park every week for hiking and biking and also volunteer there one day a week. My family has been enjoying the park for over 18 years.

I agree with all the proposed facility improvements that are contained in the draft report inclusive of the one change to remove the reopening of the entrance off Hwy 98.

My main concern and worry is the proposal to add an new entrance on the east side of the park adjacent to Cypress Dunes development. While I like right next door to them, I strongly disagree with adding another entrance in this area as it will disrupt one of the larger areas that embraces the "Preserve" portion of your mission. Regardless of the developments offer to fund it, once built it will disrupt more wildlife, open this area for damage/litter and be an ongoing drain on limited resources to maintain.

We all use the park and have managed to "get in" without any real trouble. While this new proposed entrance would be extremely "valuable" and convenient for a limited number of folks, most others except for Cypress Dunes would find the parking much too limited and the walking distances prohibitive.

The next part I do not know for certain as I was just told it last night. I was told that the reason that some of the other residents from the east side of 30A have vocally supported this project is because they have been promised access to the Cypress Dunes pool and workout facility. Again, I don't know that as a fact so take it for what it is worth.

Again, thanks for all you do for our community and the opportunity for input.

Respectfully,

Bill Potter
222 Sandstone Street
Santa Rosa Beach, FL

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Bill Potter

From: [Beverly Ottzen](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 5:32:51 PM

Please do not allow Topsail Hill Preserve to be in any way compromised or invaded. This is a rare and precious preserve that should continue to be protected from all encroachments. Everyone, including Cypress Dunes, can go around it to access the beach. Don't sacrifice the natural habitat for flora and fauna for the "convenience" of a few people. It is in the public interest to preserve what's left of our natural environment for future generations.

Thank you,
Beverly Ottzen, resident of Walton County

From: [Howard Partridge](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 3:52:29 PM

I want to voice my opposition to another entrance to Tops'l State Park!

The purpose on Tops'l is to conserve the natural beauty, the ecosystem there. Another access means renters leaving trash on the beach and disturbing the wildlife there!

NO additional access is needed or warranted. Those who want to walk into the park, purchased the property or rented a property with full knowledge that they had to use an existing public access.

And for those that are coming by car... the last thing we need is more traffic around the elementary school of people trying to find the entrance!

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From: [Lawrence Eugene Bertoldi](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill preserve
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 5:40:00 PM

It is important to me my family and friends that we continue to preserve the dune lakes and coaster prairies that exist nowhere else in the world. In addition to providing a beautiful landscape to visit and [enjoy.it](#) is the engine that delivers many tourist dollars to our economy. Additional access to these areas will have a huge negative impact to life here on the gulf coast..

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Youtube from the "GX2" Realtime Simulation API
<http://www.youtube.com/lbarto2000/videos>

From: [Nan Sroufe](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 8:37:20 AM

We must protect our state forests,parks, and PRESERVES!

No additional beach access's are needed through this rare, special,sacred land!

Many South Walton county developers,residents,and elected officials continue attempts to destroy and abuse valuable wetlands, habitats,and designated park and preserve lands .We MUST preserve these valuable resources for future generations and because once these lands are compromised and destroyed , there will be no going back.

I urge you to continue protection of Topsail Hill Preserve and it's buffering properties.

Nancy ("Nan") Sroufe
6465 W. Hwy 30A
Santa Rosa Beach, Fl.
32459

Sent from my iPad

From: [Todd Egizii](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 10:08:38 AM

Sir/Madam -

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No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Thank you for your time and commitment to Florida State Parks.

Sincerely,
Todd Egizii

Todd Egizii
909 Sandgrass Blvd
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

(217) 899-5921

From: [Arix Zalace](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 8:35:15 PM

To whom it may concern,

The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. The purpose of this acquisition was not ambiguous in any way. Recreation in the preserve **MUST NOT DIMINISH** the preserve. There are countless studies that show that the fastest way to destroy preserved land is by increasing the access points to that land. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access.

No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Sincerely,
Arix Zalace

Walton County Business Owner and Resident

From: [Ruth Adney](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 3:33:33 PM

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Sincerely,

Ruth Adney

From: [Caring Touch](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 2:35:13 PM

Please,

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Janet Hardy

Walton County resident

From: [Mike Seal](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only / New Walton County REGIONAL beach access
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 4:05:33 PM
Importance: High

Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only / New Walton County REGIONAL beach access point

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Further, Walton County is about to complete a new regional beach access point only 1.1 miles from the gates of Cypress Dunes neighborhood. This is a TWO MINUTE DRIVE from the gates of Cypress Dunes, maybe 3-4 minutes on a golf cart. This regional access will have bathrooms and outdoor shower facilities.

Link showing beach access route:

<https://goo.gl/maps/VoUrwsBcWmkDQAXG6>

PRESERVE Topsail Hill Preserve as it is today, and has it has been in the past. NO additional accesses are needed!!

Mike Seal

Email: sealmike@gmail.com

From: [Darcy Pentel](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 11:26:13 AM

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It is a state park. It should not be utilized in any fashion for a private subdivision!

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From: [Laurance Davis](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [Larry Davis](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 10:11:35 AM

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From: [Denise Mack](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 10:02:06 AM

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Denise Mack
Brian Jonland
Sent from my iPad

From: [Denise Appenzeller](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 9:52:50 AM

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Denise Appenzeller

324 Walton Way

Miramar Beach, Florida

32550

Sent from my iPad

From: [Laura Lehr](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 9:41:30 AM

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Please don't let another community HOA take over what little land we have left for wildlife.

Thank you,

Michael and Laura Lehr

Santa Rosa Beach, FL

From: [Jimmy Kuhn](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 5:14:50 PM

Hello,

I'm a resident of 30A in South Walton County.

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Jimmy Kuhn

South Walton Resident

From: [Rachael Reichenbach](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 4:21:23 PM

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Sincerely,

Rachael Reichenbach

From: [Geoff Thistlethwaite](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 4:16:14 PM

Although I live in Louisiana my family and I vacation at Topsail almost every summer. It is a wonderful vacation spot.

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Geoff Thistlethwaite

From: [Richard Fowlkes](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve One Entrance Only
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 5:57:01 PM

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Richard Fowlkes
Santa Rosa Beach, FL

From: [Garner Chandler](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
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Garner Chandler

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From: [Willis A. Duvall, Jr.](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 9:29:40 AM
Importance: High

This beautiful and pristine area is a jewel and should be preserved and totally protected. I visit the park often and the current accesses are great as they are and are designed to protect this environmentally fragile ecosystem. It could not be more convenient to access all the park has to offer.

ABSOLUTELY NO NEW ACCESSES SHOULD BE BUILT INTO THE PARK. THE PARK SHOULD BE PROTECTED AND MAINTAINED IN ITS PRESENT STATE.

From: [Kimberly Walk](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 7:03:50 PM

Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only

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PLEASE NOTE -

Cypress Dunes has since its inception - sold property with the "hinting" to buyers that they will have access to the beach from the development. Why, where did they get the idea that they could go through a preserve??? I was actually told that there was going to BE access to the beach while looking at a new home there for my sister several years ago. Great selling tool but false advertising - maybe they should be sued by the buyers instead of them trying to "buy access" now?

This is not what was intended (access to the beach to a private builder's subdivision) when St. Joe deeded the property to Florida.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Walk

Sent from my iPhone - Please excuse any typos or brevity.

From: [Bob](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 5:37:46 PM

as a board member of the Florida Wildlife Federation, I was involved in initial efforts to establish Topsail Hill Preserve. your stated mission as state park planners is "to achieve an equitable balance between preserving natural conditions and providing public access."

that balance has been achieved and has worked fine for a quarter century now. any additional accesses will only compromise the balance and reduce the natural values preserved there.

you must understand that there's a commercial interest behind this demand for additional access. there will always be pressure to benefit those whose aims are to make money. you must resist this demand, and ensure Topsail Hill remains as is for generations to come. thank you.

--Bob Reid
Niceville, FL

Topsail Hill Preserve-keep it intact!

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Email now FLStateParkPlanning@floridadep.gov You can copy and paste the following or write your own comment. Put your name after the comment.

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From: [Crawford Sandefur](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 2:21:20 PM

We were part of a group that saved Topsail Hill Preserve twenty-six years ago, so we can attest to the fact that the acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. We were told at the time that Topsail would be designated a Preserve, not a Park, thereby limiting its development to less than five percent. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access.

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Thank you,

Crawford Sandefur and Jerry Lancaster

Sent from my iPad

From: [Robyn Streety](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 8:49:16 AM

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Robyn Streety

From: [Judy Raad](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: TopSail Nature Preserve
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 7:20:19 PM

RE: HOA of Cypress Dunes lobbying to obtain a Beach Access

This is sheer nonsense. The Preserve was created to maintain a pristine ecosystem. Cypress Dune Developers tried to sell the idea along with the purchase of a home or a homesite that someday they would prevail in their efforts to get beach access there. Why? Sheer greed; nothing more. They care more about dollars and their development than they do about maintaining a beautiful and natural portion of our beaches. No environmental group or professional would ever agree to such a plan. To allow this plan to move forward would set back Florida preservation efforts immensely and set a terrible precedence for all preserves and their future.

Regards,

Judy Raad
Santa Rosa Beach Resident

Sent from my iPad

From: [Susan Lucas](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Preserve
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 4:14:25 PM

I've been going to Topsail since before it was a preserve. It is a rare and beautiful place. And it is in peril from those who would destroy it for their convenience.

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Susan Lucas
249 North Blue Heron Drive
Santa Rosa Beach FL 32459
susanlucasart.com
850-267-3083

From: [Gary Reid](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Preserve
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 2:47:29 PM

As a property owner joining the east border of the preserve and also owning a lot on Lake Stallworth we value the preservation of Topsail Preserve. Please do not allow any ineteruption in the natural habitat we are so very fortunate

Gary Reid
President
Mid-South Ag Equipment, Inc.
R.B.R. Enterprise, LLC
Mid-West RBR Ag Services

From: [Andrea Normand](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail State Park
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 11:24:58 AM

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No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Please DO NOT ALLOW another entrance to Topsail Hill Preserve let's keep it Preserved!

Thank you!

Andrea Normand
197 Hilltop Dr
Santa Rosa Beach, FL
32459

From: [Mary Sanders](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail State Preserve One Entrance Only
Date: Monday, August 26, 2019 2:57:59 PM

The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access. I am a member of Friends ofTopsail and also a neighbor on the other side of the Preserve. Please keep it as a PRESERVE.

No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Mary Sanders

111 Missile Hill Road

Santa Rosa Beach Florida 32459

From: jonehuenemann@gmail.com
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: patjonhome@gmail.com
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 2:47:58 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I participated on August 22, 2019, in the Florida Department of Environment Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, organized Public Meeting on beach access in Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.

It was my first such participation in a public meeting on this topic as we are relatively new residents to Santa Rose Beach.

That said, we bought property and moved to this particular venue in good part because of the unique nature of this preserve. It is a magnificent place that should be resolutely preserved as the title indicates. Additional beach access runs a grave risk of destroying the fragile ecosystems and their inhabitants that are inherent to this wonderful place.

I was struck by the incoherent and even self damning nature of the comments supporting a new sanctioned pathway directly to the beach that emanated from some of the residents in the Cyprus Dunes development. While I can understand they would prefer such a pathway to the beach, they bought the property knowing they did not have such a pathway to the beach. They are now conveniently asking the state, in effect, to gratuitously increase their property values.

At the same time, they all have ready access to the beach - as do the rest of us - via existing state sanctioned methods within the Preserve State Park...and it was evident from a number of comments those residents made that there is little to no obstacle to their ongoing beach access. I was also concerned with the comments of some of these residents essentially sanctioning willing violations of the rules in the Preserve State Park regarding disregard for sanctioned pathways.

Furthermore, the very name of the Topsail Hill Preserve State Park includes the word "Preserve" for a core reason: This is a preserve and not an open sodded grassy area for recreation and walking/hiking. It should be kept as preserve if it is to remain a meaningful preserve void of ongoing threats to its inherent purpose. If the state sanctions what in effect will be a new pathway directly to the beach for the Cyprus Dunes residents the core principle of this preserve will be compromised...thus inevitably leading to the degradation of this oasis of fragile ecosystems and its inhabitants. In short, this Preserve State Park should remain undisturbed by an unwarranted incursion as suggested by the Cyprus Dunes residents at the Public Meeting I attended.

Finally, it is my understanding that over the course of the time the state has been considering this matter the comments from the public have by a significant margin been in opposition to degrading the essence of the Preserve Park with additional/new access to the beach, such as what some Cyprus Dunes residents were suggesting at the August 22 meeting. I also understand that the Preserve Park 10 year plan has not included any such proposal either. If this is accurate, an important simple yet principled governance question to answer is on what basis is the state even

entertaining – especially at this point - the suggestions for a new pathway to the beach made by those Cyprus Dunes residents present at the Public Meeting.

Thank you for considering my comments in your deliberations.

Jon Huenemann
Santa Rosa Beach

From: [Kerry King](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 2:43:58 PM

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No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

We need to preserve more than develop. There has been a TON of development here already.

Thanks!

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Kerry L King
Phone: 615-939-6840

From: [Lynn McCay](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 1:56:46 PM

Please Please do not let special interest of some ruin the beauty and preservation of state lands. I am a part-time resident in the area and the natural beauty of the state parks and rarity of the dune lakes drew me to this beautiful place and the desire to want to live here full time one day.

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No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve

Thank you for your consideration

Lynn McCay

205-913-9338

613 Eastern Lake Road, Unit 9

Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

From: [Jeanne STEADMAN](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 1:52:13 PM

Topsail Hill Preserve-keep it intact!

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No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Preserve.

Thank you,

Jeanne Steadman
Seagrove Beach, FL.

From: [Donna DonFrancesco](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only, please!!!
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 1:47:24 PM

The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access.

We strongly feel that no additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Protect our resources, please.

Donna and Steve DonFrancesco

From: [John Moore](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 1:42:25 PM

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Thank you,

John Moore

From: [Richard Lindemann](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 1:15:13 PM

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Richard and Wendy Lindemann

From: [Amy Selbee](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: GRANT additional access to Topsail Reserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 12:49:12 PM

I am in favor of an additional access point for Topsail Reserve State Park! With all of the public beach access issues we currently face because of Customary Use, additional public access points should be a top priority. As South Walton continues to grow, our tourism industry will unfortunately, begin to suffer as a result of customary use. Tourists are already negatively responding to the issues surrounding customary use and lack of public beach that they have grown to love and return year after year. The tourism dollars will go elsewhere with the lack of beach access. Topsail Reserve State Park is a beautiful place that we love to share with locals and tourists alike. An additional beach access point at Topsail can be used and showcased by all to enjoy our beaches and nature that exemplifies the beauty of South Walton.

Please vote YES to grant the additional access point at Topsail.

Sincerely,
Amy Stivers

From: [david krika](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve Access
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 12:48:46 PM

Hello,

I am a local resident of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. I have served on the Board of Directors for the Friends for Topsail, I frequent the park weekly and I'm also an annual Florida parks pass-holder.

I'm growing tired of one neighborhood in our area thinking that they deserve a special access into the park (let's be real for a moment, it's beach access they want). This has gone on for years and its time to put an end to it. The neighborhood was built knowing that there was no direct access to the beach. Owners purchased in the neighborhood knowing there was no direct access to the beach.

To put it simply, I will not oppose this "special" neighborhoods desire for access to the park (beach), as long as I also can share in their free and unobstructed access to the park (beach). It's really that simple.

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Sincerely,

David L. Krika

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From: [Lynn Abbit](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Protect Topsail Hill Preserve
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 12:32:26 PM

Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only

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Lynn Abbit

From: [Marilu Morgan](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 12:06:28 PM

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Marilu Morgan
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From: [Jack Abbit](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Protect Topsail Hill Preserve
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 11:49:56 AM

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Jack Abbit

From: [mary block](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Keep Topsail as is
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 11:40:53 AM

Keep Topsail State Park as it is with one beach access. I am not in favor of Cypress dunes being allowed to have an additional beach access. Thank you Mary Blockowitz

From: [Mary Hamblin](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [Janice Gaultney](#)
Subject: Topsail Beach access
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:08:48 AM

I am in support of the proposed beach access at Cypress Dunes and Topsail State Park. We have been Beach owners on 30 A for 14 years. We were originally in Seagrove and due to the crowded beaches we moved to the West End. We are annual members of the state park and would welcome this addition on the west side of 30A .

With the recent fights over the ownership of the beach, our area is starting to get a “bad rep” . I believe this beach access will help alleviate that because it is open to the public

Sent from my iPhone

From: keith.harris1@comcast.net
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: ["Janice Gaultney"](#)
Subject: FW: Beach Access on Cypress Passage, Santa Rosa Beach
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:24:49 AM

To: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park Planning Committee

We would like to voice our strong support of the proposed public beach access at the end of Cypress Passage, in Santa Rosa Beach. This would provide access to several local communities that could walk to the beach, would provide access to a stretch of beach that is not easily accessible, and as I understand the proposal, would provide numerous family memberships to the park from the surrounding community associations.

Thank you for your consideration,
Keith and Debra Harris
16 Cypress Landing
Santa Rosa Beach
678-428-1188

From: [Tammy Eby](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:43:45 AM

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Tammy Eby

From: [P.MOORE](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve--ONE ENTRANCE ONLY
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:14:47 AM

Greetings,

I would like to go on record stating that ONE entrance to Topsail Hill State Preserve is sufficient. Please do not give in to greedy people with ulterior motives. Do what is best for the Preserve!

Thanks,

Pam Winterrowd
(573)888-7533

From: [Cindy Allen](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:11:12 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

As you know there is a proposal to put a boardwalk through Topsail Park from the Cypress Dunes community. I would strongly ask your approval for this proposal.

Topsail Forest is a beautiful forest with dune lakes, etc. that everyone wants to keep preserved. Right now there are several well worn paths that go through the area. The community is not asking to disturb the lakes but to build a boardwalk along the path that is already worn and traveled. It would actually help preserve the area better because people would not go through the forest if there was a boardwalk. The people of Cypress Dunes love the area and want to perceive it. That is actually why most chose to live in the area.

It is my understanding that the Cypress Dunes community is committed to helping pay for the boardwalk and help to educate the community by putting signs that describe the dune lakes, the mice, trees and other parts of the Topsail Forest. What an incredible asset this would be to both the community and the state of Florida.

As you know, public access on 30A has been a true problem causing a great deal of controversy in the area. 30A has become one of the hotspots in the country and because of it the public beaches are very crowded. The area in front of Cypress Dunes has one of the few places on 30A with plenty of beach space for the public and the Cypress Dunes community wants to open that area to the public. I don't know of many 30a communities that are seeking to do this.

If the boardwalk is put in correctly, the whole community will be benefitted, including the state park. We are not advocating to tear up the Dune Lakes or the forest, simply to put a boardwalk around the dunes in the area that is already traveled on to protect the dune lakes and the park itself.

Please consider all people and help more people be able to access the beach and enjoy the Forest by approving the boardwalk.

Thank you for your consideration. We vacation on 30A often and would love to see this Boardwalk approved.

Cindy Allen

From: [Stephony Robinson](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 11:12:55 PM

We live I Draper Lake Coastal village and we do not have beach access. However we have the treasure and responsibility of helping preserve the beauty of this rare dune lake.

Topsail Hill Preserve protects the most outstanding assemblage of natural communities on the coast of the Florida Panhandle. It is the only place on the planet where dune lakes exist entirely within conservation land, the rare Choctawhatchee beach mouse habitat is undisturbed and wet prairies and coastal scrub are found intact. All of the private land in South Walton will someday be developed, we must preserve our state parks and forest.

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No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Don't let money sway you from preserving what we have or someday it will all be lost, just like Destin.

Stephony and Elton Robinson
46 N.Branch Rd
Santa Rosa Beach FL 32459

From: [Kristie Tooley](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [Janice Gaultney](#)
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Thank you for your consideration.

Kristie Tooley
Property Owner on 30A

From: [Martha Urban](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 9:16:38 PM

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No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Martha Urban

Concerned 30A property owner

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nan O'Connor](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 9:06:12 PM

To Park Planning:

A few years ago, many of us in Walton County attended a meeting and spoke up against giving the Cyprus Dune neighborhood permission to build a long beach access through Topsail to the beach. I was one of them. Today the arguments against allowing this unnecessary intrusion into the Preserve are stronger than ever.

South Walton is overcrowded and overdeveloped now. We must fight to save our natural State forests and dunes.

Once gone, they will not return. My two main concerns are the added number of people entering a section of the Preserve that is not supervised by the Park Service. The other is the disruption affecting the fragile ecosystem in the dune area. Topsail already has a tram that goes to the beach which is not far from Cypress Dune.

Thank you for denying their request for a beach access.

Nan F. O'Connor
306 IVY LN
Santa Rosa Beach FL 32459

From: [gtts](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 8:40:49 PM

The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of the natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle.

If recreational activity is permitted to compromise this charter,
then I'm wasting my time serving the Park through the CSO.

No additional access should be added to the Preserve.

Regards,

Bruce Lachmann



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From: [Lucia Dillon](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 8:12:54 PM

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Lucia Dillon
Sent from my iPad

From: [Stacy Froeschner](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 7:56:58 PM

Hello,

I am writing today to request the State Park Planners reject the idea of a new entrance into Topsail Hill State Preserve. The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance is perfect and should remain as the only entrance and beach access.

My family and own two homes in the adjacent neighborhood. We have never supported additional accesses into the park.

No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Stacy Froeschner
122 Sunset Ave
Santa Rosa Beach, FL
32459

From: [JAMES WALKER](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach/Park access
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 7:43:44 PM

I am in support of additional access to Topsail Hill State park.

Currently there is only one access point to Topsail park. I think this is inadequate for such a large park and feel that we need additional access points. The people of Florida have paid for the park, but with current access availability, it is primarily available to non-local individuals. As a local resident, I purchase a yearly park pass. Currently, that requires that I load my dogs/paddle board/beach necessities into my car, drive to the front gate and ride a tram to access the park/beach. This makes the park very inaccessible to local residents. Multiple access points to park trails are needed for local residents. I love to ride my mountain bike on park trails, but current accessibility makes that unappealing.

I would like to see additional access to Topsail Hill trails and beaches placed into the management plan of the park for the use and enjoyment of Florida residents. Current technology should support an app or point verification of pass/payment to allow for multiple access points to authorized trails and beach access points.

JD Walker

From: [Richard Butela](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: re: Cypress Dune walkover at Topsail Preserve
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 6:58:48 PM

Please do not approve request by Cypress Dune HOA for a private beach walkover access across Top Sail Preserve .

The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was specifically intended for the conservation of natural habitat and should not be disturbed for the exclusive recreation and enrichment of private property.

Thank You

Richard Butela
Seagrove Beach, Fl

From: [Shannon Flynn](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Keep Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 6:45:13 PM

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Shannon Flynn

75 Crescent Road

Santa Rosa Beach

From: [Nicolas Bueby](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 4:30:11 PM

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Thanks,

Nicolas Bueby
850.974.9222

From: [Tracy Louthain](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve One Entrance Only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 4:28:01 PM

Dear Planning Department,

As a local resident of Walton County, I care about the preservation of land within Topsail Hill State Preserve. I am an annual Florida State Park pass holder and this is one of my favorite parks due to it's unique topography and is home to two coastal dune lakes. The donation of this land to the state was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle as well as for recreational use. We must not let one outweigh the other. An additional park access has been requested by a nearby neighborhood that could harm the preservation and protection of this land as well as harm the population of the endangered Choctawhatchee Beach Mouse. In the best interest of the land, the species that call this park home and the public, the current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access. No additional entrances should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve.

Thank you in advance for protecting this important preserve.

Best,

Tracy

Tracy Louthain

155 Marsh Landing S

Freeport, FL 32439

From: endlessbountyfarms@gmail.com
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 4:25:24 PM

Please allow only one beach access to TopSail Hill Preserve . Thank you...!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Laura Kreinus](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
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Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 4:11:20 PM

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Individuals currently working towards this goal have knocked on our door several times to encourage us to join their cause - we live in Emerald Walk subdivision directly across 30A. Money is their motivation - they have clearly stated that this would increase all of our property values many time over!! Not worth it!!!

No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!_

Laura Kreinus
Homeowner
158 White Heron Drive

From: [Clark, Amber](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 4:09:18 PM

As a lifelong resident of Walton County with old family ties to Hogtown Landing (200+ years), I consider our state parks to be inviolable – especially as our population explodes. The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access. No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Thank you for your attention.

Amber Clark | Gulf Coast State College

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From: [Tiana Larsen](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 3:48:05 PM

I had the great good fortune to move to Seagrove Beach in South Walton the same year as the Topsail/Pt. Washington purchase and to become involved in conservation issues shortly thereafter. I was active in the efforts to reduce the size of the proposed surplus land dispositions that Walton County was demanding after the purchase.

In addition for several years in the late 1990's I was the Conservation Chair of the Sierra Club NW FL and as such participated in a number of park planning sessions.

I am running out of fingers and toes on which to count the number of times the state has been asked to give up land or modify park plans to satisfy one or another group of people who believe their wants or needs of the moment trump the purposes for which the lands were purchased by the state.

This particular proposal for a second beach access at Topsail that would fragment habitat and present a serious management challenge has come up several times before, and each time you have stood fast and said no.

I am writing to ask you to, once again, act in best interests of this precious resource and preserve it for future generations by denying this proposal.

Sincerely,
Tiana Larsen
205 Campbell St.
Seagrove Beach, FL

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"Every time a tree is cut down here on Earth, I believe it will grow again somewhere else - in some other world. So, when I die, it is to this place that I want to go, where forests live in peace."

-- Antonio Carlos Jobim

From: [Bill Muldowney](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 3:04:47 PM

I have written before and attended several meetings. I live on Austinwood Lane and championed the plan to allow our road as part of a beach access through the park. I am not sure what more I can say to convince you that this access to the beach will be valuable to the public and the state park. It seems that we get very close to a decision and then we start all over again back to points we considered and rejected several months or years ago. It seems the county Commissioners would rather spend millions on property belonging to a local restaurant owner and reroute roads than do something logical and cost effective. They spend the tax payers money and build a parking lot for restaurant parking rather than the beach goers. Very hard for the average tax paying citizen to figure out. But its Walton county after all and that's the way we do business. Most of the people against this project don't live anywhere near it and what's worse most are not beach goers. They throw out all kinds of ridiculous crap about how it will damage the park and have even brought in people from Miami and other locations in the state to make up dire consequences. Everyone has made this much more complicated than necessary. It seems to me that we could have moved forward with this project two years ago but for the fear of politicians losing some votes from our local radicals. This fight is like the rest of our society right now a group of hard working tax payers have worked on a plan to do a good thing for the community and a bunch of folks who hate anything to do with progress have decided to do everything in their power to stop it. Then the politicians and bureaucrats want to do a study , have a meeting or a survey and when those are done they decide to study it some more and count the number of letters and emails they get on each side of the issue. Frankly it's a hell of a way to run a railroad and definitely not how this great country was built. I recommend you just do the right thing and approve the project which will benefit the citizens of Walton county and the state of Florida

F. W. Muldowney III
47 Austinwood Lane
Santa Rosa Beach Fl. 32459

From: [DonnaMarie Patten](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:17:56 PM

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No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Mr John Patten II

From: [Lorie Herod](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:14:53 PM

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Sincerely, Lorie Herod

From: [REBECCA MORAN](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Keep Topsail Hill Preserve Intact!
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:12:04 PM

To whom it may concern,

Cypress Dune HOA continues to lobby for a beach access for their subdivision. Topsail Hill Preserve protects the most outstanding assemblage of natural communities on the coast of Florida panhandle. It is the only place on the planet where dune lakes exist entirely within conservation land, the rare Chattahoochee beach mouse habitat is undisturbed and wet prairies and coastal scrub are found intact. All of the private land in South Walton will someday be developed in the name of greed. It is time to start putting an end to the endless greed and start doing what's right for our land and sea. The people of Miramar Beach and surrounding areas are furious! You will be receiving many letters expressing their concern on this matter.

WE MUST PRESERVE OUR STATE PARKS FOREST! PLEASE PROTECT OUR LANDS FROM GREED! IT IS TIME TO MAKE A STAND!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Moran

Miramar Beach

From: [SARA EAVES](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:10:50 PM

Topsail Hill Preserve-keep it intact!

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Email now FLStateParkPlanning@floridadep.gov You can copy and paste the following or write your own comment. Put your name after the comment.

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From: [MIKE GALLAGHER](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:01:25 PM

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Michael Gallagher
144 Twisted Pine Trail
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

From: [gwerner](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:49:07 AM

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Thank you,

Gabriele and John Werner

From: [DonnaMarie Patten](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:44:33 AM

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DonnaMarie Patten
pattendm@me.com

From: [MATT Wells](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail beach access
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:37:40 AM

As a long time visitor to 30 A, I support the proposed beach access near topsail state park .

We currently use the beach access at Ed Wallin and it has become too crowded

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Thanks,
Matt Wells
404.803.2678

From: [Pamela Haymes](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Please Approve the Boardwalk
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:25:15 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

As you know there is a proposal to put a boardwalk through Topsail Park from the Cypress Dunes community. I would strongly ask your approval for this proposal.

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Please consider all people and help more people be able to access the beach and enjoy the Forest by approving the boardwalk.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pamela Haymes
Visitor to 30A

From: [John Kenney](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve -- One Entrance Only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:10:56 AM

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Thank you.

John Kenney

Miramar Beach, FL

From: [Janine Bryant](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Public Beach Access in Topsail Hill State Park
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:54:40 AM

Florida Planning Commission,

I would like you to know that I am definitely in support of the proposed public beach access at the end of Cypress Passage in Santa Rosa Beach. I visit the western end of 30a frequently and currently have to get in my car to go to the beach. The ability to walk on an ecologically sound boardwalk to the beach instead of loading up the car would be of great benefit and help with reducing congestion and traffic. Access to a state owned beach would be a great asset to the area and it is my understanding that this access will be done in a manner that benefits the Park and the local community and it's visitors, creating a win for all.

Thank you for your consideration. Let's do it! ☺

Janine Bryant

Capital Management Services, Inc .

P. O. Box 2360

Dacula, GA 30019

678-986-2199

From: [Jane Austin](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Boardwalk Proposal - great idea!!!
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:43:01 AM

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Please consider all people and help more people be able to access the beach and enjoy the Forest by approving the boardwalk.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jane Austin
Frequent visitor to 30A area

From: [S.Young](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:35:23 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Edward and Shirley Drury
46 Seagull Cove #61A
Miramar Beach, FL. 32550

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: [Michael Bryant](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Proposed Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:08:31 AM
Attachments: [image827622.png](#)
[image299101.png](#)
[image023002.png](#)
[image476724.png](#)

Hi,

I am writing this email in support of the proposed public beach access at the end of Cypress Passage in Santa Rosa Beach. I visit the western end of 30a frequently, and currently have to get in my car to go to the beach. The ability to walk on a ecologically sound boardwalk to the beach instead of loading up the car (contributing to congestion and traffic) would be of great benefit. Given the issues I've witnessed from the current customary use situation, having access to state owned beach would be a big blessing. It is my understanding that this access will be done in a manner that benefits the Park and the local community and it's visitors, creating a win for all.

Thank you for your consideration,

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MICHAEL BRYANT

Chief Cultivator

Email: mbryant@peakharvestcoaching.com

Tel: 770.527.4379



From: [Rich Arnold](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Public Beach Access on Cypress Passage Santa Rosa Beach
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:03:11 AM

Hello,

I am writing this email in support of the proposed public beach access at the end of Cypress Passage in Santa Rosa Beach. I visit the western end of 30a frequently, and currently have to get in my car to go to the beach. The ability to walk on a ecologically sound boardwalk to the beach instead of loading up the car (contributing to congestion and traffic) would be of great benefit. Given the issues I've witnessed from the current customary use situation, having access to state owned beach would be a big blessing. It is my understanding that this access will be done in a manner that benefits the Park and the local community and it's visitors, creating a win for all.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rich and Michele Arnold
2728 Henderson Summit
Tucker, GA 30084

From: [Roy Leffew](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Proposed Public Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:38:09 AM

To Whom it may concern:

I understand that there is a proposal to create a public beach access at the end of Cypress Passage in Santa Rosa Beach. I am very much in favor of this proposal and encourage you to implement it. My family and I visit this area often. Currently we must load up a vehicle and drive to beach access. Having this ecologically sound boardwalk to the beach would be of great benefit. I think this would be a "win" for the Park, the community and it's many visitors.

Thank you for your consideration,
Roy Leffew
822 Maxie Lane
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

From: [David Walker](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 3:16:14 PM

To all it Shall Concern:

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No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

We are Watching your actions.

David Walker

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From: [Knight, Paula](#)
To: [R&P Employees](#)
Subject: 37978061-OPS ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST III -Tallahassee
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:50:32 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS
JOB VACANCY
OPEN COMPETITIVE

CLASS TITLE: OPS Environmental Specialist III

POSITION NUMBER: 37978061

SALARY RANGE: \$15.00 per hour; 40 hours per week

LOCATION: Division of Recreation and Parks
3800 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 795
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Contact Person: Britney.Moore@FloridaDep.gov

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CLOSING DATE: 09/06/2019

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This position serves as staff within the Division of Recreation and Parks, Office of Greenways and Trails to support the promotion of Outdoor Recreation in Florida and the implementation of the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) as defined in Chapter 260, F.S.

Assists with external communications and outreach efforts through the development and coordination of publications, information, presentations and webinars that provide education and information relating to the benefits of outdoor recreation.

Assists with stakeholder and partner communication through the development and coordination of online and printed materials. Prepares, reviews and updates online content on the website. Assists with the preparation of articles, information and graphics for the e-newsletter and other periodic and incidental e-communications. Coordinates with DEP staff, communities, organizations, agencies to ensure that all printed and online communications and information are high quality, accurate and provided to the public in a timely manner. Assists with the maintenance and distribution of publications and promotional materials and items. Coordinates responses to requests for information from the public.

Performs administrative duties in support of OGT Outdoor Recreation initiative. Research policies and procedures. Coordinate meetings and activities with staff and other divisions. Processes and reviews correspondence. Researches various subject matters as it relates to the benefits of Outdoor Recreation. Maintains Outdoor Recreation calendar and schedules meetings. Maintains database of partners and stakeholders.

This position must be capable of working independently with minimal supervision, highly organized, and attentive to detail. Must be able to manage multiple priorities at once, solve problems, and have excellent written and verbal communication skills. Must be reliable, professional and willing to assist.

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Let me know if you have any questions.
Thank you,



Paula Smith Knight, C.P.M.
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Recreation and Parks
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Office: 850.245.3087
Visit <http://www.floridastateparks.org>

From: [Zoglio, Greg](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Preserve State Park
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:46:55 PM

I am reaching out IN SUPPORT of improved beach access in the area of West 30A, notably via Topsail Preserve State Park via new access point through the park.

Our area has been discovered by the rest of the nation and each year we welcome increased numbers of guests. The beauty of 30A should be shared with access to the park system and our great beaches open to all, not closed off in an effort to keep people out. Additional, well thought out and responsibly built, access is an imperative.

As you consider the Topsail Unit Plan Approval, please act to INCLUDE additional access points and methods to reach the beach and enjoy our ecological beauty!

BR

Greg Zoglio
219 Cypress Drive
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

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From: [Shanna Jones](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:45:44 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Blessings,

Shanna Jones

From: [John Sheaffer](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve: ONE ENTRANCE ONLY
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:31:39 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

Topsail Hill Preserve was acquired for the conservation of unique natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle that are quickly disappearing, and once gone are forever lost. The Preserve is an oasis of fragile life and natural beauty that has existed for eons, and now remains for future generations to experience as a last sample of the coastal wildlife and terrain in the Florida panhandle that is no more – simply look West along the coastline 10 miles into Destin where similar natural communities once thrived but have been strangled by landscaped grounds making coastal lakes unrecognizable if they can be located at all amid the surrounding high rises and pricey private condominiums, or 10 miles East where private developments are disrupting and erasing these communities in a similar manner. Topsail Hill Preserve protects the most outstanding assemblage of natural communities on the coast of the Florida Panhandle. It is the only place on the planet where dune lakes exist entirely within conservation land, the rare Choctawhatchee beach mouse habitat is undisturbed, and wet prairies and coastal scrub are found intact. All of the private land in South Walton will someday be developed; it is imperative for our future generations that we preserve our state parks and forests for the public purposes for which they are intended.

Recreation in the Topsail Hill Preserve must not diminish the unique public resource that is Topsail Hill Preserve. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access to enable the public who wish to enjoy this piece of what used to be the Florida coast, as it is: peaceful, undisturbed natural beauty teaming with unique wildlife including shorebirds - rather than sunbathers, blow-up plastic beach bouncy islands and asphalt access that is found everywhere else.

No additional access or egress should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Very truly yours,

John D. Sheaffer Jr.

85 Village Beach West

Santa Rosa Beach, Florida

From: [jane langston](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Please do not disturb Topsail Hill State Park No new entrances
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:26:30 PM

Topsail Hill preserves the natural environment of the Florida Panhandle. A second entrance will disturb this natural area. It will encourage more people and that is the problem. The entire Panhandle is getting over built and over populated. Topsail helps preserve some of the natural landscape.

Please keep the current entrance as the only entrance into the Preserve.

Thank you, 32459

Jane Langston

44 Vicki Street

Santa Rosa Beach, Florida

From: [Sara Wilson](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Preserve
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:23:54 PM

Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only

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Please join with us to protect the snowy plovers, the beach mice, the bear and panther, the eagles which nest on the western boundary, not to mention the very sensitive areas around the Coastal Dune Lakes. Tourists come for the natural beauty of our area, and we live here and want desperately to protect further encroachment into this precious gift, Topsail Preserve. And this seems to be a constant battle.

Please take a stand...No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!!!

Sara Franklin Wilson
55 Twisted Pine Trail
Santa Rosa Beach, FL
32459
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Connie Garrett](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [Kristie Tooley](#); haljanice@gmail.com
Subject: Protect Topsail Hill Preserve
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:56:44 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Connie Garrett
Cypress Dunes visitor

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To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
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Mr Jasper Dennison

From: [David Rosenstock](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:48:12 AM

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Sincerely,

David Rosenstock

From: [Barbara Fitzhugh](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: No additional access!!!
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:46:07 AM

Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only

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From: [C. David BRYANT](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Proposed Beach Access Through Topsail Hill State Park
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:23:39 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this email in SUPPORT of the proposed public beach access at the end of Cypress Passage in Santa Rosa Beach. I visit the western end of 30a frequently, and currently have to get in my car to go to the beach. The ability to walk on a ecologically sound boardwalk to the beach instead of loading up the car (contributing to congestion and traffic) would be of great benefit. Given the issues I've witnessed from the current customary use situation, having access to state owned beach would be a big blessing. It is my understanding that this access will be done in a manner that benefits the Park and the local community and it's visitors, creating a win for all.

Thank you for your consideration,
David & Terry Bryant
790 Valla Cruis Ln
Dacula, GA 30019

From: [Nikki Vaughan](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve One Entrance Only
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:56:58 AM

Good morning,

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Nikki Vaughan

From: [Megan Clark](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 1:06:00 AM

To whom it may concern,

The existing plan states the policy of the Division of Recreation and Parks to “promote the state park system for the use, enjoyment, and benefit of the people of Florida and visitors, to acquire typical portions of the original domain of the state which will be accessible to all of the people, and of such character as to emblemize the state's natural values; conserve these natural values for all time; administer the development, use and maintenance of these lands and render such public service in so doing, in such a manner as to enable the people of Florida and visitors to enjoy these values without depleting them; to contribute materially to the development of a strong mental, moral, and physical fiber in the people; to provide for perpetual preservation of historic sites and memorials of statewide significance and interpretation of their history to the people; to contribute to the tourist appeal of Florida.”

Years ago the Park looked at adding a public access point on the eastern side of the park. As tourism in Walton County continues to grow along with an influx of full time residents, I urge you to consider granting access to the beach or park in general via an elevated boardwalk or access way through Topsail Hill Preserve State Park. Since the eastern side of the beach is typically unused creating a public access point would bring awareness to the natural beauty that surrounds scenic highway 30-A.

Respectfully,

Megan Clark
247 Cypress Drive
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
850-737-1114
MeganLaneClark@gmail.com

From: [Lindsay Havlicek](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 12:35:29 AM

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Preserved land should be kept just that - preserved, and not destroyed for the convenience and monetary gain of a few individuals.

Lindsay Havlicek Bell
Santa Rosa Beach

From: [kelcie schofield](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:31:05 PM

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Sincerely

Kelcie Schofield

From: [Daniela Silivas](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill state Preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:13:55 PM

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Sincerely

Daniela Silivas

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From: [Dana Silivas](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill state preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:07:29 PM

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Sincerely

Viorica Harper

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Scott Harper](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
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Sincerely,
Scott Harper

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ross Collins](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park additional access
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:49:26 PM

28 August 2019

Re: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Ross Collins. I recently attended an open public meeting to address a proposed additional access to the beach on the east end of the park.

My wife and I moved from Tennessee to Florida on the west end of Hwy 30A in January of this year. She is retired and I am approaching retirement age. We walk or ride bicycles daily. As we explored our new surroundings, we soon found Topsail Hill Preserve and love the natural beauty of the park such as ospreys, deer, Campbell Lake, the beach and the beautiful dunes. We were quick to buy our annual park pass as new Florida residents.

Over the past months we learned that there is consideration for another beach access at the east end of the park for local residents and visitors. We live within walking distance of the park, but currently have to drive our car or ride bicycles on 30A to reach the entrance. We are getting older. Neither of us is a great cyclist and we are not fond of dealing with increasing highway traffic to access the park.

An additional entrance would make routine use of the beach more accessible to nearby residents and visitors who currently struggle with obstacles to customary use, such as carrying in chairs, umbrellas, snacks, water, etc.

I want to be part of a partnership with residents and visitors and the park that will preserve the unique coastal ecological niche while still providing access for people to enjoy it. There is a way to balance the two, and I feel an environmentally engineered boardwalk or path to allow additional access to the east end of the beach is the best way for more people to enjoy one of our state's finest preserve parks. After all, the natural coastal beauty is a big reason we chose to make this our permanent home.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

Ross Collins

From: [Laurie Collins](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:10:26 PM

August 29, 2019

Re: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Laurie Collins. My husband and I moved from Tennessee to Florida on the west end of Hwy 30A in January of this year. We walk or ride bicycles daily. As we explored our new surroundings, we found Topsail Hill Preserve and love the natural beauty of the park such as ospreys, deer, Campbell Lake and the beach with the beautiful dunes.

We were quick to buy our annual park pass for Florida residents. We learned over the last six that there is consideration at the east end of the park for another beach access for residents living on or near Hwy 30A and visitors. We live within walking distance of the park, but currently have to drive our car or ride bicycles on 30A to enter the park.

An additional entrance would make more of the beach more accessible to local residents and visitors who currently are not able to use much of the beach due to customary use issues. We have been told several times while walking along the shore that "this is private property", and visitors telling us that they would not return to 30A because there is "not enough public beach access/parking and the changing rules are just too confusing."

It would be my hope that surrounding neighbors could work in partnership with the park to preserve the unique coastal communities, while still providing access to enjoy them. There should be a way to balance the two, and I feel an ecologically sound boardwalk or path to allow additional beach access to the east end of the beach (all of which is really inaccessible at this point because it is just too far to carry chairs, etc.) is the best way for everyone to enjoy one of our state's finest preserve parks. After all, the natural coastal beauty is why we chose to make this our home as well.

Thank you for your consideration,

Laurie Collins

From: [David Schofield](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#); david@myschofield.com
Cc: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: 10 year unit management plan Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:55:31 PM

Hello; I own property in Cypress Dunes and own adjacent property to Topsail Hill Preserve, as well as, in the preserve (own lot 10 of LaPlaya Estates).

As a Cypress Dunes property owner, I purchased the property knowing that there was no beach access and that access had been denied back in 2007. I have attended board meetings at CD and know they have been pressing hard for a boardwalk and have spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on lobbyist and other experts. Each time they bring the board walk to the public it is overwhelmingly shot down at the state park level and the Walton county commissioners level. It was shot down a 4th time this last go around by the park in late 2018. CD is persistent and had Jim Sumpter, president of the HOA file a citizens request for the board walk with the county commissioners. Four days after hurricane michael, the commissioners held a meeting at 9AM in Defuniak springs on a Tuesday morning. Two outgoing commissioners that were not running for re-election voted yes and the board walk passed the hurdle of commissioners by a vote of 3-1. Commissioners voted to have a boardwalk put on land they did not own! If you allow this in the 10 year unit management plan, ***I will make a material financial gain and the state will lose!***

BTW, to the best of my knowledge, **no vote to authorize** the Board of Cypress Dunes to pursue this boardwalk has ever been taken. My guess is that a number of homeowners are opposed to this boardwalk (especially those who's back yards will be a boardwalk vs the state park).

As a member of the advisory council, we met the day before the public hearing and there was no mention that the CD board walk would be put back into the unit management plan which we (and the public) were given to review. I might point out that the meeting included the current president of the CD HOA and the former president, Jim Sumpter. Jim Sumpter made a claim that the neighboring subdivision had hundreds of trail going through the park. Mr. Sumpter requested and received time with park managers and biologist to walk the board walk area. They also walked the area where Mr. Sumpter declared to the advisory council that there are 100's of trails. Guess what – not a single trail and zero evidence that any homeowner in the adjacent subdivision jumped the fence. Any representation that Mr. Sumpter makes to further support for a board walk needs to be verified, as they simply are not true. As an aside, park staff stated that they have never seen anyone walking through the trails.

HARD TO BELIEVE BUT---- At the August 22, 2019 public meeting of the Division of Recreation and Parks regarding the 10 year unit management plan for Topsail Hill Preserve State Park contained a surprise from the “final” draft that was **circulated on the day of the meeting**. This public meeting was not well attended as the unit management plan did not include a boardwalk for Cypress Dunes HOA due to the large public opposition the last few times they tried to get access. **To everyone's surprise (except Cypress Dunes), it came out that their private board walk is being considered AGAIN for the 4th time!**

The Cypress Dunes board walk is labeled “public beach access” yet the roads to the access point

have or will have gates preventing anyone from driving to the access. Jim Sumpter stated in the advisory council meeting that the neighboring subdivision (the one with the 100 trails) was and is opposed to the CD boardwalk. For that neighborhood to use the boardwalk they would have to walk about 7000-10,000 feet. To get to the "beach access" any possible user will have to walk down 30A, and turn on Cypress Crossing (then walk about 1000 feet), then enter a gated community on foot (Austinwood Land) and walk over 1000 feet and then enter an unmanned gate. From this gate, a user has to walk about 1500 feet to get to the CD gate and then it is another 2000 plus feet to the beach. There is no water or bath room facilities! This is not beach access! That's 5500 feet plus whatever distance one has to walk to get to Cypress Crossing! At best you could label it as a TRAIL.

No handicap person could or would ever use this access! No one will use this access except Cypress Dunes and the 7 or so Austinwood lane owners. Why would anyone take this walk when they can drive 2 minutes from Cypress Crossing and take a tram to the beach where there are water, shower and bathroom facilities?

Who did Cypress Dunes lobby in leadership in Tallahassee to get this back on as a possibility THE DAY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING? I am making this request under the freedom of information act. All parties are noticed to preserve all evidence of contact regarding the inclusion of this boardwalk in the 10 year unit management plan.

All citizens of Walton county should have an equal voice. You state this at all public hearings! You are violating this important principal by giving Cypress Dunes HOA special consideration and a much louder voice than other citizens. Furthermore, the owners of Cypress Dunes each have access to the beach - as do the rest of us - via existing entrance off 30A.

All of my statements can be verified by reviewing a copy of the recording of the August 22nd public hearing and of the Advisory Council meeting. Regarding the distance from Cypress Crossing and this being beach access vs a trail, you can verify that with Daniel Alsentzer and the park biologist that walked the property with Mr. Sumpter the day of the public meeting.

Sincerely,

David Schofield
678 481 3015

From: [dave schofield](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: 10 year unit management plan
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:08:09 PM

There were very few people that showed up at the public hearing August 22nd as the 10 year unit management plan did not include a board walk for Cypress Dunes. Apparently the morning of the hearing someone in Tallahassee had the Cypress Dunes HOA boardwalk proposal put back into the plan.

The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access. No additional accesses are needed at Topsail Hill Preserve as the parking lot has NEVER been full in the past 4 years! No one has ever been denied beach access due to lack of capacity at Topsail.

Each of the 4 surveys the public has participated in overwhelmingly do not want the Cypress Dunes HOA boardwalk.

The Cypress Dunes labels their boardwalk as "public" yet the roads to the access point have or will have gates preventing anyone from driving to the access. No neighbors want this board walk. The CD boardwalk will destroy critical habitat as the park planning and the biologist recommendations reflect. Cypress Dunes owners have significant funding and must have lobbied leadership in Tallahassee to get this back on as a possibility THE DAY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

All Cypress Dunes owners knew that there was no beach access when they purchased. Their logic as to why the state should grant, what amounts to a private easement, is that the boardwalk will not cost the state anything as CD HOA will pay over \$500,000 for the cost of construction of the boardwalk. They are paying as it will make them millions!!

This boardwalk has been rejected each time the public voiced opinion and it goes against all park planning recommendations. Exactly who has requested that this be considered AGAIN? This person's name needs to be made public so they can be voted out of office.

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Thank you

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Bree Sparks](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:03:58 PM

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I've lived here my whole life in Walton county and the number of green spaces have vanished in my lifetime. We can not afford to destroy any more of our conservation land if Walton County will remain the beautiful and unique place that I and my fellow community members cherish. Please do not give into the pressure!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Karla Otroszko Daniel](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill park entrances
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:22:15 PM

I'm writing to stridently oppose the efforts of a private neighborhood to put an access to the beach through Topsail Hill State Park. The preservation of the natural ecosystem and the public good of the park for the whole state far outweighs the desires of private homeowners to have an easy beach access.

The current entrance needs to remain as the only entrance to the park.

Karla Daniel

Sent from my iPhone

From: [David Roberts](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:55:51 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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David E. Roberts

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From: [Jamison Jeffers](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: No Boardwalk thru Top Sail Hill Nature preserve!!!
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:55:09 PM

My husband and I live on South Bishop and are against adding this boardwalk for all of the reasons that have been discussed at previous county meetings.

Thank you

Jamison Jeffers & David Helsper
16 South Bishop Rd
Santa Rosa Beach FL

From: [Jamison Jeffers](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [Jamie Jeffers](#); dhelsper@bellsouth.net
Subject: Re: No Boardwalk thru Top Sail Hill Nature preserve!!!
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:47:41 PM

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These are some of the reasons:

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From: [Phil Blank](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: TOPSAIL STATE PRESERVE
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:33:31 PM

It is my understanding that the Department is once again considering the establishment of a private beach access to Topsail Hill Preserve for owners of Cypress Dunes.

As you are well aware the current entrance and beach access recognize the unique nature of the Preserve. There is no reason or need for an additional access that will only serve to increase the financial benefit of the owners and developer of Cypress Dunes.

It is inconsistent to label the Cypress Dunes board walk as "public" when, in fact, the roads to the access point have or will have gates preventing anyone from driving to the access. This boardwalk will destroy critical habitat as the park planning and the biologist recommendations reflect.

Cypress Dunes owners knew that there was no beach access when they purchased their property. This boardwalk has been rejected each time the public voiced opinion and it goes against all local agency recommendations.

Please accept this as my opposition to any such permit; please provide me with notices of all intended agency action pursuant to Chapter 120, FS. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

F. Philip Blank

From: [Sara Fotopulos](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve should have only the existing entrance
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 4:02:13 PM

Topsail Hill Preserve was acquired by the citizens of Florida for the purpose of conserving rare natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Although recreation is one of the ways the preserve can be enjoyed, such activities must not be allowed to diminish the resource itself. Allowing excessive access causes harm to the resource and defeats the purpose of the Preserve's acquisition.

There is an existing access to the Preserve, and its impacts are several years into the process of being assimilated. An additional entrance now will cause new damage and increased impact, thus augmenting the past harms and forcing the natural life patterns of the Preserve to begin the process all over again.

The current entrance should remain as the **ONLY** entrance and beach access.

- Please continue to protect the snowy plovers, the beach mice, the bear and panther, the eagles which nest on the Preserve's western boundary.
- Please continue to protect the very sensitive areas around the Coastal Dune Lakes.

Tourists come for the natural beauty of our area, and we live here and want desperately to protect further encroachment into this precious gift, Topsail Preserve.

- Please stand up to Preserve the Preserve...No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!!!

Sara M. Fotopulos
702 Village Road
[Santa Rosa Beach, FL](#)
32459

From: [WIGHTMAN Tim](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [Janice Gaultney](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 3:49:23 PM

To Whom it may concern,

I am emailing my support for additional beach access at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park. The current one access point is not convenient and I believe it creates lower park usage especially in the summer. An additional boardwalk would help to increase use of the park and increase park revenue. My family and friends would definitely visit the park more often if there was another beach access point. Please consider adding the new access adjacent to Cypress Dunes.

Best Regards,

Tim Wightman
255 Cypress Drive
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

From: [Jill Logan](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:39:09 AM
Attachments: [Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.docx](#)

Greetings, Florida State Park Planning Committee,

Please find attached my letter of support for a public beach access in Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.

Thank you,

Jill Logan

Greetings, Florida State Park Planning Committee,

I am writing in support of the public beach access in Topsail Hill Preserve State Park. My husband and I are owners in the area. Additionally, there are currently over 500 homes in close proximity to the Park, not including walk-in visitors, that deserve public beach access.

The beaches along Hwy 30A are a unique resource. They provide ecological, recreational, economic and aesthetic opportunities that are found nowhere else. Additionally, given the importance of the beaches to our tourism-based economy, ensuring additional public access to this sandy asset is essential. As the 30A coastline becomes more developed, people are losing their ability to exercise their right to safe and adequate access. We must find new avenues of access, and this initiative rightfully taken on by citizens in Santa Rosa Beach to open up an area of the coastline is such an example.

Access points along 30A have inadequate public parking nearby and already require beachgoers to walk long distances in high traffic areas to get to the water. These are tedious trips, especially if you attempt to carry beach umbrella, chairs and ice chest. Some locations with parking areas don't have enough spots available to accommodate the high demand for shoreline use. Some citizens support charging a fee to park along 30A. It should be noted that, off-season, Topsail Hill State Park charges anywhere between \$2 -\$6 per person or vehicle. The park is not open after sundown or before 8:00 a.m. These limitations inhibit our coastal community's ability to provide adequate, free, public access along Hwy 30A.

Therefore, we support the initiative of a public boardwalk and the public's right to safe, free access and enjoyment of our precious coastal resource. The current plan promotes low-impact, universal beach access, and recognizes the ecological importance of the park. This is balanced with the opportunity for additional beach access for all recreational user groups. Threats to the beach can be addressed through proper management and planning and renewed enforcement of existing laws by local authority. So, we believe a balance of access and management can be achieved.

It is important to realize that increasing public access is a constant struggle that requires continued defense. As the county's influx of visitors continues to grow, the demand we place on our coastal resource increases. As a result, the gap between the supply of and demand for beach access widens, and what is supposed to be a common public resource is being made less and less accessible even though reasonable solutions are presented. This comprehensive plan guides future growth and development to build, maintain and advance our vital community. Regulations can be crafted to regulate use. We favor increasing access, not continuing to restrict access. New and increased public access opportunities should be provided, and development of access must not be allowed to be dictated by the status quo.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Respectfully,

Jill Logan

From: [Larry Bush](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: TOPSAIL HILL
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:56:21 PM

Please make all possible efforts to prevent local developers from disturbing this beautiful Florida paradise to fatten their wallets The line has to be drawn somewhere or there will be nothing left of Florida that know and love.

Larry Bush, 8 Bayou Drive, Fort Walton beach, Florida

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LPB

From: [Fritz Froeschner](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:29:15 AM

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Norman and Theresa Froeschner

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homeowner since 1984

From: [Tekezeke](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: TOPSAIL PRESERVE
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:12:49 AM

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Cypress Dunes owners have significant funding and must have lobbied leadership in Tallahassee to get this back on as a possibility THE DAY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

All Cypress Dunes owners knew that there was no beach access when they purchased. Their logic to why the state should grant what amounts to a private easement is that the boardwalk will not cost the state anything as they will pay for the cost of construction of the boardwalk. They are paying as it will make them millions!!

This boardwalk has been rejected each time the public voiced opinion and it goes against all park planning recommendations.

Sincerely,
Thomas Miles
5 Miles LLC

From: [Mary Marice](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: access to Topsail
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:12:02 AM

We are opposed to any further access to Topsail State park.

Harvey and Mary Marice
754 Village Road
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

From: [Lisa Wightman](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Park
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:26:05 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing my support for additional beach access at Topsail Hill State Park. The current one access point is not convenient and I believe it creates lower park usage especially in the summer. An additional boardwalk would help to increase usage for the park and increase your revenue annually. I am emailing my support for additional access in Topsail Hill State Park. My family, friends and renters would definitely visit the park more often if there were another beach access point. Please consider adding the new access adjacent to Cypress Dunes.

Best regards,
Lisa Wightman

144 Cypress Walk
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

From: [Craig Cazenave](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Park Beach Access
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:45:35 PM

Thank you for the opportunity to address to you Topsail Park access. I have been a long time member of Florida Parks. I have enjoyed many days running along paths and walkways.

Residents along west 30A deserve convenient green friendly access. The park is for all creatures great and small.

Please don't listen to those who would lock away our state parks by choking limited access.

Sincerely -

Craig's Iphone

From: [Bethany Cazenave](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [Craig Cazenave MD](#)
Subject: Topsail Preserve State Park Access
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:38:18 PM

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Please don't listen to those who would lock away our state parks by choking limited access.

Sincerely -

Bethany Cazenave, MD.

From: [Burns Logan](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:41:49 PM

I am writing to express my support for the proposed boardwalk at the Topsail State Park. We live in Colorado are frequent visitors to the west side of 30A. We do not own property in the area (we rent) and primarily access the beaches through public access locations. I strongly support a public access through the park which increases the ability for locals and out of towners like us to access beaches around Topsail. I believe such a boardwalk will increase the visibility of the great amenities at Topsail and would increase paid use of the park itself.

Also, based on the other boardwalks we have accessed on our trips to Florida, I believe that Florida has the experience and knowledge to design, build, and operate the boardwalk in such a way that does not negatively impact the environmental integrity of the area. In fact, with the additional funds which will likely come from the increased visibility of Topsail by such an access, Topsail will be able to increase its work to preserve the surrounding property (which is much more significant than the minor impact of this proposed boardwalk).

Thank you.

Burns Logan

From: [Deirdre Hooper](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:42:06 PM

To whom it may concern:

The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access.

No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Thank you, Deirdre Hooper MD

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From: [Kopec Family](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail State Park - Neighborhood access to beach
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 8:48:19 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in favor of additional access to Topsail State Park & the proposal by the communities that border the park on 30A to build another boardwalk. As a frequent visitor to Cypress Dunes, I find it very difficult to get to the beach due to limited public access areas. We need more ways to walk to the beach instead of driving a car to an access area, which increases traffic, pollution & parking issues. This boardwalk would provide safe beach access to residents and visitors. In addition, more people would be able to visit the beautiful Topsail Park grounds. This walkable proposal offers a great solution to serve hundreds of residents that surround Topsail. It's a great solution, especially since it can protect the park grounds by offering an elevated path thru it to the beach.

Please add this boardwalk to your plan which will generate more public use to your underutilized park at Topsail.

Sincerely,

Laurie Kopec

Sent from my iPad

From: [Lindy Kastendike](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Proposed Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 8:16:49 AM

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My name is Lindy Foley Kastendike, and I'm writing to express my full support for the added 30A beach access that is proposed. I absolutely believe this proposal is good for the community, residents, and all visitors to this beautiful section of Florida. We believe adding this additional beach access will reduce traffic and over crowding at the other beach accesses in Santa Rosa. We love Topsail Park and believe the beach access will not interrupt the beauty of the park as our neighborhood has already proven not to. The location and design has been carefully crafted to allow people to get to the beach on foot, minimize car traffic, reduce parking issues because many can walk from the community, and will maintain the beautiful natural conditions of the park as they are now.

Please kindly consider giving your full support and backing to this very worthwhile community project that will enhance the enjoyment of our great outdoors for all. I appreciate your service to our state of Florida.

Kind Regards,

Lindy Kastendike
72 Cypress Walk
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
404-839-1118

From: [steve emmons](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Part Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 7:47:13 AM

I have been coming to South Walton county for over 20 years and 4 years ago purchased a home and am now a full-time resident and Florida registered voter.

I live near Topsail and have an annual pass so that I can visit it year round, which I do several times a week. I have also donated to the "Friends of the Topsail" organization to help support the park.

I am deeply committed to the preservation and protection of the park's ecosystem -- nesting birds such as the snowy plover, beach mouse habitat, and dune restoration. However, I also believe that with the proper management, we can use the park recreationally and still protect it.

I support the idea of neighborhood access to the park. 30A is becoming more congested every year. For those living in walking distance of the park, it is a shame that going to the main entrance of the park means getting in a car and adding to the congestion.

Historically before Topsail was in its current form, the east end of the park was used by locals to get to the beach, but now that is restricted. It would be wonderful if there were a walkable, marked trail, or even a boardwalk, on the east end of the park that locals could use to access the beach. A well marked or improved trail would help protect the surrounding environment as it does at the current walkover.

Please consider including this in your plans.

Thank you.

From: [Kellyanne Bartleson](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach access-master plan: TOPSAIL
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 1:35:15 AM

Hello. I live in the Emerald Walk of 30a neighborhood and have for 14 years and it really stinks that I never can enjoy the beach because we can never finding a place to park. We can't ride bikes because when we leave the beach, it's WAY too hot and we get dizzy.

Please help us enjoy where we live by adding a beach access to Topsails master plan. Thank you

Sierra Bartleson

From: [kellyanne bartleson](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Master Plan
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 1:31:52 AM

Good evening. Please be advised that I live on the west end of 30a in Walton County. I am all about adding a new beach access to the master plan at Topsail as there is never any parking. I shouldn't have to drive around for an hour up and down 30a looking for parking when I LIVE ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE BEACH.

Thank you for considering.

Savvy Bartleson

From: [Happy Hemp](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: BEACH ACCESS NEEDED-West end of Hwy 30a/Topsail
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 1:27:54 AM

Please be advised that I own a lot in the Beachview Woods subdivision. I am strongly in favor of adding a new beach access to the master plan at Topsail. We are in need of an additional beach access and have been for years. We had renters at our prior rental at Topsail Village condos who could never get to the beach because of parking and wound up moving somewhere else because of it. There is never any parking.

We are in great need of an additional beach access on west end of 30a and please advise if we can do anything else to assist in these efforts. I believe the proposed access for the master plan was designed to appease everyone.

Thank you for considering.

Rick Bartleson

Thank you & have a great day!
Kellyanne Bartleson, Owner/Developer
www.EmeraldCoastKids.org
[\(850\) 797-4656](tel:8507974656)
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From: [Kellyanne Bartleson](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Beach access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 1:19:01 AM

Please be advised that I live in the EMERALD WALK OF 30a subdivision. We are in desperate need of an add'l beach access as every time we go to the beach, there is RARELY if any parking. My 14yo daughter has learned to despise the beach because of the many times over the years that we got all excited, packed the car... only to come home because we could find NO parking.

Adding an additional beach access between Topsail & Cypress Dunes/Beachwood subdivisions old be welcomed by the entire west end of Scenic Hwy 30a.

Thank you for considering.

Kellyanne Bartleson, Owner/Developer

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From: [Grace Neville.](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: new park entrance support
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 12:47:41 AM

This is the letter I sent, feel free to cut and paste:

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff,
I fully support a new park entrance and trailhead on the east side of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park to serve the public. This new entrance, as proposed by the 5 adjacent communities and publicly supported by leadership of Walton County, would provide additional access to trails, the beach and recreation amenities in the park. This trailhead, with public parking and access to hikers and bikers, will tie directly into the existing multi-use recreational path along 30A. I also believe that a consolidated resource in the form of an improved trail will protect the natural resources and help mitigate the current risks of people entering at random points and creating dozens of unmarked and damaging foot trails.

Thank you!

Grace Neville

From: jrr33@bellsouth.net
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In Favor of Beach Access on West End of 30-A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 11:11:11 PM

I am in favor of additional beach access on the west end on 30a. I am a homeowner and it is very difficult to find adequate parking and beach space. With all of the beach front property owners trying to prevent access to the beach, it is a shame that the state park is underutilized. Please consider adding beach access to the west end on 30a.

Sincerely,
Jason Roberts.

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Izabela Rowe](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: The Beach Access 30 A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 10:30:03 PM

Please

Vote for adding beach access on 30A let the local residents have access to beach without disturbing its natural habitat.

Regards

Izabela Rowe

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jimmy Oustalet](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: West End Beach Access from 30A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 10:19:58 PM

My name is Jimmy Oustalet and we are in favor of another beach access west of 30A! Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Al](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Proposed Beach Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 10:01:03 PM

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attachments.**

To : Florida State Park Planning Commission
Re: Proposed Beach Access

My name is Al Foley, and I'm writing to express my full support for the added 30A **beach access** that is proposed. I believe this proposal is good for the community, as well as any and all visitors to this beautiful section of Florida. I love Topsail State Park, and I believe the location and design of the **access** will maintain the pristine nature of the park, while allowing the residents and visitors alike to **access** the **beach** by foot rather than by car. This proposal has the added benefit of relieving traffic congestion at several public parking locations in town.

Please kindly consider giving your full support and backing to this very worthwhile community project that will enhance the enjoyment of our great outdoors for all. I appreciate your service to our state of Florida.

Kind Regards,

Al Foley
72 Cypress Walk
Santa Rosa **Beach**, FL 32459
404-386-1472

From: [Steve Wagner](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: You know we need it
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 9:58:18 PM

Parks Planning Department:

My wife and I are in favor of additional access thru Topsail & the proposal by the communities that border the park on 30A to build another boardwalk. This boardwalk would encourage safe & better access to the hundreds of residents that could walk safely to get to the beach. Not to mention more citizens use of the wonderful Topsail Park grounds. I've lived here since 1999. This walkable proposal offers a great solution to serve hundreds of residents that surround Topsail. Let's add this park/beach access and improve use for the local community! It seems like a great solution especially since it can protect the park grounds by offering an elevated path thru it to the beach.

Please add this boardwalk to your plan which will generate much more public use to your under utilized park at Topsail.

Steve and Karen Wagner

94 Sienna Court
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
850 622 0206
cell 830 3495

From: [wells frazier](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail hill preserve state park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 9:46:48 PM

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff,

I fully support a new park entrance and trailhead on the east side of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park to serve the public. This new entrance, as proposed by the 5 adjacent communities and publicly supported by leadership of Walton County, would provide additional access to trails, the beach and recreation amenities in the park. This trailhead, with public parking and access to hikers and bikers, will tie directly into the existing multi-use recreational path along 30A. I also believe that a consolidated resource in the form of an improved trail will protect the natural resources and help mitigate the current risks of people entering at random points and creating dozens of unmarked and damaging foot trails.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Snowden](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access on 30-A/Walton County,FL
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 9:40:42 PM

My name is Steve Snowden and I live on the west end of 30-A on the beautiful Emerald coast in the small neighborhood of Beachview Woods. Beach accesses are few along this highway as compared to our neighbors in Bay County to the East of us. As more and more people are visiting the beautiful beaches of South Walton County it is getting more and more difficult to find an access to the beach.

I definitely support a new access at the end of Austinwood Lane and hope that this access can be approved soon.

Thank you

Steve Snowden

From: [Ramsey Buras](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: additional beach access is needed up and down 30A! Especially on the west end of 30 A!
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 9:39:42 PM

I am a resident of Santa Rosa Beach and I feel strongly that additional beach access is needed up and down 30A! Especially on the west end of 30 A!

Here are a few of my reasons:

Hwy. 30A now looks like a unattractive parking lot with cars parking on every available space on both side of the highway.

The danger of a large number of pedestrians, (especially children) needing to cross 30A to get to the beach.

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From: [Johnsie Roberts](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: haljanice@gmail.com
Subject: In Favor if Westend 30A Beach Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 9:27:20 PM

Please consider additional Beach Access in the West End of 30A. Additional entrances via the State Park where residents don't frown upon sharing the Beach would be a welcome relief to not having someone ask you not to put your chair in front of their house no matter how close you are to the water line.

Thank you,
Johnsie Roberts, property owner
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Holly Berke](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Cypress Dunes beach access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 9:18:58 PM

To whom it may concern,

I have been visiting 30A for over twenty years. Due to the congestion, I am in favor of the beach access proposal at Cypress Dunes.

Sincerely,

Holly Berke

From: [Gerianne Mann](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Boardwalk
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 8:25:39 PM

I'm highly in favor of additional access thru Topsail & the proposal by the communities that border the park on 30A to build another boardwalk. As residents in these communities look for ways to access their beach & our limited public accesses are over run with tourist we need smarter ways to safely get to the beach. especially ones that entail not having to drive a car to add to the traffic, pollution & parking issues. This boardwalk would encourage safe & better access to the hundreds of residents that could walk to get to the beach.

We have been offered a walkable solution to serve hundreds of residents. Let's use it! It seems like a great solution especially since it can protect the park grounds by offering an elevated path thru it to the beach.
Please add this boardwalk

Gerianne Mann

Sent from my iPhone

From: [SANDY KENNEDY](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail unit management plan
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 8:25:37 PM

I support a new neighborhood access to the park with an honor box for fee payment. I also support walking access to the beach from this new park entry. This will allow my family and guest to walk to the beach instead of getting in my car and driving to a public beach, taking up limited parking.

Topsail Park has 3 miles of public beach. The Park must do what it can to make its beach more accessible to the public. This is especially important because of the privatization of Walton County beaches by beach front homeowners.

Sandy Kennedy

From: [John Mann](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 8:18:23 PM

I'm highly in favor of additional access thru Topsail & the proposal by the communities that border the park on 30A to build another boardwalk. As residents in these communities look for ways to access their beach & our limited public accesses are over run with tourist we need smarter ways to safely get to the beach. especially ones that entail not having to drive a car to add to the traffic, pollution & parking issues. This boardwalk would encourage safe & better access to the hundreds of residents that could walk to get to the beach. We have been offered a walkable solution to serve hundreds of residents. Let's use it! It seems like a great solution especially since it can protect the park grounds by offering an elevated path thru it to the beach. Please add this boardwalk

John Mann

From: [Karen](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In Favor of Beach Access on West End of 30A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 8:12:34 PM

As land owner and future home owner in Walton County, I add my vote FOR beach access on West End of 30A.

Thank you,
Karen Avery-Bruns
(770) 403-4165

Sent from Xfinity Connect Mobile App

From: [Lisa Emmons](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 8:05:35 PM

I frequently visit Topsail Hill Preserve and Park. In fact I visit several times a week as I live close by. I ride my bike to the main entrance and then hike through various sections or the beach.

I love this park and am an ardent supporter of its' mission to restore species habitat and protecting threatened and endangered plants and animals.

I see a lot during my frequent visits. Many people from the surrounding communities visit the park for their daily walks and runs. The overnight guests hike and run as well. This seems to be an appropriate use of the park facilities. But, I see a need for more clearly marked trails. Also, an access for day use that does not require a trip down the highway to the main entrance. It is my hope that with better trails and access, the *importance of staying on these trails* will be better appreciated and therefore more responsible use of the park would result. I believe that signage at *all* trailheads and *all* beach access points to emphasize the importance of respecting the wildlife on the beach and within the park would be extremely helpful.

I support another access to the park.

It is my understanding that this can be done in such a way to protect the habitats.

Again, I am for another access point to the park. I believe that by providing a clearly defined neighborhood access, and clearly defined trails to be used, this will result in more responsible use of the park by all of the surrounding communities and the overnight guests. It is my hope that this would ultimately produce a better appreciation for and protection of the natural habitats that the park provides for native plants, and endangered species such as the dune mouse and the plovers.

I sincerely hope consideration on how this can be done will be added to the park plan.

Lisa Emmons

From: [Jeff Freeman](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Boardwalk access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 7:46:24 PM

As Walton property owner for over 15 years the access to to the beach and use of the park is very difficult. This park should be enjoyed by all wanting to enjoy this Park that is currently be enjoyed by few.. The proposal of a boardwalk would allow a more nature lovers to enjoy this great asset in a responsible manner! We need public assess to protect and preserve this wonderful asset.

Thank you for your consideration!

Jeff Freeman

404-520-6780

From: [Valerie Van Buren](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In Favor of Beach Access on West End of 30A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 7:23:59 PM

Hello,

I am in favor of the beach access on the West end of 30A into Topsail Hill State Park. It is my understanding the state is considering adding in a second boardwalk into the park in their next management plan which is much needed.

Thank you for your attention.

Valerie Van Buren

From: [Susan Diebolt](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In Favor of Beach Access on West End of 30A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 7:05:25 PM

I am in full support of the beach access in the West end of 30A into Topsail Hill State Park.

There is a huge need for more beach access at the West end of 30A and as a local resident, hope my email suffices as my full support.

Thank you !

Susan Diebolt, Broker
The Premier Property Group
615-497-4344

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Emma Sumpter](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 7:04:44 PM

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff,

I fully support a new park entrance and trailhead on the east side of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park to serve the public. This new entrance, as proposed by the 5 adjacent communities and publicly supported by leadership of Walton County, would provide additional access to trails, the beach and recreation amenities in the park. This trailhead, with public parking and access to hikers and bikers, will tie directly into the existing multi-use recreational path along 30A. I also believe that a consolidated resource in the form of an improved trail will protect the natural resources and help mitigate the current risks of people entering at random points and creating dozens of unmarked and damaging foot trails.

Thank you!

From: [Bill DeChiara](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In favor of beach access on west end of 30 A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 7:02:17 PM

I strongly support additional public beach access at topsail hill state park. Please accommodate this requirement as it is essential for local residents.

Thank you
Bill DeChiara / 936 446 0753

From: deech@consolidated.net
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In Favor of Beach Access on West End of 30A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 6:54:58 PM

As a home owner on the west end of 30 A, I strongly support additional public beach access at Topsail Hill State Park!

This is essential for local residents and thus ask you to please accommodate this requirement.

Thanks

Donna DeChiara /713 805 5862

From: [Lori Cruz](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Beach Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 6:51:00 PM

Hello

I'm writing to voice my enthusiastic support of additional beach access via Topsail Preserve. I have been to the meetings and heard the opposition. I would like to state firsthand that despite what one woman said, I have never made it from my house to the tram access in 3 minutes and 27 seconds. In fact, it's far more often that I will wait upwards of 5 minutes just to make it past the check-in point. Over the summer there were several times that we got held up behind several cars and took over 15 minutes just to get through and park, thereby missing the tram. My father is handicapped and when this happens, we either have to wait an extended period of time for the next shuttle or just go home. If we had more public access, we could still bike ride to the beach long before the tram could get there. On days like what I have described, it's just not feasible to go home, load up the bikes, drive back/park and then ride to the beach. It's way too much effort and far too exhausting for people like my father.

I am an avid nature supporter. I used to lead Alternative Spring Break trips down from the University of GA annually to perform community service in the early to mid 2000s in the state parks (Grayton Beach, Deer Lake, Camp Helen). While I certainly wish to protect the environment and threatened species, I believe that we can co-exist and share the park in an environmentally responsible manner. I believe the first step is building a handicap accessible, environmentally conscious access that will provide access across the dunes to protect the species living below so that they are not continually being abused by people desperate for beach access when they are blocked by customary use or too far few beach access spots.

Lorinda Cruz

From: [Joanne Mekosh](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Fwd: Extra Topsail Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 6:48:50 PM

I am writing to voice my support for additional beach access at Topsail on the west end of 20A. I am definitely in support of adding state park access for the beach. There is not nearly enough access along the 30A and additional access will be a welcome change as it will allow more people to use our beautiful beaches. Furthermore it will also encourage people to visit our state parks. I do not subscribe to the notion that you can only have beach access or preserve nature. The natural environment can be protected for future generations if a boardwalk is installed to prevent people from trampling the dunes. It's too difficult to have to drive into the state park, park, wait on the tram and then ride 20+ minutes to the beach. It would be much easier to bike or walk along a path even if it were longer just for the convenience of a straight shot to the beach.

Thank you,
Joanne Cruz

From: [Ben Cruz](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Re: New Beach Access Adjacent to Topsail
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 6:48:04 PM

Hello state parks,

I am definitely in support of adding state park access for the beach. I've been to the meetings and I strongly disagree with the gentleman who stands up pompously and states that "if you've raised your hand stating that you've been to the state parks, then clearly there are no access issues". I am a physically impaired individual (with handicap parking permit necessary for long walks) And it is an ordeal for me to pack up the car, drive into the park, Make it onto the tram, and ride to the beach. You have to then unload and walk down The boardwalk and find a spot on the beach. After enjoying the beautiful beach you have to pack up and walk back to the tram stop. However, you then have to wait again for the tram, cutting your beach time short, And then ride back to the car stopping at numerous stops. This just Adds unnecessary length to my beach visit. Just getting to and from the beach is at least an hour of waiting. While I am physically limited, I can ride a bike as cruising is more easily than walking. I could easily ride down a beautiful handicap accessible boardwalk trail and visit the beach for much quicker than the time it would take to get into the state park via traditional method. Please consider adding additional access. With all of the customary use issues, there is not enough beach access for everyone to enjoy along the west end of 30A.

Thank you
Ben Cruz

From: [Ben Cruz](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: New Beach Access Adjacent to Topsail
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 6:42:19 PM

Hello state parks,

I am definitely in support of adding state park access for the beach. I've been to the meetings and I strongly disagree with the gentleman who stands up pompously and states that "if you've raised your hand stating that you've been to the state parks, then clearly there are no access issues". I am a physically impaired individual (with handicap parking permit necessary for long walks) And it is an ordeal for me to pack up the car, drive into the park, Make it onto the tram, and ride to the beach. You have to then unload and walk down The boardwalk and find a spot on the beach. After enjoying the beautiful beach you have to pack up and walk back to the tram stop. However, you then have to wait again for the tram, cutting your beach time short, And then ride back to the car stopping at numerous stops. This just Adds unnecessary length to my beach visit. Just getting to and from the beach is at least an hour of waiting. While I am physically limited, I can ride a bike as cruising is more easily than walking. I could easily ride down a beautiful handicap accessible boardwalk trail and visit the beach for much quicker than the time it would take to get into the state park via traditional method. Please consider adding additional access. With all of the customary use issues, there is not enough beach access for everyone to enjoy along the west end of 30A.

Thank you
Ben Cruz

From: [Teresa Kurkjian](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 6:39:15 PM

Dear Florida State Park Planning,

My husband and I built a retirement home in 2018 along the West End of 30A, near Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.

As a full-time resident, I love the Topsail Beach. It is awesome because it is so long, with no houses and gorgeous dunes, sand and water. Spectacular.

The only Topsail beach access is used primarily by campers, and it not convenient for the local homeowners.

I get to the beach via the public access near Stallworth lake. It is a bit too far to walk, so I have to park a car, or bike. Both of these options have issues. There are only 6 parking spots, so if you drive, you run the risk that there will be no place to park. Biking is fun and not far, but is not practical if you have to bring anything with you. Furthermore, with the new laws in effect, the beach access at Stallworth is an unusable beach as the homes on the beach will not allow you to sit in front of their homes. You are then forced to walk a long distance to sit on the beach at Topsail.

It would ideal for tax paying residents if there was an additional beach entry that could be accessed via a gate with a trail to a boardwalk over the dunes. This would protect the dunes, the beach mice. and all of the surrounding beauty. The gate could have a code known to local residents. Perhaps having residents pay an annual park fee to enter the park via the coded access.

I don't want to see a big parking lot resulting in hundreds of people on the beach. I just think that residents need more access than the Stallworth access affords. I LOVE Topsail Park! it is a gem! Please take serious consideration in allowing West End Residentss to share in this beautiful park

Thank you for your attention,

Terri

From: [Joanne Mekosh](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Extra Topsail Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 6:32:04 PM

I am writing to voice my support for additional beach access at Topsail on the west end of 20A. I am definitely in support of adding state park access for the beach. There is not nearly enough access along the 30A and additional access will be a welcome change as it will allow more people to use our beautiful beaches. Furthermore it will also encourage people to visit our state parks. I do not subscribe to the notion that you can only have beach access or preserve nature. The natural environment can be protected for future generations if a boardwalk is installed to prevent people from trampling the dunes. It's too difficult to have to drive into the state park, park, wait on the tram and then ride 20+ minutes to the beach. It would be much easier to bike or walk along a path even if it were longer just for the convenience of a straight shot to the beach.

Thank you,
Joanne Cruz

From: [Bert Summerville](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 6:01:20 PM

We are seeing more and more, everyday, the sad truth of the lack of beach access for the public which is quickly becoming a major issue.

I am writing to ask that you please consider allowing the citizens of this county, more particularly, those who live within the walking distance of the State Park, to have an easy walking access for ingress and egress of our beaches.

As a Realtor, I am experiencing the concern of those who cannot afford to purchase beach front property. **Their concern that only the rich can afford to use the beach is quickly looking to be the norm.**

The ability to easily access the beach, and actually sit and enjoy the sand is a major concern. The fact that so many beach front owners are forbidding anyone to set up an umbrella, or put a chair down, or even a blanket is utterly disgusting.

Our State parks were set aside for all the tax payers to enjoy and if the citizens could easily access the large beach frontage which is part of Topsl State Park, so much of the customary use issue could be alleviated.

I am asking that you please consider allowing access on the perimeter of the State Park for pedestrians to get to the beach.

BERT SUMMERVILLE-KAIN

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From: [Jean Carter](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Re: Beach Access from Cypress Dunes/Topsail State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 5:48:58 PM

On Tue, Sep 3, 2019 at 5:47 PM Jean Carter <jeancarter52sandstone@gmail.com> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern;

Please count this as a plea for the above mentioned beach access that is so desperately needed at the west end of 30A.

The safety, flow of traffic, and easier access to the beach can help with saving time and travel on this end. Please also consider the easing of congestion all thru the summer months. This could be a life saver for older adults, disabled citizens, and young children.

As always, your best consideration, care, and concern are appreciated!

Thank you,

Jean Carter

Cypress Dunes Homeowner

From: [Jean Carter](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: tracy@tracysweetland.com
Subject: Beach Access from Cypress Dunes/Topsail State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 5:47:57 PM

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As always, your best consideration, care, and concern are appreciated!

Thank you,

Jean Carter

Cypress Dunes Homeowner

From: [Jeffy Van Buren](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: IN FAVOR OF BEACH ACCESS ON WEST END OF 30A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 5:36:02 PM

More beach access on the west end of 30a would decrease some of the 30a traffic and increase the enjoyment offered by the park.

Thank you for your attention .

Jeff Van Buren
Cypress Dunes

From: [Brooke Forsyth](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park trailhead
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 5:23:31 PM

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff,

I am writing to tell you that I fully support a new park entrance and trailhead on the east side of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park to serve the public. This new entrance, as proposed by the 5 adjacent communities and publicly supported by leadership of Walton County, would provide additional access to trails, the beach and recreation amenities in the park. This trailhead, with public parking and access to hikers and bikers, will tie directly into the existing multi-use recreational path along 30A. I also believe that a consolidated resource in the form of an improved trail will protect the natural resources and help mitigate the current risks of people entering at random points and creating dozens of unmarked and damaging foot trails.

Thank you!

Brooke Forsyth
Cypress Dunes Property Owner

From: [Cole Forsyth](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Support for a New Park Entrance and Trailhead at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 5:14:02 PM

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff,

I fully support a new park entrance and trailhead on the east side of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park to serve the public. This new entrance, as proposed by the 5 adjacent communities and publicly supported by leadership of Walton County, would provide additional access to trails, the beach and recreation amenities in the park. This trailhead, with public parking and access to hikers and bikers, will tie directly into the existing multi-use recreational path along 30A. I also believe that a consolidated resource in the form of an improved trail will protect the natural resources and help mitigate the current risks of people entering at random points and creating dozens of unmarked and damaging foot trails.

Thank you!

Cole Forsyth
Ashwood Holdings Florida
Cypress Dunes

From: [Susan Parslow](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 5:10:39 PM

September 3, 2019

Topsail Hill Preserve State Park Planning

Good Afternoon

I am writing in support of beach access for the many residents of west end of 30 A. As a homeowner in this area, we believe it is important to provide this access. We also believe we can have both access and protection for park plants and animals. Many options have been suggested and seem very workable. There are preserve parks all over Florida that have many boardwalks to the beach.

The need is evident when over 600 plus residents must currently get into their cars and congest the already busy 30 A and drive to a location offering beach access, taking up limited parking places.

I strongly support creating beach access in Topsail Hill Preserve.

Jennifer Rose

From: [Linda Otte](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In favor of Beach Access at West End of 30-A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 5:06:01 PM

Additional beach access is needed at the west end of 30-A. Another access at Topsail Park is needed. The beach there could better utilized than it is now. Recommend this access. Vote yes
Linda Otte

From: [Mike Grimsley](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Support For a New Park Entrance and Trailhead at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 5:04:15 PM

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff,

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Thank you!
Mike Grimsley
Noble House LLC at Cypress Dunes

From: [Amy Selbee Stivers](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In FAVOR of beach access in west end of 30A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 4:46:49 PM

To whom it may concern:

As a frequent traveler to 30A, both for business and pleasure, any additional public beach access on the West end of 30A are desperately needed. With the public beach shrinking due to the customary use debacle, one of our most treasured resources in South Walton county is becoming almost impossible to access. The beaches are what bring both tourists and new residents to the area. As the access to beaches decrease, so will tourist dollars and permanent population.

It is in the best interests of everyone who loves our beaches, to continue to add public access points. I ask you to serve your community by voting in favor of additional public beach access on the west end of 30A.

Amy Selbee
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jay Odom](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Park East Entry For More Public access to land paid for with tax payer money.
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 4:41:08 PM

Dear State of Florida Trail Planning Dept, You used a large amount of my tax dollars to buy topsail hill State Park and to date have not provided enough public access to this incredible property. I am in favor of protecting the property for generations to come but this can be done while still allowing the public access to this beautiful land that the tax payers own. It is our land and that means all citizens of Fl. The east end of this property is almost all uplands and has no access at this time. A large amount of the citizens and visitors that would use this park are on Hwy 30A which is the east end. This access way would be controlled by the state but paid for by private business. So tax payers get access to their land at no cost to the state and the state get to control the activities. This free to the state project includes public parking right along Hwy 30A with signage. If the state is concerned about this elevated board walk cutting of vehicle access to parts of the park then 20 foot sections of the boardwalk can be dropped to grade level so vehicles can drive across. This is a project that should have been done by the state years ago so the owners of the land (Fl tax payers)can have the access they deserve and demand and now can have for no cost to the state or the tax payer. The State of Florida does not have the right to spend large sums of tax payer money then deny the public access to the property the state purchased with their money. Please allow this well designed project that provides controlled access to land the tax payers purchased ,at no cost to the tax payers. This is a project that provides something the state should have already provided and is free. These days everyone is demanding Free Stuff well here it is take it. Jay Odom

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Courtney Willis](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park Boardwalk Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 4:38:46 PM

Hi there!

I'm highly in favor of additional access thru Topsail and the proposal by the communities that border the park on 30A to build another boardwalk. As residents in these communities look for ways to access their beach and our limited public accesses are overrun with tourist, we need smarter ways to safely get to the beach. This access would eliminate the need to drive a car and add to the traffic, pollution & parking issues. The boardwalk would encourage safe & better access to the hundreds of residents that could walk to get to the beach. I've lived in this area since 2005 and we have been offered a walkable solution to serve hundreds of residents, let's use it! It's a great solution since it can protect the park grounds by offering an elevated path thru to the beach. PLEASE add this boardwalk!!!

Thank you,

Courtney Willis

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Courtney Willis

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*My maternity leave began on May 27, 2019.
I will be checking e-mails and voicemails as time allows
but my response times will be slower.*

LET'S CONNECT



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From: [William Johnson](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: 30A West End Beach Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 4:25:56 PM

Florida State Park Planning Department - Office of Park Planning,

This email is written in support of additional beach access on the west end of route 30A, via Topsail Hill State Park.

As a visitor of many years and now as a homeowner I can attest to the need for beach access on 30A, and particularly access is needed on the west end of 30A.

Please move forward and implement this plan that provides much-needed access.

Regards,

Bill Johnson

From: [Tori Fox Stapleton](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Park Planning
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 4:22:52 PM

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff,

I fully support a new park entrance and trailhead on the east side of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park to serve the public. This new entrance, as proposed by the 5 adjacent communities and publicly supported by leadership of Walton County, would provide additional access to trails, the beach and recreation amenities in the park. This trailhead, with public parking and access to hikers and bikers, will tie directly into the existing multi-use recreational path along 30A. I also believe that a consolidated resource in the form of an improved trail will protect the natural resources and help mitigate the current risks of people entering at random points and creating dozens of unmarked and damaging foot trails.

Thank you!



TORI FOX STAPLETON
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From: [Rebecca Johnson](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: 30A West End Public Beach Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 4:15:40 PM

Dear Florida State Park Planning Committee,

I live on the west end of 30A and am emailing to indicate my support of the proposed beach access. We spend a great deal of time going to the beach and we often have guests in town as well. Plenty of times our beach plans are side railed because we cannot conveniently access the beach. This end of 30A desperately needs an additional access point. Both owners and guests support the businesses here, but the beautiful beaches are the main draw. Having an additional access on the west end will help distribute the beach goers more evenly down 30A. Please, please consider moving forward with this proposal.

Best regards,
Becky Johnson

From: [James Stapella](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In favor of beach access west end of 30A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 4:13:39 PM

Most of our livelihoods depend on tourist too our beaches, it seems like access is being denied more and more we need as many beach accesses as possible.

From: [Laura Barbera](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In Favor of Beach Access on West End of 30A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 4:07:07 PM

Dear Governing Board

It is my expressed opinion that adding additional beach access on the west end of 30A is favorable to my family and of course, our neighbors. I hope you will consider ruling in favor of this request.

Regards,

Laura Barbera

From: [Andrea Rivera](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Re: In Favor of Beach Access on West End of 30A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 4:06:21 PM

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attachments.**

Dear Governing Board

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Kindly

Andrea Rivera

On Tue, Sep 3, 2019 at 4:03 PM Will Bass <wbass137@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Governing Board

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Kindly

William Bass

From: [Will Bass](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In Favor of Beach Access on West End of 30A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 4:03:43 PM

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Dear Governing Board

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Kindly

William Bass

From: [Terri Lavender](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In Favor of Beach Access on West End of 30A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:52:55 PM

Hi!

Due to absence of beach access points on the west end of 30A along with the how cumbersome it is to use the current access at Topsail State Preserve Park, I STRONGLY support another Beach Access on the west end of 30A. A pedestrian boardwalk versus driving a car and using a gas powered tram is so much better for the preserve and environment! Please move forward with a boardwalk!

Terri

Terri Lavender
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From: [Grady Elder](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: " In Favor of Beach Access on West End of 30A"
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:48:06 PM

Definitely need more beach access on the west end of 30-A to accommodate tourism and visitors.

Grady Lee Elder

Broker

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Website, Facebook, Blog

From: [Nancy Fox](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail beach access, Walton County
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:45:56 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-1495211004.png](#)
[Outlook-1495211050.png](#)
[Outlook-1495211065.png](#)
[Outlook-1495211080.png](#)

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff,

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Thank you!



Nancy Fox

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From: [Draper, Eric](#)
To: [R&P Employees](#)
Subject: FW: balancing visitor services and safety
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:40:12 PM

Dear Park Colleagues,

Thank you for your individual and collaborative efforts over the past week. As we continue to monitor Hurricane Dorian, rangers and other staff across the state are ready to reopen parks when the storm passes. Over the weekend, staff and volunteers balanced visitor service and preparing facilities for closure. I am thankful to everyone who is doing their best to make sure visitors and colleagues are safe.

We will know more about storm effects on parks in the next few days. Please know the safety of park visitors and personnel is paramount. The parks that may face winds and flooding are closed in preparation for these effects. More than 100 Florida State Parks and many campgrounds are not at risk from the storm and remain open. Open state parks are one of the best ways to show the nation that Florida is resilient and ready.

For the most recent information on park closures, you can visit FloridaStateParks.org/StormUpdates. For statewide storm news, visit FloridaDisaster.org or the National Hurricane Center at NHC.NOAA.gov. Florida State Parks, along with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the State of Florida, are as prepared as ever to make sure state parks are safe, resilient and available as soon as possible.

Eric



Eric Draper

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Division of Recreation and Parks/Florida Park Service
Director

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From: [Christina E. McKinney](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:31:44 PM

Dear Planning Committee,

I am writing in support of the proposed public beach access on the west end of 30A.

The proposed public beach access is an ecologically sound, handicap accessible boardwalk across Topsail Hill State Park, our beautiful public state park. It would provide a much needed way for more than 600 households to walk or bike to the beach rather than getting in their cars. This is a PUBLIC BEACH access with public parking so that residents from and visitors to Walton County can enjoy a public beach without having to deal with customary use issues. This will become a place where more regular visitors, including locals, will come experience and support the public state park. This will create a partnership with the State Park and the public to protect nature and wildlife. It will be of no cost to taxpayers to build this access.

Please consider approval of this plan.

If there are any further questions or requirements for additional information or suggestions, please feel free to contact me either by e-mail or by phone.

Thank You,

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From: [Mary Owen](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Park Beach Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:27:28 PM

Dear Planning Committee,

I am writing in **support** of the proposed public beach access on the west end of 30A.

The proposed public beach access is an ecologically sound, handicap accessible boardwalk across Topsail Hill State Park, our beautiful public state park. It would provide a much needed way for more than 600 households to walk or bike to the beach rather than getting in their cars. This is a PUBLIC BEACH access with public parking so that residents from and visitors to Walton County can enjoy a public beach without having to deal with customary use issues. This will become a place where more regular visitors, including locals, will come experience and support the public state park. This will create a partnership with the State Park and the public to protect nature and wildlife. It will be of no cost to taxpayers to build this access.

Please consider approval of this plan.

Thank you,
Mary Owen

From: [Sean M. Lawler](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park - Boardwalk
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:26:29 PM

Dear Madam or Sir,

I love Topsail Hill Preserve State Park but I feel that having more than one way to get to the beach would definitely assist with the current congestion we see during the tourist season. I've heard it mentioned that there's the possibility of installing an additional boardwalk? I feel that taking this step would be a benefit to all of the park goers and allow even more people to visit the beautiful Florida environment there. I appreciate your consideration and hope that you also agree that another boardwalk is a good idea, and will more than pay for itself.

Sincerely,

>:-**Sean M. Lawler**-:<

From: [John Willis](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [Polly Willis](#)
Subject: Topsail State Park - Neighborhood access to beach
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:25:18 PM

Parks Planning Department:

My wife and I are in favor of additional access thru Topsail & the proposal by the communities that border the park on 30A to build another boardwalk. As a resident of Cypress Dunes we find it very difficult to access the beach due to limited public accesses which are over run with tourist! As a resident and property owner in the great state of Florida we need smarter ways to safely get to the beach, especially ones that entail not having to drive a car which adds traffic, pollution & parking issues. This boardwalk would encourage safe & better access to the hundreds of residents that could walk safely to get to the beach. Not to mention more citizens use of the wonderful Topsail Park grounds. I've lived here since 2007. This walkable proposal offers a great solution to serve hundreds of residents that surround Topsail. Let's add this park/beach access and improve use for the local community ! It seems like a great solution especially since it can protect the park grounds by offering an elevated path thru it to the beach.

Please add this boardwalk to your plan which will generate much more public use to your under utilized park at Topsail.

John Willis & Polly Willis
361 Cypress Dr.
Santa Rosa Beach

From: [Kassie Wightman](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:18:50 PM

Hello -

I am emailing my support for additional beach access at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park. The current one access point is not convenient. An additional boardwalk would help to increase use of the park and increase park revenue. My family and friends would definitely visit the park more often if there was another beach access point.

Best Regards,
Kassie Wightman

From: [Eddie Stivers](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access on the Eastern side of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:17:42 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

Please allow this email to represent the views of our entire family of seven and our regular house guests. We are regular visitors to the Western side of 30-A. Despite the addition of several public beach accesses on the Western end of 30-A, the customary use fight has severely limited the public's access to the world's most beautiful beaches in Walton County. The ongoing fight between some beachfront landowners has resulted in the public being relegated to tiny parcels of beachfront. Similarly, as such, gaining access to the public beach even during offseason weekends is very difficult. Frankly, without additional beachfront access, I'm not sure that we will be interested in continuing to travel to the 30-A area. As a Montgomery, Alabama resident and very frequent renter in the area (we have rented a second home on the west end of 30-A for three consecutive years... not three visits, but for 36 consecutive months) we are at our wit's end with fighting to get access to the gorgeous beaches of Walton County. Without accessible beaches, sadly we think our best option will be to return to our home state beaches of Orange Beach, Alabama. It doesn't have to be this way. There are miles of public beaches in front of the Topsail state park that are intended to be enjoyed by the public, but are simply inaccessible due to the current set up of the park.

I have watched the fight online between local residents, renters, visitors, tourist, guests and a very loud and organized group of self-proclaimed environmentalists. Something so very simple seems lost in this fight over an access point through the East end of the park. State parks are set aside for two basic reasons; The sustainable enjoyment of the natural areas by both Floridians and visitors to the state and the preservation of natural areas and ecosystems. What both sides don't seem to understand is that an ecosystem can be sustained while providing for access to these areas. If access to parks, in and of itself, destroyed the ecosystem, people would simply be prohibited from access. Quite to the contrary, the State of Florida spends untold dollars annually marketing to prospective visitors of their parks.

In fact, the mission statement of The Florida Park Service is as follows: "The mission of the Florida Park Service is to provide resource-based recreation while preserving...resources."

The solution is simple. Grant an access that preserves the ecology of the park with an environmentally sound elevated boardwalk. Fulfill the purpose of our state parks and the mission statement of the Florida Park Service by preserving BOTH access to recreation and the ecology of the land.

Please ensure that the mission of the Florida Park Service is fulfilled. Allow access to recreation for residents and visitors while protecting the park's ecology.

Edward M. Stivers, III and family of seven
Renter, visitor and part time resident

From: janismb@charter.net
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Cypress Passage in Santa Rosa Beach
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:16:10 PM

Dear State Park Planning Commission Members,

I am writing this email in support of the proposed public beach access at the end of Cypress Passage in Santa Rosa Beach. I visit the western end of 30A frequently, and currently have to get in my car to go to the beach. The ability to walk on an ecologically sound boardwalk to the beach instead of loading up the car (contributing to congestion and traffic) would be of great benefit. Given the issues I've witnessed from the current customary use situation, having access to state owned beach would be a big blessing. It is my understanding that this access will be done in a manner that benefits the Park and the local community and its visitors, creating a win for all.

Thank you for your consideration,
Janis Beavin
4551 Tench Road
Suwanee, GA 30024

From: [Alan Roberts](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: South Walton County - West 30A Trailhead
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:12:10 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff,

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Thank you!

Caring Ridesharing,



Alan Roberts
Chief Business Development Officer



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Alan@GoVetted.com GoVetted.com

From: [John Finch](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: FW: Letters in Support of Beach Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:02:50 PM

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John Finch
Thank you!

From: [Tracy Sweetland](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In FAVOR of Beach access on West end of 30A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 2:54:09 PM

To whom it may concern,

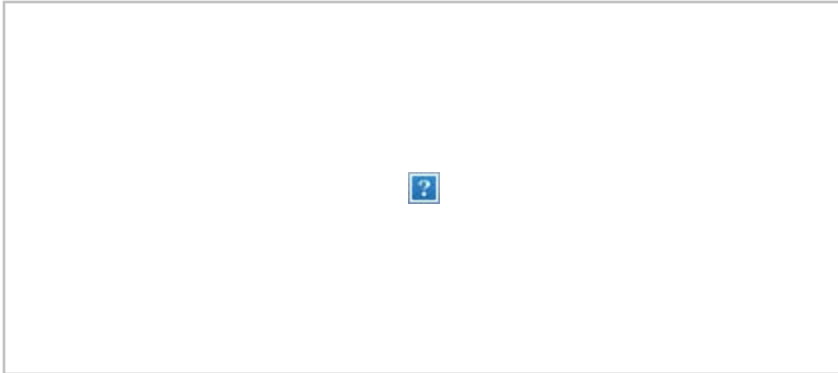
Thank you for the opportunity to speak concerning the proposed boardwalk in Topsail Hill State Park. I currently live on the West end of 30A, in Beachview Woods, and I am the president of our homeowner's association.

I have lived in this area for over 40 years and never thought we would see the issues we now have over beach access. Private beachfront owners believe the rest of the county should not be allowed to use THEIR beach, and then there is the argument of customary use that all of us have enjoyed for many years. I am fully aware that our area survives off of tourism and this most certainly includes going to the beach! In fact, that is the number one reason that people visit South Walton and the Emerald Coast. I have been embarrassed and ashamed at how some beachfront owners have treated our guests. Our tourism supports our county, keeps our property values strong and helps our local businesses thrive. Because of all of this mess, we are now searching for alternatives for access and use of our beautiful beaches. The locals have a hard time finding a location to go to the beach as well. It has become a major issue.

With that being said, the West end of 30A is very limited on beach accesses. Walton County is desperately looking for and currently purchasing beach front parcels and are paying millions of dollars at other parts of 30A. We are running out of opportunities to add any more beach accesses to the 30A corridor. Most of the current accesses are in between two private beachfront homes where there is no room to actually USE the beach.

Topsail Hill State Park, along with many state parks, depend on the income that public use provides. There are so many local neighborhoods that would love to be able to access a beach access without having to get into their vehicles to get to the beach. Cypress Dunes subdivision is East of Topsail Hill State Park. Beachview Woods is in the middle of Cypress Dunes. The other surrounding neighborhoods of Topsail Village, Beachview Heights, Emerald Walk, Heron's Crossing and a new subdivision named Parkside on 30A, that hasn't been built yet, all add up to about 600 homes within a 3-mile radius. All of us would like a safe and non-stressful access to go to the beach. Topsail Hill State Park is under-utilized and needs more income. This added boardwalk to the East side of the park would allow the surrounding neighborhoods to have an access with no cost to Walton County or the State of Florida. In fact, it would bring in more revenue and use to the park. There is a way to have an eco-friendly boardwalk built with professionals' input and would also be a win for the locals to not have to drive to another location that is already overcrowded or non-welcoming. Our communities are very sensitive to the natural plants and animals that live in Topsail Hill State Park and believe they can coexist.

There are other boardwalks in other State Parks that actually keep beach goers on the boardwalk and off of the dunes. Topsail Hill State Park belongs to all of us and is meant to be enjoyed by all. I write this note in hope that common sense will override the opposition's panic of killing all the wildlife. We all know we need more PUBLIC beach accesses and this is a great opportunity to add one to the West end of 30A.



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From: [Hanna Sumpter](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 2:53:48 PM

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff,

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Hanna Sumpter

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Luke Zoglio](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Public Beach Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 2:53:18 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

Our family owns a home in the Cypress Dunes Community. I am in full support of additional public beach access on the west end of 30a. If completed through Topsail Preserve State Park it would provide a great nature experience for the notably increased tourists to the area.

A public beach access through Topsail would allow vacationers to experience the tranquility and ecosystem of what the park has to offer. Some of these features include the unique dune lakes, wildlife and the vegetation indigenous to the area. A responsibly built path could be used as an educational tool to provide information to guests on the above features.

When considering the Topsail Unit Management Plan approval please vote yes to include additional access points so that we all can enjoy the discovered beauty and ecological dynamics of the park.

Thank you,

Jennifer Zoglio
219 Cypress Dr

From: [Susan Parslow](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access Topsail State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 2:52:28 PM

September 3, 2019

Topsail Hill Preserve State Park Planning

Hello,

I am writing in support of beach access for the many residents of west end of 30 A. As homeowners in this area, we believe it is important to provide this access. We also believe we can have both access and protection for park plants and animals. Many options have been suggested and seem very workable. There are preserve parks all over Florida that have many boardwalks to the beach.

The need is evident when over 600 plus residents must currently get into their cars and congest the already busy 30 A and drive to a location offering beach access, taking up limited parking places.

The need seems clear and we strongly support it.

Dr. Susan Parslow

Dr. Paul Monahan

From: [David Kennedy](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Unit Management Plann
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 2:48:32 PM

As a home owner on the west end of 30A, I am writing in support of a new park entrance on the east side of the park that will allow residents and guests to walk into the park accessing its trails and beach. I am also in favor of improving existing park trails to the beach or building a board walk to the beach on the east end of Topsail.

Currently, very little of Topsail's beach is used by the public due to the inconvenience of the current park entrance and beach tram. The beach is primarily used by persons camping at Topsail.

Topsail is more than a Preserve as it is also a Park that should be made readily accessible to people. A walk-in entrance will serve over 650 homes in the area, along with visitors.

Thank you

David E. Kennedy

DKon30A@gmail.com

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From: line.sumpter@gmail.com
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: East 30A trailhead
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 2:48:28 PM

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Thank you!

Best regards,
Lina Sumpter
[\(850\) 585-5426](tel:(850)585-5426)

From: [Harris, Debbie L.](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [Keith Harris \(keithharris1@outlook.com\)](#)
Subject: Public Beach Access on Cypress Passage Santa Rosa Beach (Western end of 30a)
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 2:45:31 PM

Hi,

I am writing this email in support of the proposed public handicap accessible boardwalk for beach access at the end of Cypress Passage in Santa Rosa Beach. I visit the western end of 30a frequently (and recently bought my retirement home there) and currently have to get in my car to go to the beach.

The ability to walk on an ecologically sound boardwalk to the beach instead of loading up the car (contributing to congestion and traffic) would be of great benefit. Hundreds of households in that area would benefit from this access point and could easily walk or bike to it. It would be a blessing to have access to state owned beach using the Cypress Passage access point.

It is my understanding that this access will be done in a manner that benefits the Park and the local community and its visitors, creating a win for all.

Thank you for your consideration,
Debbie Harris
5640 Silver Ridge Drive
Stone Mountain, GA 30087

From: [Anastasia Stull](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: New Park Entrance - Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 2:32:05 PM

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Thank you!

From: [Marilee Wright](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: 30A West End Additional Public Beach Access NEEDED
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 2:18:45 PM

I am a full time resident and homeowner on the west end of 30A. I attended the recent meeting hosted by Topsail Forest Preserve personnel. I listened carefully to the very informative program presentation, and all the speakers and all the pros and cons. One speaker brought clarity to the issue when she said “we can have both”:a new public beach access AND preservation of the natural habitat and beauty of our parks and beaches. Adding access will quell the incidence of illegal entries into the park that are being documented at alarming rates and adding the the disturbance of the wildlife and the dunes.

I Vote Yes to Adding a Public Beach Access on The West End of 30A,

Marilee Wright

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From: [Kevin Vance](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Advocate: Beach Access on West 30A, East-end of Topsail State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 1:51:34 PM

September 2, 2019

Dear Florida Office of Park Planning:

I am Kevin Vance. My wife Angela and I have lived off West 30A for more than 13 years, enjoying every minute!!! I know you and your fellow planners are now considering the West 30-A Beach Access for our area's Walton County residents and visitors—Angela and I simply wanted you and your colleagues to know that you all have our adamant support for the proposed access on the West end of 30A, on the East end of Topsail State Park.

As you already know, the West end of 30-A is underserved as far as beach accesses are concerned. The closest access to our home is at Stallworth, and parking there is extremely limited. The proposed boardwalk across our treasured park preserve will add to the quality of life for hundreds of area families and visitors. While many of our neighbors may be concerned regarding the environmental impacts of the proposed access, these issues are seldom a zero sum game. We are excited about the opportunity this access has to reduce commuter travel impacts in South Walton and specifically, on the West end of 30A (reduced greenhouse emissions from cars and traffic congestion). Furthermore, we believe that the proposed access will draw walkers and bikers who are the very people who will treasure the park preserve and work to protect it. I can assure you that our friends and family in the area are truly committed to being good stewards of our majestic park areas!

Bottom Line: Four-plus neighborhoods will be able to go the beach without getting into our cars, which currently add to the congestion and emissions on 30-A and overcrowded conditions at other beach accesses on the West end of 30A. Additionally, we believe your support of this proposal will have immediate and substantial revenue returns for our wonderful Walton County.

Finally, as you may already know, Albert Gregory from the EPA, the person responsible for helping the State purchase this land and making it a park preserve, and has served as its "gatekeeper," has personally advised us in this endeavor. Additionally, he enlisted Sine Murray from Florida State Parks and Planning to assist us. We did not pursue this access proposal lightly nor have they.

Angela and I respectfully request your thoughtful consideration regarding this matter. Thank you for your continued, selfless support, making Topsail State Park and Walton County the most wonderful place to live and visit.

Very Respectfully,

Kevin and Angela Vance

From: [Jim's Gmail](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park - Proposed new park entrance
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 1:49:04 PM

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff,

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Thank you!

Jim Sumpter, CIMA®
Senior Investment and Real Estate Consultant
Certified Investment Management Analyst

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From: [Michael Geihlsler](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park Beach Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 1:46:21 PM

To whom it may concern:

We have reviewed the Topsail Hill State Park 10 year management proposal. The plan does not appear to include any new walkways for additional public beach access.

We would like you to re-consider an additional public beach access walkway through Topsail Hill State Park for the following reasons:

1. This proposed beach access point will be PUBLIC. Therefore it will benefit the entire community. Residents as well as visitors will benefit.
2. Additional PUBLIC beach access points are needed as a result of the confusion and controversy surrounding the "Customary Usage" provision. The Topsail Hill proposed access point will be located in an un-populated area and therefore should be very attractive to beach goers who are concerned about violating property rites of owners near other public beach access points.
3. Overcrowding conditions at other public beach access points along 30A are frequently encountered during the peak tourist season. Additional public beach access points are definitely needed.
4. Currently, illegal access to the beach through the state park is almost a daily occurrence. Visitors to the area simply "hop" the fence and make their way through the park to the beach. (I have photographic evidence of these violations.) They routinely walk across the dunes without regard to the rules and have no regard for the "No Trespassing" signs. A well planned public walkway to the beach would all but eliminate this problem. The violators would now have a much easier path to the beach and would have no need to traverse the difficult terrain. The natural environment within the park would be better protected with a well managed board walk verses the current uncontrolled access.
5. This proposed walkway would be funded via private entities. Walton county, Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, and the State of Florida would not be required to fund this project.
6. The beach access at Topsail Hill State Park is very restricted when compared to other parks in the area. Grayton and Henderson to be specific, already allow public beach access via boardwalks. Additionally at these parks private vehicles are allowed to park very close to the boardwalk leading to the beach. No tram service is required. This proposed boardwalk would help to alleviate the current restrictive situation at Topsail.

Your consideration regarding this proposed boardwalk is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mike and Becky Geihlsler
279 Cypress Drive
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459

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Michael Geihlsler
279 Cypress Drive
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459
404-403-2290

From: [Bill Livingston](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 1:39:31 PM

I'm highly in favor of additional access thru Topsail & the proposal by the communities that border the park on 30A to build another boardwalk. As residents in these communities look for ways to access their beach & our limited public accesses are over run with tourist we need smarter ways to safely get to the beach. especially ones that entail not having to drive a car to add to the traffic, pollution & parking issues. This boardwalk would encourage safe & better access to the hundreds of residents that could walk to get to the beach. I've lived here since 2005 . We have been offered a walkable solution to serve hundreds of residents. Let's use it! It seems like a great solution especially since it can protect the park grounds by offering an elevated path thru it to the beach.
Please add this boardwalk

Bill Livingston

From: [Kathy Bradford](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: 30A Beach access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 1:38:49 PM

PLEASE PLEASE consider the need for 30A west end beach access a vital need for the flourishing tourism and residents of Santa Rosa Beach. These beautiful beaches need to be available for all, let's allow access and usage for our Florida friends and family.

Kathy Bradford

From: [Elizabeth L. Dulin](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access on the west end of 30A
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 1:27:26 PM

Please strongly consider another user friendly beach access on the west end of 30A. The communities on the far end of the 26+ mile scenic highway are comprised of many residents who care deeply for the coastal environment and the beautiful beaches. We will continue to work diligently to maintain them in an environmentally responsible manner as we enjoy the much needed additional access.

Warmly,
Elizabeth L. Dulin

From: [Lori Ceier](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park proposed unit management plan
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 11:52:14 AM

Hello,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be on the advisory board at the Aug. 21, 2019 meeting regarding the proposed unit management plan for Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.

I have two issues that I would like to comment on.

- The proposed additional access on the western end of the park I feel will not be beneficial to the health of the park and will threaten the ecosystems unless it is fully staffed with personnel. I feel the iron ranger will be mostly ignored and over parking will quickly become a major issue. The entrance is inadequate to provide safe entry and exit as well.
- I am deeply disturbed by the consistent, aggressive behavior of the Cypress Dunes neighborhood HOA people present at the meetings. I had thought the previous public meetings regarding their proposed 1,650 ft. boardwalk were rejected. Why is it necessary to continue hearing a self serving quest?

The acquisition of Topsail was for the conservation and preservation of natural communities, let's keep it that way.

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Regards,

Lori Ceier,
Publisher, Walton Outdoors
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From: [Jim Rowe](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 11:46:09 AM

I am in full support of the proposed new beach access entry for the public. This will be a big for the west end of Santa Rosa and its residents to partner with the park.

Best,
Jim Rowe

From: [Janice Gaultney](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 9:35:22 AM

Good morning!

I support the beach access proposal for the Park. I strongly believe that the Park and those near the Park have a wonderful opportunity to create a successful partnership to enhance and protect the Park's wildlife and flora while increasing the people's ecologically sound access to the beach. I have served on the Park's Friends Board for four plus years, and the one concern that comes up at almost every meeting is how to increase local usage of Topsail; the proposed access will do just that.

I urge you to consider the benefits of the proposed access. There is a lot of noise out there, but much of it is based on misinformation or a refusal to really look at the whole picture. In this age of technology there are ways to scan cards, etc., to monitor numbers of people entering the Park, and having neighbors close by who treasure the Park adds another level of monitoring.

In 2013/2014 Albert Gregory from FLDEP and Sine Murray worked closely with us to plan an ecologically sound access to the Beach. However, at that time the Board of County Commissioners, voted against the proposal. (Actually, if you review the film of an earlier BCC meeting, you will see they first voted to support the access, but through a strange twist of fate, ended up revisiting and voting it down.) **Late last fall, however, the BCC voted to support the proposed access with modifications as deemed appropriate by DEP.**

I ask you to include the proposed access in the UMP. This is a great opportunity for STATE PARK PLANNING to make a decision for the people, wildlife and flora of Florida that will have lasting positive outcomes.

Thank you for your continued service and dedication to the people, wildlife and flora of Florida.

Janice Gaultney
256-214-2221

From: [Liz Lovelady](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 9:06:23 AM

Dear Planning Committee,

I am writing in support of the proposed public beach access on the west end of 30A.

The proposed public beach access is an ecologically sound, handicap accessible boardwalk across Topsail Hill State Park, our beautiful public state park. It would provide a much needed way for more than 600 households to walk or bike to the beach rather than getting in their cars. This is a PUBLIC BEACH access with public parking so that residents from and visitors to Walton County can enjoy a public beach without having to deal with customary use issues. This will become a place where more regular visitors, including locals, will come experience and support the public state park. This will create a partnership with the State Park and the public to protect nature and wildlife. It will be of no cost to taxpayers to build this access.

Please consider approval of this plan.

Thank you,
Liz Lovelady
Sent from my iPad

From: [Catherine W. Smith](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 8:52:10 AM

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Thank you,

Catherine Smith

Sent from my iPad

From: [Sabrina Pinckard](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access
Date: Monday, September 2, 2019 8:31:11 PM

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Thanks for your time,
Sabrina

From: [Andie Sharp](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach access
Date: Monday, September 2, 2019 8:26:53 PM

Dear Planning Committee,

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Thanks so much,
Andie Sharp

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Christina Sassos](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill preserved state park
Date: Monday, September 2, 2019 8:24:48 PM

Dear Planning Committee,

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Judy Emeodi](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Public Beach Access
Date: Monday, September 2, 2019 8:24:16 PM

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XOXO,
Judy Emeodi

From: [Laura Sassos](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Monday, September 2, 2019 8:23:59 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Laura Sassos

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Texas Christian University '17 BSN
Mayo Clinic Surgical Trauma/Cardiac RN

From: [Brittany Betley](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Monday, September 2, 2019 8:23:11 PM

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Thank you,
Brittany Betley

From: [Elizabeth Wood](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Monday, September 2, 2019 8:18:42 PM

Dear Planning Committee,

I am writing in support of the proposed public beach access on the west end of 30A.

The proposed public beach access is an ecologically sound, handicap accessible boardwalk across Topsail Hill State Park, our beautiful public state park. It would provide a much needed way for more than 600 households to walk or bike to the beach rather than getting in their cars. This is a PUBLIC BEACH access with public parking so that residents from and visitors to Walton County can enjoy a public beach without having to deal with customary use issues. This will become a place where more regular visitors, including locals, will come experience and support the public state park. This will create a partnership with the State Park and the public to protect nature and wildlife. It will be of no cost to taxpayers to build this access.

Thank you for your consideration,
Elizabeth Wood

From: [Julie Overstreet](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: TopSail Preserve Beach Access
Date: Monday, September 2, 2019 7:11:31 PM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I want to express my support for increasing beach access at TopSail Hill Preserve State Park in Santa Rosa Beach Florida. It is a lovely park and I greatly enjoy it trails etc. But when I compare the use of its beach to other state parks in the area I not that the beaches are not used as much as others..... for instance Grayton Beach. When I consider the differences Grayton Beach State Park has the same level of beauty but the access to the water is very different with parking near the beach. Our TopSail Park has more protected areas up close to the water and access to the beach is by tram from the parking area or by bike. The end result appears to be less enjoyment of the wonders of the park. I greatly support adding another boardwalk to the beach that can provide another method of access to the beautiful park and, if possible incorporate it as a nature trail, to help educate & inform. Based on the current beach access point and the miles of shoreline I think another point of access is easily accommodated. The park is for the people..... we do need to preserve it, yet make it accessible and encourage its use. Adding a new boardwalk and one additional beach access point will benefit all persons using the park and do it in such a manner that assists with the overall preservation of the area.

Thank You
Julie Overstreet

From: [Mary Beth Wood](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Monday, September 2, 2019 6:12:40 PM

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Please consider approval of this plan.

Thank you,
Mary Beth Wood

From: [Mary Beth Wood](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Monday, September 2, 2019 6:04:08 PM

Dear Planning Committee,

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Please consider approval of this plan.

Thank you,
Mary Beth Wood

From: [Julianne Schmitz](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Monday, September 2, 2019 4:05:53 PM

Good afternoon,

I'm writing to request that Topsail Hill State Park be granted the additional beach access requested. I understand the opposition and respect their opinions. It's my strong belief that the additional access will actually preserve the area for generations to come. By granting this access, residents and visitors will no longer need to travel by car or shuttle to one of the other access points thereby significantly reducing the traffic on the roadways as well as allowing another excellent point of access to the beach.

We have been vacationing here for years and keep coming back because of the area's amenities. I don't believe in anyway that this request will harm the preserve. If I felt such an opinion, I would be writing to request denial of the proposal.

Thank you for your time and allowing us the opportunity to share our thoughts.

Sincerely,
Julianne Schmitz
630-406-1544

From: [Tom Sharkey](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Cypress Dunes HOA /Hwy 30A
Date: Monday, September 2, 2019 9:38:26 AM

NO on the beach access. Enough damage has been done. How much is enough? Stop the madness. I have watched the area be overdeveloped. I personally know people who do not visit here anymore.

Tom Sharkey
89 Dune Dr.
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida
32459

From: [Patrick Hancock](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve-keep it intact!
Date: Monday, September 2, 2019 8:53:18 AM

To who it may concern,

As a local and frequent user of Topsail Hill Preserve, the acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access.

No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve! Please don't let big money and special interest prevail and we lose our park. We are already losing to customary use at the beach.

This will allow one more place to become private! Please I beg dont allow it.

Patrick Hancock
3343186129
369 White Heron Dr
SRB, FL 32459

#stateparking #SWCC #30A #sowal #Topsail

From: [Tim Schmitz](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Sunday, September 1, 2019 11:06:32 PM

Good morning,

I'm writing to request that Topsail Hill State Park be granted the additional beach access requested. I understand the opposition and respect their opinions. It's my strong belief that the additional access will actually preserve the area for generations to come. By granting this access, residents and visitors in this location will no longer need to travel by car or shuttle to one of the other access points thereby significantly reducing the traffic on the roadways as well as allowing another excellent point of access to the beach.

I have been vacationing here for years and keep coming back because of the area's amenities. I don't believe in anyway that this request will harm the preserve. If I felt such an opinion, I would be writing to request denial of the proposal.

Thank you for your time and allowing us the opportunity to share our thoughts.

Sincerely,

Tim Schmitz

From: [Vaughan](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: No second entrance to Topsail State Park
Date: Sunday, September 1, 2019 7:11:05 PM

As a resident of WaltonCounty I fell strongly that an additional access thru Topsail State Park should not be constructed to provide easier beach access for a private development.

Damage to the natural features of the park is not justifiable for the convenience of just a few people.

Please don't do this.

Thank you,

Vaughan Greene
217 Walton Rose Lane
Inlet Beach

From: [Donelle Bremmekamp](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve
Date: Sunday, September 1, 2019 5:44:36 PM

Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance

We have visited Topsail Hill State park many times as our grandparents live in the area. This is a Preserve and should remain as closed to easy public access as possible or it will be ruined. The current entrance should remain as the only beach access with no additional ones.

Sincerely, Donelle Bremmekamp

From: [menan1961](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill PRESERVE - one entrance only
Date: Saturday, August 31, 2019 9:24:49 PM

To whom it may concern;

There should be no access added for a private communities use. It's very selfish to destroy part of the PRESERVE for one communities convenience. It's a PRESERVE, let's keep it that way, please.

The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access.

No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Sincerely,

Nancy Meehan
285 Fairway Dr
Santa Rosa Beach
850- 399-1731

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: [Jacque Fudge](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve ONE Entrance Only
Date: Saturday, August 31, 2019 9:04:20 PM

To whom it may concern,

The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance should remain as the ONLY entrance and beach access.

NO additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Sincerely,
Jacquelyn Fudge
89 Baird Road
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Hans Gyllstrom](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Saturday, August 31, 2019 2:31:57 PM

The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access.

No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve! No boardwalk for Cypress Dunes HOA.

This boardwalk will destroy critical habitat as the park planning and the biologist recommendations reflect. Cypress Dunes owners have significant funding and must have lobbied leadership in Tallahassee to get this back as a possibility. All Cypress Dunes owners knew that there was no beach access when they purchased. Their logic to why the state should grant what amounts to a private easement is that the boardwalk will not cost the state anything as they will pay for the cost of construction of the boardwalk. They are paying as it will make them millions!!

It has been rejected each time the public voiced opinion and it goes against all park planning recommendations. Exactly who has requested that this be considered AGAIN? This person's name needs to be made public so they can be voted out of office.

All citizens of Walton county should have an equal voice. You are violating this important principal by giving Cypress Dunes HOA special consideration. Furthermore, they all have ready access to the beach - as do the rest of us - via existing entrance off 30A.

Thank you for your consideration to this important matter

Sincerely,

Hans Gyllstrom
189 Loon Lake Drive
Santa Rosa Beach, FL
32458
(850)376-9123

From: [Herman Bruns](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: haljanice@gmail.com; oceanides1@aol.com
Subject: 30A WEST END proposed PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS
Date: Friday, August 30, 2019 3:59:29 PM

Dear Florida State Park Planning Committee,

RE: 30A WEST END proposed PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

As land owner's and future homeowner's in Cypress Dunes, Santa Rosa Beach, FL, we would like to express our votes FOR having the public beach access at 30A West End. We believe this to be an ecologically sound, handicapped accessible boardwalk across State Park property and a way for 600+ households to walk/bike to the beach without vehicle congestion. Since this would be a public beach access with public parking, both residents and visitors to Walton County can enjoy the beach without having to deal with customary use issues. Regular access can only benefit the State Park and create a partnership for protecting nature and wildlife, which would encompass interpretive teaching signage for creating good stewards, beach/park goers.

Regards,

Herman & Karen Bruns
404-272-9249
678-669-9969(fax)

From: [Pamela Cain](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: For additional beach access
Date: Friday, August 30, 2019 3:17:12 PM

I wanted to express my support for additional beach access on the west end of 30A in Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.

I have a sister who is in a wheelchair and my family is acutely aware that more handicap accessible boardwalk is needed. When my family accesses the beach through the park, my sister cannot come with us because she cannot get on the tram in the park. A boardwalk would allow us to push her to the beach where she could see the Gulf.

Additionally, I think the option as it has been discussed is the most ecologically sound plan as well as fiscally sound.

It's important that we be good stewards of resources while allowing residents to enjoy the beauty of our white sands and beautiful gulf. This additional beach access in Topsail Hill is a perfect way to achieve both of these goals.

Thanks,

Pam Cain
Santa Rosa Beach, FL

From: [Bobby Surles](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Additional beach access at Topsail Hill State Park
Date: Friday, August 30, 2019 3:04:46 PM

Additional public beach access needed at Topsail Hill State Park!

To Whom It May Concern,

I am strongly in favor of additional beach access on the east side of Topsail Hill State Park. My wife and I walk on the beach often, from Stallworth Beach Access to Topsail Hill State Park beach access. It is such a beautiful walk but with no additional way to access it, that part of the Park seems to be a waste. There is 3.2 miles of beach line in the State Park with only one way to access it. If you were to go East of the State Park 3.2 miles, there are probably 10 different accesses. The State Park's motto is for people to enjoy nature and the beach. It would be nice to have an additional access to do this. Topsail Hill State Park is a wonderful facility, but it is difficult to access the beach from the main gate. As a local, it becomes problematic when you must enter the park, pay to get in, park your vehicle, wait for the tram, load your beach belongings, be driven to the beach and then finally wait for the tram when you are ready to leave. An additional access would be wonderful to learn about nature, trees, birds, and to sit and reflect on how lucky we are to have this State Park near us to enjoy. With the recent HB631 in affect, it is very difficult to find a place to take my family to the beach. With an additional beach access on the East end of the park, it would be so much easier just to be able to go the beach at one's leisure; Whether it was for an hour or a day.

As a local of Walton County, I ask that you please consider this plan so that generations can easily enjoy the beach year after year.

Thank You,

Bobby Surles

133 Cypress Passage

Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

From: [Rob Rippy](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: FW: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Friday, August 30, 2019 2:08:53 PM

From: Rob Rippy
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 2:07 PM
To: 'FLStateParkPlanniing@dep.state.fl.us' <FLStateParkPlanniing@dep.state.fl.us>
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park

As a second homeowner in Walton County, I have seen a continual increase in our permanent resident and tourist population which has resulted in increased recreational activity on Gulf beaches. Waterfront property owners are concerned about sunbathers and beachgoers using their private property along all of Walton County except where there is access to public beaches. My hope is that you will increase public access through Topsail Hill Preserve State Park to the long public beach that is essentially unused compared to the rest of the Walton County beachfront.

We purchased our second home along 30A in Walton County just over 5 years ago and since that time, we have seen a dramatic increase in tourism and beachgoers along the Gulf. This has put a tremendous burden on parking and access to our beaches. We have personally had several occasions where we have attempted to go the beach only to come back to our home because we had no parking available. We have a family of 3 boys so we do frequent the beach when we are down from our home state of Indiana but I can say that it has become more of a challenge to make it to the beach. Definitely, a quick trip down to the beach to watch the sunset presents a problem with no parking during peak times.

I understand that the opposition is fighting against more beach access on the Eastern edge of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park in efforts to protect the dune lakes, wildlife and habitat. It is not anyone's goal on either side to disrupt any of this. I would hope that we look at this as an opportunity to invest in our community for the good of the community. The opportunity for Floridian's and visitors to take in a walk on the boardwalk at sunset and see these incredible dune lakes and habitat would be awesome. At least I'm assuming that as I've only seen the lakes from google earth pic's. I'm guessing that is how those that know of the lakes have found out. I am also guess that most of the opposition has never made any attempts to see any of this. A boardwalk over the dunes can be done without posing any jeopardy to the landscape or the Choctawhatchee beach mouse habitat.

Please allow this to be my formal request in support of Public Beach Access on the Eastern end of Topsail State Park.

Many Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Rob Rippy

From: [Brooke Tooley](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Friday, August 30, 2019 10:15:39 AM
Importance: High

To Whom It May Concern:

As you know there is a proposal to put a boardwalk through Topsail Park from the Cypress Dunes community. I strongly ask your approval for this proposal.

Topsail Forest is a beautiful forest with dune lakes and wildlife that everyone wants to keep preserved. Right now there are several well worn paths that go through the area. The community is not asking to disturb the lakes but to build a boardwalk along the path that is already worn and traveled. It would actually help preserve the area better because people would not go through the forest if there was a boardwalk. The people of Cypress Dunes love the area and have chosen it because of its beauty.

It is my understanding that the Cypress Dunes community is committed to helping pay for the boardwalk and help to educate the community by putting signs that describe the dune lakes, the mice, trees and other parts of the Topsail Forest. What an incredible asset this would be to both the community and the state of Florida.

As you know, public access on 30A has been a true problem causing a great deal of controversy in the area. 30A has become one of the hotspots in the country and because of it the public beaches are very crowded. The area in front of Cypress Dunes has one of the few places on 30A with plenty of beach space for the public and the Cypress Dunes community wants to open that area to the public. I don't know of many 30a communities that are seeking to do this.

If the boardwalk is put in correctly, the whole community will be benefitted, including the state park. We are not advocating to tear up the Dune Lakes or the forest, simply to put a boardwalk around the dunes in the area that is already traveled on to protect the dune lakes and the park itself.

My family enjoys and appreciates nature. We appreciate God's creation for all. We picked to stay community that takes great pride in its surroundings.

Please consider all people and help more people be able to access the beach and enjoy the Forest by approving the boardwalk.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brooke Tooley
Frequent Visitor on 30A

From: [Andrew Kurkjian](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Park Beach Access
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 3:00:16 PM
Attachments: [PastedGraphic-1.pdf](#)

Florida State Park Planning,

I would like to share my perspective, as a full-time retired resident home-owner on the West End of 30A. This is not the perspective of home owners elsewhere, or vacationers, or campers in Topsail, or the Florida State Park employees, or conservationists (who are openly opposed to human beings in the park at all).

Unlike the rest of the park, the South-East 'corner' of Topsail has residential neighborhoods within walking or biking distance. The park has a fence that is marked with signs prohibiting people from entering the park. This SE corner of the park is clearly off-limits to humans.

There are no trails in this part of the park that people can use. It is as if this part of the park is private property. It is a public park that does not want people this part. That is the way I see it.

To use the park 'beach access', I would need to drive 1.5 miles north, in the direction away from the beach. Then I would need to park and wait for shuttle that would take me back to where I started. This shuttle is a great solution for Campers in the park. The shuttle is footsteps from the camp ground, and takes you to a gorgeous boardwalk over the amazing dunes. The way I see it, the park favors campers over local residents.

The way I see it, the SE corner of the park is the most important part of the park to local residents, but is the least important part of the park, to the park itself. The park does a great job of taking care of virtually every other part of the park, but ignores the SE corner. The way I see it, the park is not paying attention to the perspective of the people who have spent their life savings to live near the park and beach.

The mission of the park is to provide 'resource based recreation'. From my West End of 30A Resident perspective, the park is actually preventing 'resource based recreation' (i.e. beach access) for people who's houses could be a 5 minute walk to the beach.

There is a precedent along 30A for people to get access to the beach. All that is needed is a gate with a code, and a path to a boardwalk. The photo below shows a gate that was put in to allow local residents in four neighborhoods to have access to the beach. What is wrong with having this?

In my perspective, a boardwalk would be a great asset to the park, for many reasons.

- It is a great vantage point to see the dunes.
- It protects the dunes.
- It will allow the SE corner of the park to be utilized, and utilized specifically by residents like myself on the West End of 30A
- It does not adversely affect the wildlife, birds and vegetation. It only takes up about 10

feet out of the 17,000 or so feet of beach front.

- It will be good for the relationship between the park and its neighbors
- It will generate revenue for the park, with no expense to the park.

I am not in favor of a parking lot (right behind the dunes) like you see at Grayton State Park. I am not in favor of inundating the beach with lots of people. I am in favor of using this unused SE corner of the park by having one or more trails leading to a boardwalk. This is reasonable, does not warrant public outrage and should be kept in perspective.

Hope you appreciate my West End Resident Perspective!

Andy

BEACH ACCESS

FOR THE
OWNERS & GUESTS OF
THE PRESERVE AT GRAYTON BEACH
SANCTUARY BY THE SEA
SANCTUARY AT REDFISH
PRESERVE PLACE

NO BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS,
OR GOLF CARTS

NO TRESPASSING

From: [Tony Przybyslawski](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [Janice Gaultney](#)
Subject: West 30A Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 8:56:02 AM

Members of the Planning Committee,

First and foremost, thank you for serving and your dedication to advance our community.

I have owned a home on west 30A for the last 6 years. We actually built our second home, 270 Cypress Drive, completed December, 2017. My daughter calls it her happy place. We love everything about the community! I was recently elected to the board of the Cypress Dunes HOA...truly an honor!

I ask for your favorable approval to grant beach access on the west side of 30A. I completely understand environmental concerns and agree for the most part. The exception is that we as responsible humans can coexist with the environment. Our coast line is a precious asset that cannot be abused. We get that!

Also for your consideration is an observation that I feel is rapidly becoming a dangerous situation. Parking at the current beach access points is well beyond the original design. Cars now park on 30A, traffic has increased and pedestrians are at a greater risk. Granting another access will relieve that pressure at the other locations. Let's not wait for a fatality to act.

Thanks for your consideration and look forward to working with you to advance our community.

Anthony F. Przybyslawski
Major General (ret), USAF
720 746-8806

From: [Pennye Surles](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: 30A West Beach Access
Date: Friday, August 30, 2019 2:43:30 PM
Attachments: [Additional public beach access needed at Topsail Hill State Park!.docx](#)

Please see attached letter concerning 30A West proposed beach access. Thank you for your consideration.

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Thanks!

Pennye

Additional public beach access needed at Topsail Hill State Park!

My husband and I attended the customary use public meeting in November. We listened to Ann Tucker, chairwoman of the Muskogee Nation of Florida. She said how her people had walked the beach of Walton County long before Europeans enter Florida. She described how life was for her ancestors with regards to the beach. Ms. Tucker said that her ancestors MADE TRAILS in order to get to the beach. She told of how her people would fish for food and canoe along the water's edge; how they used salts from the water and the sand for healing purposes. Ms. Tucker said that Native American families enjoyed swimming at the beach for recreation. And how they would bring back shells to their families for crafts and their burial ceremonies.

We are NO different NOW.... ALL we are asking for is a TRAIL to the beach. It is still true today, we want to be able to fish, go to the beach for its healing purposes, canoe to get from one place to another, and swim for recreation with our families.

This boardwalk would not only provide a LEGAL TRAIL, but it would serve as a shelter to the beach mice and other wildlife.

So, in closing, PLEASE put this boardwalk or TRAIL on the state's agenda so that we may continue to enjoy the beach just as the Native Americans did before us.

I also, we make sure that the State understands that this is NOT a Cypress Dunes beach access. Not one part of the proposed beach access is on Cypress Dunes property. This proposed access is for public use with public parking.

Thanks for your consideration!

Pennye Surles

133 Cypress Passage

Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

From: [Rachel Wightman](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 9:34:50 AM

To whom this may concern,

I am emailing to you in full support and hope for additional beach access at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park. My family and I frequent this area and have noticed the lack and inconvenience of access to this state park. I hope that you highly consider adding a boardwalk to this area as it will increase visitors, convenience, and income to the area!!

Warmly,

Rachel

From: bob@oandcotax.com
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: beach access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 9:22:37 AM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I want to express my support for increasing beach access at TopSail Hill Preserve State Park in Santa Rosa Beach Florida. My family owns a home in Santa Rosa and have vacationed there for many years before deciding to build a home. We love the park and greatly enjoy it trails etc but additional beach access will benefit many of the residents and increase knowledge of the park and the habitat in a safe manner.

Thank You
Bob Overstreet

Bob Overstreet, CPA

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From: [Jon Johnson](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 12:33:16 PM

Concerning the beach access in Topsail Hill Preserve:

The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access.

No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Jon Johnson
Carrabelle, FL

From: [Laurie Reichenbach](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park Ingress/Egress Path Project
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 12:24:10 PM

Dear Representative Board considering an ingress/egress path through Topsail Hill Preserve State Park,

My name is Laurie Reichenbach. I am a full time resident of Walton County FL. I live on Co Hwy 30A, approximately 7 miles from Topsail Hill Preserve State Park in the Blue Mountain Beach area. I am an environmental activist and work with a team of volunteers who clean our beaches and educate our locals and tourists up and down our county coastline. I am writing to you today to speak in SUPPORT of an access path through the eastern section of the park to allow for ingress and egress of pedestrians interested in exploring the nature of the park in a controlled manner and participating in day use of the beaches.

As our county, as well as, the State of Florida deals with Customary Use issues, I believe it is imperative that all citizens of this great state and those tourists who come to spend their hard earned dollars have accessible use of the beaches that our economy thrives on. I believe a controlled path through the park would help accomplish that in our area.

I believe this path would serve approximately 600+ homes in the west end of Co Hwy 30 A. It would also allow another easy access for others in the greater region to use. I believe that this could generate revenue for the park system that should support the maintenance of the path. The neighborhoods surrounding the park could purchase yearly family passes, just as Water Sound West Beach does to ingress/egress Deer Lake State Park. Day users could pay via a drop box as they do at Deer Lake State Park. Or, perhaps a credit card machine could be placed at the path entrance for people to pay their way into the park.

I believe this path should be a boardwalk style path with rails that prevent visitors from leaving the designated ingress and egress area thereby protecting flora and fauna. It would be an additional benefit to our handicapped citizens if a WC accessible mat could extend from the boardwalk through the sand to allow improved mobility for those who would benefit.

We are so fortunate in Walton County to be the home of such a beautiful park. But as it sits and occupies the west end of 30A, it appears that the bulk of the park accessible to the people is the central region, leaving the far extremes of the western and eastern end of the land space with minimal use relatively speaking. This path would be an excellent way to extend the use of this beautiful space. All over our state, we have parks and preserves with boardwalks and paths that allow for people to use the space in a respectful and protective way. I believe the time is right for such a path to traverse Topsail Hill State Preserve. I hope you will vote to make this happen for the citizens of Florida.

Thank you for taking time to consider my request.

Respectfully,
Laurie Reichenbach
1363 W Co Hwy 30A,
Unit 2110
Santa Rosa Beach FL

From: [Collin McMillan](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Support of New Topsail Hill Preserve East Entrance Beach Acces
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 11:55:25 AM

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff,

I fully support a new park entrance and trailhead on the east side of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park to serve the public. This new entrance, as proposed by the 5 adjacent communities and publicly supported by leadership of Walton County, would provide additional access to trails, the beach and recreation amenities in the park. This trailhead, with public parking and access to hikers and bikers, will tie directly into the existing multi-use recreational path along 30A. I also believe that a consolidated resource in the form of an improved trail will protect the natural resources and help mitigate the current risks of people entering at random points and creating dozens of unmarked and damaging foot trails.

Thanks,
Collin McMillan

From: [Becky Geihlsler](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 11:26:45 AM

I have reviewed your most recent Unit Management Plan for Topsail State Park and noted no additional beach access off of 30A being proposed under that plan. I am strongly in favor of more beach access within the park and am asking that you reconsider for the following reasons:

- 1) While access to Topsail State Park as a whole is simple, access to the beach via the current boardwalk is not. I appreciate the tram service offered by volunteers, but it is restrictive and often overcrowded, particularly in the summer months. Grayton Beach and Henderson Beach State Parks in our area offer drive up beach access so do not understand why Topsail is so restrictive of its beach access.
- 2) Natural resources within the park would not be disturbed by offering additional boardwalks to the beach - in fact, they would better protect the resources. Currently there are several footpaths to the beach already formed by "trespassers" to the park, which causes much more disturbance to plants and animal habitats than additional boardwalks would cause.
- 3) Our State parks are for the enjoyment of the public and the beaches in our area are what visitors want to enjoy. I would appreciate Topsail offering a better balance of beach access within the park.
- 4) One boardwalk proposal offered to the park would be paid for by private funds. This would eliminate the need for additional outlay of funds for the park or the state.
- 5) As a last resort, if additional boardwalks are not approved, I would request that you at least consider allowing street legal electric golf carts to drive to the beach boardwalk already in place. This would make the access to current beach access simpler and would eliminate wait times and overcrowding on the trams.

Thank you for your consideration. My only motive is to provide the public more access to enjoy the beautiful beach within Topsail State Park.

Becky Geihlsler
404-626-6521

From: [Heather Marcich](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In favor of beach access on West end of 30A
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 10:36:39 AM

We are property owners on the west end of 30A. Although our property is very close to the beach, we often cannot park and access it from the existing access points close to our property. This forces us to drive and add to the ever increasing car traffic. As the area continues to grow, beach access and parking will become even more difficult. The congestion and inconvenience makes it a less desirable area to stay and visit. A new access point along the West end of 30A could help ease some of this congestion. It would also increase property values and tax revenue for Walton county.

Please vote YES on the on the upcoming beach access decision for the proposed boardwalk over the Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Heather Woodward Marcich

166 Manatee Way Apalachicola, FL 32320

From: [Ivo Marcich](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: In Favor of Beach Access on West End of 30A
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 9:58:36 AM

I would encourage you to please vote YES on the on the upcoming beach access decision for the proposed boardwalk over the Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.

We are property owners on the west end of 30A. Getting to our beaches is not easy, either a long walk or a 10 minute bike ride. This forces many of us to drive, only adding to the congestion. The area continues to grow which will make access even more difficult and parking impossible in the future.

Over the past years we have seen traffic and usage of our beaches increase dramatically. Many times we are not able to get to our beach from the first 4 access points closest to the west end of 30A. Adding a new access point along the west end of 30A will increase property value, which will also increase property taxes and sales taxes for Walton county.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Ivo Marcich
166 Manatee Way
Apalachicola, FL 32320-1144

From: [John Kopec](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail State Park - Access to beach for the Neighborhood
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 9:56:41 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a frequent visitor to the Cypress Dunes Subdivision. I am in favor of building a boardwalk for additional access to Topsail State Park currently proposed by the communities bordering the park on 30A. Due to limited access areas I find it very difficult to get to the beach. I'd rather walk to the beach rather than drive my car to an access area, which increases traffic, pollution & parking issues. This boardwalk will eliminate additional congestion on 30A and would provide safe beach access to residents and visitors. This walkable proposal offers a great solution to hundreds of local residents that surround Topsail and to hundreds of annual visitors. Protecting the park grounds is obviously a priority but offering a safe logical access for the homeowners by offering an elevated path to the beach is just as important. By adding this boardwalk to your plan a large part of the beach will now be accessed by the community. In my eyes, I see it as a positive addition to the community. Thanks and I hope to hear the plan passes to add the boardwalk.

Sincerely,

John Kopec



FW: Additional public beach access is needed at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park

1 message

Elle Pampinella <elle@marketlab.net>
To: atthebeach8563@gmail.com

Thu, Aug 22, 2019 at 3:48 PM

Here is my letter for tonight.

Thank you!

From: Elle Pampinella [mailto:elle@marketlab.net]

Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2018 4:51 PM

To: FlStateParkPlanning@floridadep.gov

Subject: Additional public beach access is needed at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park

Importance: High

Good afternoon!

I wanted to send this email to show my acknowledgement of the desperate need for additional public beach access on the west end of 30A. As a primary resident on the west end, we have limited options as far as accessing the beach. I am the mother of two children (with A LOT of beach gear – surf boards, boogie boards, 4 chairs, two umbrellas, etc.). At this time – we need to pack up the car and drive to the nearest location with adequate parking. This location is Ed Waline as the other accesses to the west provide limited parking and are always full during peak season/ holidays. The Ed Waline parking lot is also always full, so we must park a few blocks away along the street, unpack the car, and walk from there. My whole family is tired before we even hit the sand. As a full-time resident – the

need for additional beach access on the west end has to be NOW. Starting at Ed Waline and moving east – there are beach accesses almost every 50 – 100 feet – all which boardwalk over – protecting the dunes. **Residents on the west end of 30A need an environmentally sound boardwalk that provides public beach access while enhancing park plant and wildlife protection.** We all want to protect and nurture what moved us here in the first place – and as a resident – I feel like enjoying the beach has become a chore. This situation has only worsened with the recent customary use issues – as we lose more and more sand to property owners – we need more access to beach that we can use as a public. Please consider additional beach access at Topsail. I do not rent my home – it's my primary, forever home – and being able to access the beach more easily would unweigh a heavy burden on many local families. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,

Danelle Pampinella

399 Cypress Drive

Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459



Beach access - reply to test

1 message

Keith Harris <keitheharris1@outlook.com>

Thu, Aug 22, 2019 at 3:24 PM

To: Penny Surles <atthebeach8563@gmail.com>

To: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park Planning Committee

We would like to voice our strong support of the proposed public beach access at the end of Cypress Passage, in Santa Rosa Beach. This would provide access to several local communities that could walk to the beach, would provide access to a stretch of beach that is not easily accessible, and as I understand the proposal, would provide numerous family memberships to the park from the surrounding community associations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Keith and Debra Harris

16 Cypress Landing

Santa Rosa Beach



FW: Additional public beach access is needed at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park

1 message

Thomas Pampinella <tpampin@tpampin.com>
To: atthebeach8563@gmail.com

Thu, Aug 22, 2019 at 3:43 PM

Here's my letter for tonight's meeting.

Thank you for doing this!

From: Thomas Pampinella [mailto:tpampin@tpampin.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2018 5:15 PM

To: 'FlStateParkPlanning@floridadep.gov'

Subject: Additional public beach access is needed at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park

Hello,

Please add my name to the list of those in favor of creating additional public beach access via Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.

I am a full-time resident of the west end of 30a, and we are in need of more direct access to the beach.

Topsail Hill Preserve State Park is a beautiful area that enables the public to interact with nature in a very unique setting, both woodlands and beachfront. An environmentally friendly boardwalk providing access to the beach through the park would be the perfect way to enable the public to enjoy the natural beauty of the woodland aspect of the park while providing the much needed access to the beach itself.

I sincerely thank you for considering this addition, not only for myself but for our future generations as well.

Thomas Pampinella

399 Cypress Drive

Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Hi Penny,

Bill and I definitely would like to see the beach access go through. It would be valuable to the community to have more access points for the beach.

Thanks,

Bill and Becky Johnson

20 Cypress Landing

Sent from my iPad

To whom it may concern:

We have reviewed the Topsail Hill State Park 10 year management proposal. The plan does not appear to include any new walkways for additional public beach access.

We would like you to re-consider an additional public beach access walkway through Topsail Hill State Park for the following reasons:

1. This proposed beach access point will be PUBLIC. Therefore it will benefit the entire community. Residents as well as visitors will benefit.
2. Additional PUBLIC beach access points are needed as a result of the confusion and controversy surrounding the "Customary Usage" provision. The Topsail Hill proposed access point will be located in an un-populated area and therefore should be very attractive to beach goers who are concerned about violating property rites of owners near other public beach access points.
3. Overcrowding conditions at other public beach access points along 30A are frequently encountered during the peak tourist season. Additional public beach access points are definitely needed.
4. Currently, illegal access to the beach through the state park is almost a daily occurrence. Visitors to the area simply "hop" the fence and make their way through the park to the beach. (I have photographic evidence of these violations.) They routinely walk across the dunes without regard to the rules and have no regard for the "No Trespassing" signs. A well planned public walkway to the beach would all but eliminate this problem. The violators would now have a much easier path to the beach and would have no need to traverse the difficult terrain. The natural environment within the park would be better protected with a

well managed board walk verses the current uncontrolled access.

5. This proposed walkway would be funded via private entities. Walton county, Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, and the State of Florida would not be required to fund this project.

6. The beach access at Topsail Hill State Park is very restricted when compared to other parks in the area. Greyton and Henderson to be specific, already allow public beach access via boardwalks. Additionally at these parks private vehicles are allowed to park very close to the boardwalk leading to the beach. No tram service is required. This proposed boardwalk would help to alleviate the current restrictive situation at Topsail.

Your consideration regarding this proposed boardwalk is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mike and Becky Geihlsler
279 Cypress Drive
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459

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Michael Geihlsler
279 Cypress Drive
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459
404-403-2290

From: [Jason Lefave](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Cypress Dunes Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 3:06:01 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

This morning I was riding my bike along 30 A for a combined total of 22 miles going in and out of side streets and residential communities south of the main road. As I was thinking about what to write several things came to mind. Trying to keep an open mind and thinking about reasons why the beach access in Cypress Dunes would be a bad idea and weighing out the pros and cons I found this to be a very one sided mental conversation.

On my journey I realized that all of the immediate surrounding areas of Cypress Dunes share several differences between similar built up surroundings along 30 A. We have sizable neighborhoods without a beach access point within a reasonable distance. We have land that will allow for communities to grow without a beach access point within a reasonable distance. And last but not least we have an elevated view of one of the most unique and beautiful views of the Gulf Of Mexico that cannot be accessed within reason.

To the west our neighboring state park has the exact privileges that our surrounding areas are requesting. I then asked myself why is it that the immediate area is being roadblocked from what could be explained as one of the most unique beach experiences in Northwest FL?

We have an opportunity to provide an experience of a lifetime for all of our surrounding residents, family and friends. Not to be cliché but if you build it they will come. There is no disputing that. The growth in Santa Rosa Beach is inevitable and providing the beach experience is pinnacle in the development of all our neighborhoods alike.

There is also an economic impact that will be nothing but positive. There are small business owners that stick their neck on the line in the general area. In a seasonal town there is nothing more difficult than making a business survive in the off season. These businesses need community support and with continued growth all that is possible. This is much more than making residents happy. This is about growth, this is about being a part of developing a community, this is about helping local businesses thrive and not have to fight to survive. This about putting political differences aside and looking at the bigger long term picture.

The precedent has already been set with the state park access. Every other group of developments along 30 A are given the right to access their beaches and I cannot find reason why this would be a bad thing for the surrounding area and visitors. We have the opportunity provide a unique beautiful experience. I hope that you can trust in the residents and make the decision to allow access to what I consider the best beach experience in the state of Florida. Be proud of what we have to offer and let it be accessed.

Kind Regards,

Jason Lefave

From: [Michele Glantz](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [Janice](#)
Subject: beach access Topsail
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 3:02:34 PM

To whom it may concern.

This area of Walton County desperately needs more public beach access. The proposed beach access will benefit a large number of residents and visitors.not just one neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Michele Glantz

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Tom Wightman](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:48:06 PM

To Whom it may concern,

I am emailing my support for additional beach access at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park. The current one access point is not convenient and I believe it creates lower park usage especially in the summer. An additional boardwalk would help to increase use of the park and increase park revenue. My family and friends would definitely visit the park more often if there was another beach access point.

Best Regards,

Thomas Wightman

From: [Thomas Pampinella](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Additional beach access is desperately needed at the west end of 30a (walton county)
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:45:22 PM

I am a full-time resident of the west end of 30a, and we desperately are in need of more direct access to the beach.

Topsail Hill Preserve State Park is a beautiful area that enables the public to interact with nature in a very unique setting, both woodlands and beachfront. An environmentally friendly boardwalk providing access to the beach through the park would be the perfect way to enable the public to enjoy the natural beauty of the woodland aspect of the park while providing the much needed access to the beach itself.

As more development occurs along the 30a corridor, direct access to the beach is now at a premium. Adding additional beach access to the west end of 30a will allow the western population to utilize localized access thus reducing the amount of traffic which must travel towards the east on 30a to access the beach. This will help to eliminate not only crowding at existing beach accesses, but also the number of vehicles traveling eastward on the already crowded 30a.

Thank you for your attention.

-Thomas Pampinella.

From: [Danelle Pampinella](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access West End of 30A
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:32:37 PM

As a homeowner on the west end of 30A - we are in desperate need of a beach access near topsail state park. As a resident, it is burdensome to drive to the park with all our gear (I have two kids) - then wait every 30 minutes for a tram to show up - then have another 30 minute ride to even get to the beach. Not to mention, it is packed with dozens of other beach goers with their gear - so not even a given you will get on the next tram. The closest access is always too full to park in. Please - we have been asking for this for years - enough is enough. Give us locals a place to access the beach that is convenient. There is NOTHING in walking distance - so you have all these local people driving cars to the nearest access. The east end of 30A has an access every 50 feet - and as a tax paying citizen - I am outraged at the lack of responsiveness to our needs on the west end of 30A. And the CU issue is only making things worse - but that's a whole other story!!!

[Danelle Pampinella](#)

From: [Stevie Emmons](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park pedestrian access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 2:30:19 PM

Hello,

I am writing to express my position on adding an additional pedestrian access to Topsail Park. I have relatives who live in the area and each time I visit, we make sure to include a visit to the park. In fact, it's always one of my favorite parts of the trip.

I strongly support adding a pedestrian access to the park as it would enhance my experience each time I come and support the State Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Stevie Emmons

From: [Amy Scroggins](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access-West End of 30A
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 1:41:14 PM

Good Afternoon,

I am emailing in support of a new beach access, on the west end of 30A, in Topsail Hill Preserve Park. Even though the previously approved proposed improvement of an access on HWY 98 has been taken off of the table, the initial approved proposal established there IS a need for a new access.

Establishing a new beach access, that is accessible to both residents and tourists, on the west end of 30A CAN be balanced with preservation. It CAN be ecologically sound. Additionally, it CAN and WILL increase LOCAL use for the park from the 600+ homes on the west end of 30A...use for those that live and work in the community and who would be advocates of protecting the ecosystem of Topsail.

Again, I support a new access.

Respectfully,

Aimy Scroggins

From: [Jeff Keckler](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 1:31:21 PM

State of Florida,

I am in support of additional beach access on the West end of 30A. This beach access will allow the local communities to enjoy the beach and it will drive additional revenues to the Topsail Hill Preserve state park through direct exposure.

Sincerely,

Jeff Keckler

From: [Jason Lucas](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 1:14:19 PM

To whom it may concern,
FULL SUPPORT for beach access at Topsail. We have been traveling down to the 30A for the last 20yrs from Atlanta and we love it. Beach access with rules, controls, and staff in place will allow the park to get many more visitors in a controlled manner and allow families to learn more about the surrounding areas. We love the west end of 30A so much that we purchased a second home. If you have any questions please dont hesitate to reach out to me.

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Jason Lucas, PhD
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Roswell, GA 30075
jasonalucas@gmail.com
cell 404-567-0153

From: [Jennifer Inzunza](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [Jessica Stewart](#)
Subject: Support for Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 3:22:16 PM
Attachments: [DOC090419.pdf](#)

Good Afternoon,

I have attached Jessica Stewart's Support for Beach Access letter. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,



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JESSICA STEWART
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Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459

September 4, 2019

VIA EMAIL TRANSMISSION

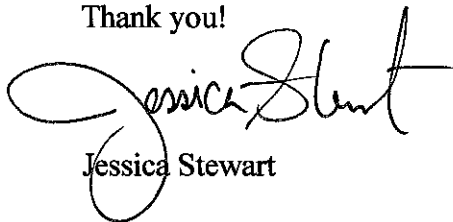
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Re: Support for Beach Access

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff:

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Thank you!



Jessica Stewart

From: [Laura Pentel-Klang](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [Lisa Bolton](#)
Subject: Support for Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 1:03:19 PM
Attachments: [Letter of Support.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Please see attached my letter supporting a new park entrance and trailhead on the east side of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.

Best Regards,

Laura



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LAURA PENTEL-KLANG

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Thank you!



Laura Pentel-Klang

From: [Michelle Schmidt](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Support for Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 12:55:07 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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See letter of today's date attached hereto associated with the above-referenced matter.



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DANA AND PATTY MATTHEWS
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September 4, 2019

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Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Dana and Patty Matthews

From: [ED HAMBLIN](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve PUBLIC State Park - Needs second beach access RESTORED - which it PREVIOUSLY HAD - Ed Hamblin
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 10:27:14 PM

Hello - I'm writing to express my support for the additional PUBLIC beach access at Topsail Preserve in the strongest possible terms.

The recent changes dramatically reducing accessibility of the beachfronts backing privately-owned homes/condos in Florida and especially along 30A requires addiitonal PUBLIC beach accesses for residents and visitors to enjoy.

The proposed second PUBLIC beach access at the Topsail Hill PUBLIC state park will restore a second beach access previously existing and has been designed to provide a minimalist approach to beach access for only foot and bicycle modes of transportation over the boardwalks, in a very similar and environmentally-respectful design to those boardwalks crossing over the dunes at WaterSound neighborhood.

We recently discovered Topsail park after visiting the 30A area the past 25 years, always visiting the areas East of Blue Mountain. It is indeed a beautiful area and the ability to access the beauty is the entire reason for maintaining and managing the resource in an appropriate manner so that more people will be able to appreciate it. The West End is beginning to develop more, so that the beach accesses by Dune Allen and Stinky's will soon be as crowded as that by Gulf Place and Shunk Gulley. Another beach access is needed West of there to serve the Far West End.

This access would be of great benefit to alleviate much of the crowding on other public beach accesses, allowing residents and visitors from multiple neighborhoods within a couple miles accessible by foot and bicycle the ability to enjoy the area without having to compete for beach space with the hordes of campers already in the current Topsail Hill PUBLIC beach access.

Thank you for your consideration and please restore the second beach access without further delay - this project has been VERY THOROUGHLY researched and can be an example, much like Seaside, of how to do SMART projects to benefit all.

Best Regards,

Ed Hamblin - Peachtree City, GA

From: [Suzanne Sumpter](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: New Park Entrance & Trailhead
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 10:13:21 PM

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff:

I fully support a new park entrance and trailhead on the east side of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park to serve the public.

I believe that this area is in need of a public recreation area off of the highway, that allows access and connects two of Florida's most pristine resources; nature trails and beach.

The new entrance, as proposed by the 5 adjacent communities and publicly supported by leadership of Walton County, would provide additional access to trails, the beach and recreation amenities in the park. The trailhead, with public parking and access to hikers and bikers, will tie directly into the existing multi-use recreational path along 30A.

I also believe that a consolidated resource in the form of an improved trail will protect the natural resources and help mitigate the current risks of people entering at random points and creating dozens of unmarked and damaging foot trails.

Thank you!
Suzanne Sumpter

From: [Terry Hunley](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access for TopSail Park
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 10:12:59 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that the State of Florida is considering creating a public access point for beachgoers through Tops'l Hill State Park and I am writing to express my approval and support for the project.

Highway 30A has undergone massive development over the last years and the pace and breadth of development does not seem to be slowing. Finding an access point to get the beaches is getting more and more difficult as private homes and other development crowd the beachfront. A boardwalk through Tops'l Hill State Park makes perfect sense because it ensures access tot he beach for the general public for years to come.

Again, I want to voice my support for the State of Florida's effort to create a public access point to the beach through Tops'l Hill State Park.

Thank you for your efforts.

Terry Hunley
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From: [Brad Tooley](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Second boardwalk through Topsail
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 10:07:39 PM

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> To whom it may concern,

> The beautiful shores of 30-a are getting overcrowded and beach access is at a great premium. With the now accepted "customary use," much of the public beach is now inaccessible, making the limited beach accesses more crowded than ever.

> On the other hand, the state of Florida owns the vastly underutilized Topsail State Park, which possesses 3.5 miles of beautiful beach with only one access. It's difficult to even classify this as "public" as most of the year it requires a park fee to get to access the beach through the park.

> The property owners and neighbors of the Cypress Dunes area have graciously offered to not only provide property for access and parking, they have also offered the funds to install this needed beach access. This beach access would be designed to have education stations, encouraging conservation, preservation and appreciation for the unique wildlife, flora and fauna of this beautiful preserve. This access would be located within a half mile of an elementary school, which would be encouraged to use and engage students about these local, natural treasures. The Cypress boardwalk would also offer a parking area for handicapped individuals who might need a closer, more accessible beach access.

> I ask you to please put aside politics and instead consider this common sense solution to a growing 30-a problem. Please allow the Cypress area community to "gift" the state, residents and visitors with a nice beach access that will help preserve the beautiful dune lakes and natural dunes that play an essential role in the balance of nature and safety.

> Sincerely,

> Brad Tooley

> 1 Watercove Ct.

> Canyon, TX. 79015

From: [Brett Clark](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [Janice & Hal Gaultney](#)
Subject: Support of more beach access points on the west end of 30A
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 10:02:48 PM

I have been lucky enough to be spending almost every weekend in South Walton since 1981. Three years ago my wife and I looked all over the US to see where we wanted to settle down and raise our small kids. Luckily we both agreed that there is no better place than 30A to call home. The quality of life is unmatched. One of the things that makes 30A special and unique is the preservation and careful attention to development. Thanks to 40% of South Walton being set aside for preservation plus the County having strict building height limitations, paying close attention to storm water run off calculations, and enforcing density limitations, 30A maintains an exceptional balance that you do not have in any of our surrounding areas. This balance helps preserve the natural beauty of the area.

With time and word of mouth, the number of people wanting access to the natural beauty has exponentially grown. Tourism is the back bone of our local economy. Without tourism, this area will suffer and 30A loses the quality of life that attracts so many people here. If it were not for the passing of House Bill 631 and resulting controversy and unknown fate of Customary Use Beach Access, I would not be writing this letter asking for any and every safe option of beach access be analyzed for feasibility of preservation and enjoyment of the beach.

We choose to live on the west end of 30A to be close to Butler Elementary. Most of my almost 40 years of 30A beach access has geographically been spent all along the areas between Seaside and Inlet Beach. Never did I realize how bad West End 30A beach access was until I moved here full time.

I beg you guys to look at a map of public beach access points - both regional and neighborhood access points. Visit South Walton has a map on their website at <https://www.visitsouthwalton.com/beach-and-bay-access-locations>. Please take the time to look at these locations on the tax assessor's website as well to see just how much access the public has on these access points.

My focus in this email is the west end of 30A between Highway 98 and 393. Lets start on the west side of this and work our way east.

1) Topsail - I love Topsail, but this option for beach access doesn't work for my family with kids (which is the largest tourist profile). I have three toddlers. It does not work for our family for two simple reasons that are all kid related - restrooms and the tram. My four year old doesn't give us much notice when he needs a bathroom. If a tram just left, I don't have the flexibility of waiting up to 55 minutes to get him to a bathroom. I'm carrying him on my shoulder and running at this point. As far as the tram goes, I don't feel comfortable with my toddlers and newborn riding in anything without a secure car seat. I will admit that I am very protective of my kids, but they are not allowed to ride in a tram nor golf cart until they are big enough.

2) Stallworth Preserve - this is the county owned parcel that is only accessed from Stallworth Lake or through the gates of the Stallworth neighborhood. It would be a great beach access but there is no public access to it without a boat or paddle board that you somehow get into Stallworth Lake.

3) Beach Highlands - this is the option I use most frequently. There is little parking but luckily it is an easy bike ride (with the kids being in a safe bike trailer). Please take the time to look at the tax assessor's website to see the beach access point. The county's land stops at the last step of the boardwalk. The parcel to the east of the boardwalk owns all the sand from the last step to the mean water line. With house bill 631 passed, this parcel could stop the public from having any access to get below the mean water line for public wet sand beach access. This access point could disappear any day that the surrounding owners choose to cut it off.

4) Bullard - same story as Beach Highlands: county has no ownership to get the public to wet sand. A grumpy neighbor could shut this public access point down over night.

5) Dune Allen/Fort Panic - we are blessed to have this access point. Parking fills up quickly during season but fortunately it is feasible for us to get here on a long bike ride. Excellent restrooms near the beach and a lot of beach frontage.

6) Palms of Dune Allen - unfortunately since housebill 631 this is unusable. Vizcaya is in the middle of these access points and they own all the beach except the two small sliver of bookends that the county owns. The neighborhood of Vizcaya is one of the biggest supporters of privatizing the beach - they even have a paid employee on the beach to remind you not to enter their private land.

7) Ed Walline - This is another beach access point that we are blessed to have. Great bathrooms and lifeguards. However due to density and popularity, this fills up quickly.

So to recap this exercise, over the first 3.5 miles of Scenic Highway 30A there are only two beach access points that fit the largest beach going demographic- families with young kids. Please we need more useable beach access for families along the western end of 30A.

I believe that we can have both the boardwalk and nature preservation. Every day I look into my backyard that overlooks Topsail and smile as I see the magnificent sand dunes, golden eagles and bald eagles flying above, and a family of deer running along the fence line. I could dream of nothing more than a safe boardwalk that is educational, preservation, and public access to beach. I would love the opportunity to have educational stations along a boardwalk to help show my kids visual lessons on sea oats for dune preservation, beach mouse and their safety, coastal dune lakes and how lucky we are to have them, tree species, bird species, turtle preservation, history of Topsail as you see the namesake sand dune, beach safety/stewardship (rip tides, filling in holes, knocking down sand castles, staying off sand dunes, and leaving no trace) and highlighting how they can learn to best live within the natural beauty of environment that we are all lucky to call home in South Walton.

Please look into any and every opportunity we have to help preserve the nature, tourism, and quality of life that we are lucky to have on 30A. I am in full support of both the Austinwood Lane boardwalk down a fire break and the TDC partnership to run down the far eastern fire break over Stallworth Lake and onto the currently inaccessible county parcel of beach or any other new beach access points along 30A. I know any option that Topsail chooses would be fully vetted to preserve all of the environmental habitats that make up Topsail and South Walton and I have full faith that we can have both.

Thanks for your time,

Brett Clark
247 Cypress Drive
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

From: [Amy Hunley](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: [amy.hunley](#)
Subject: Beach Access/ Cypress Dunes
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 10:00:50 PM
Attachments: [WEB_Drape98_LOGO.png](#)

Hello:

I understand that the state is considering Beach Access in the Cypress Dunes area of Hwy30-A. As a business owner in the area, a frequent visitor and supporter of our beaches I am in strong support of more public access along Hwy 30-A. There is such limited access for the public to enjoy the beach - further more access that is planned so that the environment is protected is a must. People will go to the beach... they will do so whether access is given or not. Making an environmentally, safe access for people to enjoy the beach and appreciate it's beauty is part of what I believe the state should provide. Florida's beauty in large part is it's beaches and offering safe ways to enjoy and appreciate that beauty is a responsibility.

In recap, I am in strong support of public beach access in the Cypress Dunes area of Hwy 30-A.

Thank you.

Amy Hunley
404.661.1501

Amy Hunley
amyghunley@me.com



From: [Aaron High](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Cc: Halijanice@gmail.com
Subject: Letter for beach access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 9:50:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

We would like to go on record as being in favor of the west end 30A beach access

As a home owner in Cypress Dunes and a frequent user of the beach this would enable us to keep our car parked, not using 30A for beach access

Cypress Dunes has gone to great lengths to preserve the Dunes. The same care would be taken to take care of the sand dunes and wildlife in the area

Thank you for your consideration for this opportunity to open the public beach at this end of 30A

Aaron High
93 Cypress Walk
Santa Rosa Beach

Aaron High
President

signature_666226663



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NewHorizonsInteriors.com

From: [Patricia Heck](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Boardwalk
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 9:10:37 PM

Hello,

I am writing this with concern over a boardwalk through Topsail Forest for beach access. My family and I have stayed at Cypress Dunes multiple times for vacation and truly love the area, including the pristine Topsail Forest. I support a boardwalk on West 30A for PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS.

1. There is a need for a boardwalk on the west side of 30A as the beaches are so crowded.
2. There is a need for handicapped people to get to have beach access and parking.
3. There is a need for public beach access with public parking so residents and visitors to Walton County can enjoy the beach without worrying about customary use issues.
4. There is a need for a place where more regular visitors and locals will come and benefit from the boardwalk and parking.
5. There is a need for a boardwalk that educates the public on plants, dune lakes, and wildlife in the park, which benefits the park and those being educated.
6. There is a need for a boardwalk that can go down already established paths so that the ecosystem is minimally invaded.

The proposed beach access provides all of this! I would hate to see the pristine environment of Topsail Forest be disturbed and changed forever for a boardwalk when a Public Beach Access will protect Topsail Forest and provide the needed parking and beach access.

Thank you for this opportunity to have you carefully consider the positives of the West 30A Public Beach Access.

Respectfully,
Patricia Heck
Cold Spring, Kentucky 41076

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Heather Snider](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Cypress Dunes 30A Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 8:57:39 PM

We would like to go on record as being in favor of the west end 30A beach access.

As a frequent visitor to Cypress Dunes (my parents are home owners there) and a frequent user of the beach, this would enable us to keep our car parked, not using 30A for beach access.

Cypress Dunes has gone to great lengths to preserve the Dunes. The same care would be taken to take care of the sand dunes and wildlife in the area.

Thank you for your consideration for this opportunity to open the public beach at this end of 30A.

Heather Snider
93 Cypress Walk
Santa Rosa Beach

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Gina High](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 8:44:43 PM

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As a home owner in Cypress Dunes and a frequent user of the beach this would enable us to keep our car parked, not using 30A for beach access

Cypress Dunes has gone to great lengths to preserve the Dunes. The same care would be taken to take care of the sand dunes and wildlife in the area

Thank you for your consideration for this opportunity to open the public beach at this end of 30A

Gina High
93 Cypress Walk
Santa Rosa Beach

Sent from my iPhone
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From: [Carolyn Huff](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 8:41:23 PM

We live in an Rea close to the proposed new beach access through Topsail state park. We were excited about the new access across from Stinkys that cost a mere \$11 million dollars. It has very limited parking and is in an area where you have to observe the wet sand line. This does not exist in Topsail and would be a wonderful walking access from the west end of 30A to the beach. Please approve this proposal. Thank you. Carolyn Huff, a taxpaying citizen of Walton County

Sent from my iPhone

From: [trisley](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: West End 30A Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 7:15:07 PM

To who it may concern:

We have been coming down to the 30A beach areas for over 20 years for vacations with family and friends. We love the area and beaches, particularly on the west end of 30A for the last several years. In recent years we have noticed a good increase in interest, however, we also noticed the limited availability to beach access on the west end of 30A. I am fully supportive of additional beach access being developed/provided on the west end.

Thanks so much for your ongoing considerations,

Terry

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [Joe Emmons](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Park
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 7:06:52 PM

I frequent Topsail Hill Preserve State Park and would like to voice my position as in favor of creating an additional pedestrian access for the park.

Thank you,
Joe Emmons

From: [sue risley](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access West end 30A
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 7:04:23 PM

We have been coming to 30A west end for years. We love it but there is a need for more beach access. We can see by the growth in the area in recent years that there is actually a problem getting to the beach with the current number of beach access locations. We support the proposal for new beach access on the west end of 30A.
Thank you.

Sue Risley

Sent from my iPad

From: [Ashley Lefave](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: Cypress Dunes Access Bridge
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 7:04:18 PM

You're welcome!!!

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On Sep 4, 2019, at 5:14 PM, FLStateParkPlanning <FLStateParkPlanning@dep.state.fl.us> wrote:

Thank you for your interest in Florida state park planning. Your comments will be reviewed and taken into consideration. This is an automatically-generated email; please do not reply to it. If you have any queries regarding your email, you may call the Office of Park Planning at (850) 245-3051.



From: [Ashley Lefave](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Cypress Dunes Access Bridge
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 6:14:42 PM

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing in support of the proposed beach access in Cypress Dunes. This access point is something that I have been indirectly involved with for several years. During this time I have witnessed significant growth in the Santa Rosa Beach area. I have questioned the motives behind those against the proposal for a similar access point that Topsail State Park has been enable to enjoy for years.

Topsail has a park with beach access going through the same protected land and has an access point to the beach that none of the surrounding areas including Cypress Dunes has. On one had the argument was a disruption in wild life yet on the other permission was granted for a State regulated park for similar access.

We are a growing community with the ability to drastically improve our attractions, economic perspective and to offer a one of a kind experience with access to one of the worlds nicest beaches and most beautiful waters.

There is not one rational reason why I can see one negative impact on our communities by allowing the residents, families and friends an experience of a lifetime.

Providing an approved access will create jobs, improve property values, increase developments, from a monetary standpoint. From a value standpoint, all of the surrounding neighbors, families and friends will be able to enjoy family time at the beach, beautiful sunsets and sunrises and explore the Gulf of Mexico in an area that is so unique in nature and one of it's kind along 30A.

I mentioned earlier that I questioned the motives of those opposed and for the reasons above in all fairness to each and every tax paying household, visiting family members and friends, and tourists, why is it that we have been denied access to something that is so much bigger than us when all of the communities to the east along 30 A and the state park to the west have the right that we are seeking? Of it boils down to nature and we have a state park with similar access that is being proposed, with the current and future growth, there could not be a more positive thing to happen to our communities.

I hope that the state can find it in themselves to look at the future of this immediate area and put aside their differences by allowing a reasonably distanced access that all of our distant neighbors have to enjoy.

Thank you

Ashley Lefave

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From: [Leanna Craft](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Boardwalk in Cypress Dunes
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 6:10:41 PM

My family and I would be in huge favor of a boardwalk to the beach in Cypress Dunes. This will help all the over-crowding at many of the other beach access spots. It will also make it easier on parents with young children and anyone with a handicap.

It would be a brilliant addition to this already amazing neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Leanna Craft

From: [drtarter](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 6:09:53 PM

Do whatever it takes to allow the public to have access the natural resources such as the beach

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: [Pennye Surles](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Additional Public Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 6:05:23 PM

Please consider an additional beach access for the public to use on the West End of 30A. There is only one way to the beach from Topsail Hill. There are many trails and areas that are never explored because there is not a way of getting to them. There actually could be an additional trail or boardwalk on the East side and the West side of the Park for Walton County residents and visitors to enjoy. It is a win win for the State, some Walton County residents are willing to pay for this walkway and there would be some relief of cars on the roadways and people on the beach.

Thank you for your time.

Brian O'Grady
213 Cypress Drive

From: [Mollie Bailey](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 5:55:45 PM

To whom it may concern,

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to have beach access through west end 30a and topsail park. I think it would be great if there was a direct and obvious path to the beach to cut down on spider trails.

Thank you
Mollie Bailey

From: [Pennye Surles](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access on the East End of Topsail Hill State Park
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 5:54:16 PM

Florida State Parks,

I am in favor of additional beach access for the East end of Topsail Hill State Park. The state park is a beautiful park to explore. There is only one access point to get to the beach. It would be nice to be able to access the beach from another trail. I know that there is a beautifully planned boardwalk that would be informative to the public on the Park, nature and animals. This would be of no cost to the State.

Please consider putting this on your 10 year plan. This will definitely be needed with in this time frame with the popularity of Topsail Hill.

Thank You,

Darlene O'Grady
213 Cypress Drive

From: [Bo Bailey](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach access on west 30 A
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 5:42:26 PM

Hello,

I am writing to ask for beach access through TopSail Park on the west side of 30A. I believe this continues to provide another positive way for all who visit our beaches to enjoy another access point.

Thank you for your attention,

Bo Davis

Sent from my iPhone

From: ttarter@tenetexpress.com
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Additional access through Topsail Hill Preserve State Park on west 30-A
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 5:39:37 PM

I highly support this!!! Please make it happen!

Tisha Tarter
Comptroller

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From: rdavis.sovgroup.com
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: additional access on 30-A
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 5:21:14 PM

September 3, 2019

Director of Florida State Parks:

Re: Support for additional access

I am writing to express my support for additional access to Topsail Hill Preserve State Park on the west end of 30-A.

The rationale is straightforward, our local parks should remain consistent with the stated goal of the Florida State Parks, which is, "help create a sense of place by showing park visitors the best of Florida's diverse natural and cultural sites".

This goal cannot be achieved without visitation and one way to achieve visitation is to allow greater access.

The ancillary benefits beyond remaining true to the stated goal are many, a greater awareness of the majesty of the Florida Coast, less density in the current entry point and in other areas of 30-A, less crowding at the current beach site and the opportunity for visitors to be exposed to other areas of the park currently not being seen.

But perhaps the most important would be to create a public climate that demonstrates to generations to come that Franklin Roosevelt was correct when he stated, "men and nature must work hand and hand. A failure to do so would throw out the balance of the lives of man".

We have the natural and intellectual resources to complete the access project and to do so in a manner consistent with the parks original establishment. This would eliminate any negative impact to the current eco system and the 13 imperiled species that call Topsail Hill home.

More park visitors, an unharmed environment what better way to grow Topsail Hill Preserve State Park for generations to come.

Regards,

R.H. Davis

From: [Chris Reid](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: supporting a boardwalk on west 30a for PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 5:06:13 PM

I'm writing in support of a boardwalk for public beach access on west 30a. These are some of the benefits we see:

- 1.Need additional boardwalk on west side of 30a, as beaches are so crowded.
- 2.Need an easier way for handicapped people to get to the beach. The only way through Topsail Forest now is by going to a parking lot nearly a mile away and catching a trolley, which is very difficult for handicapped people to get on. Need handicap parking.
- 3.Need a public beach access with public parking so that residents and visitors to Walton County can enjoy the beach without worrying about customary use issues.
- 4.Need a place where more regular visitors and locals will come and benefit from the park.
- 5.Need a boardwalk that educates the public on plants, dune lakes and wildlife in the park, which benefits the park and those being educated.
- 6.Need a boardwalk that can basically go down already established paths so that the ecosystem is minimally invaded.

From: [Toney Bumgarner](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 4:43:03 PM

I would like to express my support for the Beach Acces at Topsail Hill State Park and Cypress Dunes. The area has very little beach access and the process to get out to the State Park Beach access is lengthy.

The new proposed beach access would benefit the West end of 30a greatly. I believe it would allow a larger number of people access to the park. Also, the area of the park that would be used for the boardwalk is almost inaccessible to the public. The area contains no bike paths or walking paths. The boardwalk would also protect the dunes in that area from foot traffic to the beach.

There are many benefits to the public with very little impact to the park or environment. Actually I think it would benefit the park and the environment.

I hope you consider the new access and agree to allow it to be built immediately.

Thank You

Toney Bumgarner

From: [Larry Livingston](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve One Entrance Only
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 4:16:32 PM

The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access.

No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Larry Livingston

From: [Gene Rogero](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: 30A West End Public Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 3:47:53 PM

To whom it may concern

As the west-end of 30A continues to see new developments and population increases, I believe it's time to add another public beach access to this area. Please consider doing this now, because eventually you'll need to do it anyway. As you know, the number of vacationers and residents to this area of 30A will only continue to grow in the years to come. And it can be done without effecting the natural environment and wildlife of the state park area.

Thank you!
Gene Rogero
(407) 462-9054

From: [DC Matthews II](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 4:47:24 PM
Attachments: [Document1.docx](#)

Please see attached.

Thank you.

DC Matthews
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DC AND JULIE MATTHEWS
221 Grand Flora Way
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459

September 4, 2019

VIA EMAIL TRANSMISSION

Florida Park Planning
Department of Environmental Protection
FLStateParkPlanning@dep.state.fl.us

Re: Support for Beach Access

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff:

We fully support a new park entrance and trailhead on the east side of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park to serve the public. This new entrance, as proposed by the five (5) adjacent communities and publicly supported by leadership of Walton County, would provide additional access to trails, the beach and recreation amenities in the park. This trailhead, with public parking and access to hikers and bikers, will tie directly into the existing multi-use recreational path along 30A. We also believe that a consolidated resource in the form of an improved trail will protect the natural resources and help mitigate the current risks of people entering at random points and creating dozens of unmarked and damaging foot trails.

Thank you!

DC and Julie Matthews

From: [Sandra Byrne](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019 5:59:02 PM

I , along with so many who moved here and vacation here from all over the planet, implore you to consider the damage that will be experienced by allowing the residents and visitors to have their very own access through this preserve/park to access the beach at Topsail. The Park Rangers, the volunteers and others who maintain and monitor the parks visitors should not have to have an added burden of monitoring the activities of having additional people from a surrounding development access the beach in Topsail. Let them go to the Public Beach access

like others have to do. For the most part, People who visit Topsail have a deep respect and appreciation for the Parks pristine Eco environment and all of the sensitive and endangered creatures that inhabit the preserve. Please don't allow that to be compromised by the exclusivity of a neighboring development that will not be able to monitor whom they let have access to Topsail Hill State Preserve Park!

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Sandra Diamond-Byrne
resident of Walton County 436 Fanny Ann Way, Freeport, Fl. 32439

From: [Lisa Egstad \(SAN\)](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Park
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:07:34 PM

I am writing in support of another PUBLIC beach Access at Cypress Dunes near Topsail Hill State Park on the West end of 30A in Santa Rosa Beach, FL. Please allow this boardwalk to the beach to be built at no costs to taxpayers so that more people may have access and use Florida's beautiful natural resources.

From: [Kelsey Logan](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019 11:49:27 AM

To whom it may concern:

I am a frequent visitor to the west end of Highway 30A and am considering homeownership in the area. The proposed public beach access at the west end of 30A would be very attractive to me, and I encourage the state and county to support it. Having a way to access Topsail Hill Preserve State Park without driving, keeping my car off the busy road, would be wonderful. I am a nature enthusiast, passionate about keeping public nature areas accessible and usable, while preserving the natural environment for future generations. This access point would very likely increase local use of the park, a very desirable outcome in creating appreciation of the area.

Kelsey Logan

From: [Meredith Davis](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Additional access
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019 11:41:11 AM

This is to show my support for Additional access through Topsail Hill Preserve State Park. Thank you.

Meredith Davis
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From: phillipskillian@aol.com
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Beach Access
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019 8:38:34 AM

Dear Florida State Park Planning.

Just wanted to voice my opinion once again that I feel beach access on the west end of 30A would be of great benefit to the area. As frequent visitors to the area we find that the beach access currently available is getting more and more difficult to access due to parking problems. The access that has been proposed would be of such benefit to local residents as well as the many visitors that continue to discover the beauty of the 30A Gulf Beaches. My family and I will look forward to your positive decision of locating a new access on the west end near the Cypress Dunes and Topsail Park Preserve area.

Love 30A,

Debbie Phillips

From: [Kramer-Harmon, Irene](#)
To: [R&P Employees](#)
Subject: JOA, APM Honeymoon Island State Park, closing date 9/16/2019
Date: Monday, September 9, 2019 9:39:58 AM
Attachments: [SOF_Employment_App_08-16 - Adobe fillable version.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

ANTICIPATED JOB VACANCY **INTERNAL AGENCY**

Class Title: Resident Assistant Park Manager- SES
Position Number: 37000964
Base Salary: \$2,500.00 monthly / \$30,000.00 annually
Location: Honeymoon Island State Park
1 Causeway Blvd.
Dunedin, FL 34698
Contact: Peter Krulder, Park Manager IV; (727) 241-6102 or
Peter.Krulder@FloridaDEP.gov
Closing Date: 09/16/19

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DESCRIPTION - An opportunity is anticipated for a self-motivated, hard-working individual, with strong administrative, resource management, visitor services, protection, and maintenance experience to fill a **Resident Assistant Park Manager** position at Honeymoon Island State Park, Honeymoon Island consistently is one of the most visited state parks in Florida welcoming over 1.6 million visitors last year. Park staff consists of 1 PM IV, 1 APM, 1 Park Service Specialists, 8 Park Rangers, 1 Maintenance Mechanic, 2 Administrative Assistants, 1 Environmental Specialist, 4 Toll Collectors and 5 OPS Rangers. The selected candidate will also oversee operations of Anclote Key Preserve State Park.

ADMINISTRATION - Participates in employee training, supervision and discipline. Supervises the staff in fiscal and purchasing procedures and policies. Ensures property procedures and policies are applied. Participates in the administration of the collective bargaining agreement and maintains good employee relations. Coordinates work schedules and assignments. Checks reports, fee collection and miscellaneous records prepared by the staff.

VISITOR SERVICES - Coordinates interpretive programs, activities and schedules for park unit. Meets the public, interprets the resources, facilities and services, resolves problems and provides for good public relations. Supervises the staff in providing excellent visitor services.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT - Participates and supervises subordinates in the resource management programs applicable to park unit including ecological burning, water level management, native species propagation, erosion control and non-native species removal.

MAINTENANCE - Identifies maintenance needs through daily inspections. Maintains maintenance schedules and supervises the staff to assure maintenance on a daily, weekly and yearly basis is regularly performed. Supervises and assists with the maintenance of all buildings, roads, bridges, trails, water systems, wastewater systems, vehicles, equipment, etc.

PROTECTION - Ensures park rules are enforced in accordance with F.A.C. 62D-2, for the safety and enjoyment of the visitors and the protection of the parks natural and cultural resources.

Performs other related duties as required.

Knowledge, skills and abilities, including utilization of equipment, required for the position: **Knowledge of:** strong working knowledge of the Florida Park Service Operations Manual, policies and procedures; all aspects of resource management, maintenance management, visitor services, administration, park protection and the State of Florida purchasing procedures. **Skilled in:** strong leadership skills; facilities and equipment maintenance management, ability to operate equipment including tractors mowers and vessels up to 30 feet in all type of weather conditions. **Ability to:** communicate effectively in writing and verbally; prioritize work; schedule staff deal with personnel issues; plan long and short-term projects; work rotating schedule; reside on park property; maintain a valid driver's license; gain Class 2 Watercraft certification with 6 months of hire.

Other job-related requirements for this position: **Residency, Class 2 Watercraft Certification**

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HOW TO APPLY: Please e-mail, or mail your application to:

Peter Krulder
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From: [Mandy Good](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve one entrance only
Date: Sunday, September 8, 2019 10:42:13 PM

The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access.

No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Thank you,

Amanda Good

From: [Rita Simpson](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill State Preserve, one entrance Only
Date: Saturday, September 7, 2019 8:24:29 PM

Cypress Dune HOA continues to lobby for a beach access for their subdivision. Topsail Hill Preserve protects the most outstanding assemblage of natural communities on the coast of the Florida Panhandle. It is the only place on the planet where dune lakes exist entirely within conservation land, the rare Choctawhatchee beach mouse habitat is undisturbed and wet prairies and coastal scrub are found intact. All of the private land in South Walton will someday be developed, we must preserve our state parks and forest. The acquisition of Topsail Hill Preserve was for the conservation of natural communities found in the Florida Panhandle. Recreation in the preserve must not diminish the resource. The current entrance should remain as the only entrance and beach access.

No additional accesses should be added to Topsail Hill Preserve!

Rita Dajani Simpson
Resident of Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

From: [Debby Odom](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Supporting beach access!!!
Date: Friday, September 6, 2019 10:37:31 PM

I have stayed in this amazing area before but lack of beach access is a problem!!!

Please allow the boardwalk through Topsail Forest!! I have stayed here before and it is a beautiful place with no beach access. This should be an easy fix to to one more beautiful beach on 30A!!!

This should be an easy fix so please consider this option.

Thanks for your consideration—Debby Odom

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dallas](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Public Beach access
Date: Friday, September 6, 2019 6:28:53 PM

I'm in favor of the beach access on 30A.

We need:

Need additional boardwalk on west side of 30a, as beaches are so crowded.

2. Need an easier way for handicapped people to get to the beach. The only way through Topsail Forest now is by going to a parking lot nearly a mile away and catching a trolley, which is very difficult for handicapped people to get on. Need handicap parking.

3. Need a public beach access with public parking so that residents and visitors to Walton County can enjoy the beach without worrying about customary use issues.

4. Need a place where more regular visitors and locals will come and benefit from the park.

5. Need a boardwalk that educates the public on plants, dune lakes and wildlife in the park, which benefits the park and those being educated.

6. Need a boardwalk that can basically go down already established paths so that the ecosystem is minimally invaded.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Pamela LARY](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Boardwalk on 30a.
Date: Friday, September 6, 2019 5:49:49 PM

Please consider a boardwalk on 30a as I have vacation in this area many times.

1. Need additional boardwalk on west side of 30a, as beaches are so crowded.
2. Need a place where more regular visitors and locals will come and benefit from the park.
3. Need a public beach access with public parking so that residents and visitors to Walton County can enjoy the beach without worrying about customary use issues.

Thank you so much!!!

Pam Lary
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From: [Robert Logan](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park - Public Beach Access
Date: Saturday, September 7, 2019 10:44:26 AM
Attachments: [Petition to Topsail Hill Preserve re. Beach Access.docx](#)

Please see my attached document in support of increased public beach access to Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Bob Logan

Bob Logan, P.E.
Process Systems, Inc.
Phone: 601-835-5781
Fax: 601-510-9439
processsystemsinc@earthlink.net

I am writing to express my support for additional beach access points on the western end of CR30A. I have owned a town home in Gulf Place for over 15 years – 13 Henry Court, West, and have enjoyed our times at the beach immensely. Over the years, the activity at the beach has increased exponentially. At Gulf Place there is immediate public access via Ed Walline. Also, Gulf Place has two or three additional permanent beach access points. Thus, the beach is very accessible.

My wife and I have noticed the increased activity at the corner of CR30A and FL 393. Shunk Gulley is right across the street from the Ed Walline beach access. Gulf Place has also announced the construction of 80 new townhome units. We feel that the activity around this area is becoming hectic and overcrowded, both along CR30A and on the beach.

This past summer, I see a new beach access being constructed right across from Stinky's Restaurant at about mile marker 2 on CR30A. This is another location that is absolutely insane with activity. I cannot see how nearly enough parking can be provided to accommodate the public access use at this location.

This leads me to ask why there has not been more consideration of beach access on the western end of 30A, and especially in connection with Topsail Hill Preserve State Park. Years ago, my wife and I enjoyed riding our bicycles down to the Park and being able to ride on our own all the way down to the single beach access. Because of the restrictions to access and requirement to take the tram, we have become discouraged and have discontinued these enjoyable rides in the park. Just this last summer, I decided to pull in to the public access at Stallworth Lake with my family and grandchildren. Fortunately, we were early and able to get a parking space. What I discovered for my efforts was a wonderful abandoned beach of a significant distance. I ended up making the trek all the way from Stallworth Lake to the single public beach access in Topsail Hill Preserve State Park. What a surprise to me to see so much wonderful, natural beach front not being enjoyed by Florida visitors and residents. Guess what? I actually discovered that there is a snorkel / free dive artificial reef just off shore from this beach (Sea Horse Reef). It was news to me and apparently to the majority of folks, because it was a beautiful day and there was absolutely no participation in the free dive activity. Why would Walton County provide such a wonderful aquatic resource to the public but so severely restrict its access to tax payer funded recreation.

After my great day at the beach within the confines of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, I began to investigate the opportunities to relocate my beach home to the western most end of CR30A. I discovered that there are at least 600 individual residences and a public school that would greatly benefit from increased access to the beaches of the park. It is such an expanse and such a beautiful resource that it is ashamed that there is not more reasonable access provided for the public. I intend on one day moving my residence from the Gulf Place Community further west to the area within the first mile of CR30A. My suggestion is that not just one, but two new beach accesses should be provided through the Topsail Hill Preserve State Part to allow the public to readily access the resources that are available. I know that this can be accomplished in an environmentally conservative manner. There is plenty of expertise in the Florida State Park system that can readily manage this task. Also, there is ample land available on the western end of CR30A to provide for parking for the public.

My suggestion would be that the first access point to be constructed should lead directly to the artificial reef located off shore (Sea Horse). A board walk could be constructed that would protect the dunes and guard against public invasion of this environmentally sensitive area. Hey, and after all isn't the existing path to the Topsail Hill Preserve State Park Beach Access an asphalt road? The second access point

should be located approximately half way between the Sea Horse Access and the Stallworth Lake Access. I am sure that someone in the state park system can come up with a way to monitor these public access points and collect fees that anyone who enjoys a beautiful, uncluttered beach would be pleased to pay. In fact, I would speculate that these new access points would significantly increase the revenues for the state. I can imagine that home owner's in the area would gladly pay an annual fee to enjoy the park and its new public access points.

From: [David Schofield](#)
To: fourmile@cox.net; "[soappedaler](#)"
Cc: [Alsentzer, Daniel](#)
Subject: unit management plan suggestions
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:17:56 AM

Greetings;

Re: Advisory Council Comments

I only had two comments that I request be considered for incorporation into the 10 year unit management plan:

1. The prior plan stated that an area of the western part of the park was closed to guests in an effort to restore the area. Prior to opening the area I would like to see a study as to how the restoration efforts went. Once that base line is documented, open this park area to guests and then measure the human impact on the environment. Without the study, there is no way to quantify the impact of closing or opening an area of the park.
2. On page 67 after the second paragraph add this sentence;

“Until there is a scope of collections statement and an assessment of the collections has been done, the border with hwy 98 and the eastern boundary from Hwy 30-A to the Gulf of Mexico of Topsail Hill Preserve will be permanently closed to additional public access.”

Thank you for your consideration. If any of you have questions on my comments please feel free to call. Dave Schofield 67 481 3015

From: caroling@mchsi.com
To: [Alsentzer, Daniel](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve UMP meeting of 8-22-2019
Date: Saturday, August 31, 2019 6:09:37 PM

Dear to whom it concerns:

Please find attached a screen shot of the agenda on floridadep.gov/ that caused me to expect a presentation of Management Plan Update at 6PM. I was disappointed not only to have to wait 30 minutes for the presentation but mainly that it was mostly about park generalities. Only a couple of minutes on the plan update with screen picture of a map too small to read. I wanted more info about the plan update.

I love Walton County's parks and forest. This environment is why I moved here in 2002. I think the state should fund them more and staff them more. If that means increased taxes, OK. For example, the mistakes on the agenda are due to insufficient staff resources, I believe.

Here are my problems as an 84-year old. I am hard of hearing, so I can't hear what many people say in meetings. I don't ride a bicycle anymore for fear of falling, which has hurt friends of mine so badly. So I can't reach the east end of the park which I used to enjoy so often before the Hwy 98 entrance to Topsail was closed several years ago. I understand the reasons for limiting vehicle access. For me it would be great if I could somehow hike there without further degrading the environment. Actually, how do people get kayaks to Campbell Lake? Or must they bicycle and then rent?

Above all, I support the single entrance to Topsail. The eastern border should be fortified to prevent degradation by neighbors to the east.

Thank you,
Carol Geary
32459

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From: [soappedaler](#)
To: [Alsentzer, Daniel](#)
Subject: Newspaper article Topsail
Date: Sunday, September 8, 2019 9:27:24 AM

Daniel,
Here's the local newspaper article. It ran in the Northwest Florida Daily News, The Destin Log and The Sun, all owned by the same company.

Jim Sumpter makes several inaccurate statements. He continues to claim to speak for several neighborhoods on the west end of 30 A, he does not. He speaks for Cypress Dunes HOA, not all property owners in Cypress Dunes want the access.

The article says DRP drew up the plan for the Cypress Dunes access. My understanding is that plan was done by a consultant paid by the Cypress Dunes HOA who put the DRP logo and name on the plans.

The article was posted several places on Facebook and most people are commenting that they do believe Cypress Dunes or any other neighborhood needs a beach access. Several people from Beachview Heights, the neighborhood to the east of Cypress Dunes, commented that they do not want the additional access. I live in Beachhighland do not want it.
Celeste Cobena

<https://www.thedestinlog.com/news/20190907/fight-over-topsail-hill-preservationists-resist-more-accesses-to-state-park>

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susan Lucas](#)
To: [Alsentzer, Daniel](#)
Subject: Topsail Preserve
Date: Sunday, September 8, 2019 2:46:17 PM

Mr. Alsentzer,

This morning I read the story in the NWF Daily News (also in the Walton Sun) about the efforts by some neighbors to get another access through the Preserve.

My concern is the inaccuracies stated in the story.

In particular, I have had a home since 1999 (recently moved a few miles away) in one of the subdivisions cited as having "tried since 2014 to establish their own access." At no time has Beach Highlands been involved in that action. I never heard a whisper about it in regards to our subdivision in all that time. Someone is making stuff up to bolster his case.

Unmentioned is the fact that there are few permanent residents in Cypress Dunes, and the part timers hoped to put their homes on the short term rental market. They believe a new access for them would make them desirable so they could make money.

The mention of Customary Use is also bogus. If a state park/preserve/beach isn't for public use, then what is? All those folks are welcome to use it now.

I have enjoyed going to the beach at Topsail since 1969, long before it was protected by the state. It was a special place then, and even more so now that it is threatened. Please do not allow encroachment and destruction. We have so little true natural beach and dune areas left.

We are counting on you to deny efforts to open a new access in Topsail.

Susan Lucas
249 North Blue Heron Drive
Santa Rosa Beach FL 32459
susanlucasart.com
850-267-3083

From: [Amanda](#)
To: [Alsentzer, Daniel](#)
Cc: [soappedaler](#)
Subject: Proposed Access through Topsail
Date: Sunday, September 8, 2019 3:25:21 PM

Mr. Alsentzer,

I live near Topsail State Park and wanted to let you know that I am VEHEMENTLY opposed to putting an additional beach access through the park.

This is a sentiment shared by many of my neighbors and friends. I am a resident of Emeraldwalk subdivision and have no interest whatsoever in disturbing the park or changing the long range plan to allow such a thing.

I wanted to set the record straight because Cypress Dunes is falsely claiming that there is a great deal of support for adding a beach walk among the nearby communities. They said this last year during a Board of County Commissioners meeting (record will show it was well attended by neighbors opposed to the proposal) and this week are repeating that falsehood in the local paper. That is most definitely not the case. Few outside of Cypress Dunes want it and they are motivated by financial concerns, not a desire to enjoy the park.

Topsail is a wonderful place for preservation and nature and I enjoy visiting it.

Thank you for your time and attention,
Amanda Schuette

From: [Holli Bingle](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail State Park
Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 4:38:15 PM

Hello, I live close to Topsail State Park and have become aware that another entrance is being considered to go through the park. That small swath of land is the last natural resource that has not been developed in our area. Please consider keeping it natural and not letting big business sway you. An over-developed community has already been approved to be built adjacent to the beautiful park and will impact it enough. Thank you for your time.

Holli Bingle

850-376-5696

105 Sunrise Circle, SRB, FL, 32459

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Logan, Allison \(loganan\)](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 11:11:37 AM
Importance: High

To whom it may concern:

I travel to the west end of Highway 30A on a regular basis and I am seriously considering homeownership in the area. The proposed public beach access at the west end of 30A would be very critical in my decision-making process to purchase in that area. Having a way to access Topsail Hill Preserve State Park without driving would be ideal for the area and for me. I am a nature enthusiast, and am passionate about keeping public nature areas accessible and usable, while preserving the natural environment for future generations. This access point would very likely increase local use of the park, a very desirable outcome in creating appreciation of the area.

Allison Logan

Allison Logan, Ph.D.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

August 26: Classes begin
September 2: Labor Day Holiday
September 9: Last Day to Drop with 100% Refund
October 1: Last Day to apply for Fall 2019 Graduation
November 11: Veterans Day Holiday
November 15: Last Day to Withdraw
November 28 - December 1: Thanksgiving Holiday
December 8: Classes end
December 9 - 14: Exams
December 14: Fall Semester ends

From: [Steve Lynne Frederick](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: South Walton development
Date: Saturday, September 28, 2019 12:31:04 PM

Please stop any efforts toward developing more and more beach access near Topsail Preserve. It is truly one of the last genuine protected areas and deserves to remain so. Once you begin to allow any more access or any more changes, you will set a precedent that will be hard to deny in coming years. Now is the time to think past developers and their dollars and try protect this incredible land.

Lynne Frederick
Santa Rosa Beach homeowner

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Wally King](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: New Park Entrance
Date: Sunday, October 13, 2019 3:04:25 PM

Dear Florida Park Planning and DEP Staff,

I fully support a new park entrance and trailhead on the east side of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park to serve the public. This new entrance, as proposed by the 5 adjacent communities and publicly supported by leadership of Walton County, would provide additional access to trails, the beach and recreation amenities in the park. This trailhead, with public parking and access to hikers and bikers, will tie directly into the existing multi-use recreational path along 30A. I also believe that a consolidated resource in the form of an improved trail will protect the natural resources and help mitigate the current risks of people entering at random points and creating dozens of unmarked and damaging foot trails.

Thank you!

Tami Adams-King

Santa Rosa Beach, FL
c 585-455-4393
Sent from my iPad

From: [Chris Wheeler](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 4:57:48 PM
Attachments: [GOOD EVENING.pdf](#)

V. Chris Wheeler
Owner
205-243-8169
chris@scenicstays30a.com
scenicstays30a.com



GOOD EVENING!

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK REGARDING MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS PROPOSED ACCESS.

FIRST, I WANT TO SAY WE CAN HAVE BOTH; WE CAN HAVE AN ACCESS AND WE CAN HAVE PROTECTION FOR PARK PLANTS AND WILDLIFE; IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE ONE OR THE OTHER. THE PARK'S EXISTING UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN ADDRESSES THE NEED TO BALANCE RECREATION WITH PROTECTING ANIMALS AND PLANTS. IT WAS NEVER MEANT TO SHUT OUT PEOPLE. FOR SOME REASON THE OPPOSITION THINKS A PRESERVE PARK IS ABOUT ANIMALS AND PLANTS ONLY. THAT IS JUST NOT THE CASE; THERE ARE PRESERVE PARKS ALL OVER FLORIDA THAT HAVE MANY BOARDWALKS TO THE BEACH.

I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A POSSIBLE BEACH ACCESS FOR SEVEN + YEARS, AND I WANT TO SHARE WHAT I ENVISION FOR THIS BOARDWALK:

I ENVISION:

1. A STUNNING, ECOLOGICALLY SOUND, HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE BOARDWALK ACROSS OUR TREASURED PARK.
2. A WAY FOR NEARBY RESIDENTS OF 600+ HOUSEHOLDS TO WALK OR BIKE TO THE BEACH WITHOUT GETTING INTO THEIR CARS AND CONGESTING THE ROADWAY AND OTHER ACCESSES.
3. A CHERISHED DESTINATION FOR BIKERS UP AND DOWN 30-A.

4. A PUBLIC ACCESS WITH PUBLIC PARKING SO THAT RESIDENTS FROM OTHER AREAS OF WALTON COUNTY, AS WELL AS VISITORS, CAN ENJOY THE BEACH WITHOUT HAVING TO MANEUVER THROUGH CUSTOMARY USE ISSUES.
5. THE OPPOSITION WILL SEE THIS BOARDWALK AS A LANDMARK PUBLIC ACCESS THAT ADDRESSES THEIR CONCERNS AND MORE; AND I ENVISION THEY WILL BECOME REGULAR VISITORS.
6. A HUGELY SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE PARK AND LOCALS NEAR THE ACCESS TO FOSTER AN ENVIROMMENT THAT PROTECTS FLORA AND WILDLIFE IN THE PARK. THIS WILL INCLUDE TRAINING BY THE PARK AND INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE TO TEACH BEACH GOERS TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE BEACH AND THE PARK.
7. AN INCREASE IN LOCAL USE OF THE PARK, WHICH IS A CONTINUING CONCERN FOR THE PARK.

**Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Recreation and Parks**

**Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Public Meeting
August 22, 2019**

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting and commenting period is to receive public input on beach access in Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.

Background

Topsail Hill Preserve State Park protects an outstanding assemblage of natural communities on the coast of the Florida Panhandle. The park is home to multiple dune lakes, the Choctawhatchee beach mouse, one of the largest campgrounds in the Florida State Park system, and 3 miles of white sand beach in a fast-growing region.

Proposed Improvements

The following developments/improvements are proposed in the updated Topsail Hill Preserve State Park management plan:

- Addition and enhancement of day use amenities
- New open-air interpretive pavilion and other parkwide interpretive improvements
- Addition of tram shelter at existing beach access area
- Improvement of existing tram path
- Addition of bicycle amenities
- Establishment of Topsail Hill Road trailhead and trail in northwestern portion of the park
- Improvement of paddling launch facilities for access to Campbell Lake
- Ongoing parkwide resource conservation and management

Public Input

Thank you for taking the time to share your comments with us. Copies of this form are available on the park planning website:

<https://floridadep.gov/parks/public-participation>. Comments may also be provided by calling (850) 245-3051, or by sending an email with the park name in the subject line to FLStateParkPlanning@dep.state.fl.us, or by standard mail at the address below.

Office of Park Planning
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Recreation & Parks
3800 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 525
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Please provide all comments by no later than **September 4, 2019**.

PLEASE PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS ON REVERSE SIDE

Topsail Hill Preserve State Park

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Recreation and Parks

COMMENT FORM

Topsail Hill Preserve State Park

Good Plan!

Thank You for making the
natural resource the
priority while allowing
for Resource based recreation

No additional access
for Cypress Deers
One access only

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Recreation and Parks

COMMENT FORM

Topsail Hill Preserve State Park

I look forward to revisiting the western part of the preserve. I haven't been there since Topsail Rd access was closed years ago. It was my favorite parts with bikes around Morris lake + over to Campbell lake + the beach. Now I can only do what is near the cabins + camp ground. Since at age 84 I'm afraid of falling on a bicycle + I won't walk more than 2-4 miles round trips. At the meeting I have learned that the possible opening of an entrance on Hwy 98 has been discouraged. I thought since you propose a new residence being built there, possibly staff could be available to monitor poaching, vandalism + other damaging access. I urge you to explore offering that for old + infirm people like myself. Accessions should be included in the draft document appendix 2. I'd like to know who they are.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Recreation and Parks

COMMENT FORM

Topsail Hill Preserve State Park

- I am very much in favor of additional access for ~~the~~ the following reasons
- 1) train rides are long and waiting can add an hour to beach experience
 - 2) if you miss the train because you couldn't get thru the guard gate fast enough, you have to wait another 30-45 minutes
 - 3) more access is desperately needed as more homes are built
 - 4) insufficient parking @ all of the local beach access
 - 5) eco-friendly- you can bike/walk to the beach but still less of a tree than thru topsail
 - 6) Little to no access for the west-end of 30A
 - 7) will keep people from destroying dunes & jumping fence when they walk the border of cypress dunes & Topsail
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- I support beach access points at both the east end and western third of Topsail park.
- It provides easy access to non-contested ^{areas} ~~areas~~ to beaches.
 - Convenient to ^{residential} growth of both west end of 30A and north of 98 Hwy, will relieve crowding of other beaches.
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I would also support easier access to the park for all local residents. Recent studies have shown a healthier population when they have easy access to a park. Having a single access point for a 1200 acre almost 4 mile long park is insufficient.

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Please Keep a swimming
pool for those of us who
don't like salt water, sharks, gators
& flesh-eating bacteria. ;)

Thanks!