

ITEM XX:

Consider whether a 0.005-acre ingress/egress access easement within Blackwater River State Forest (BRSF) is consistent with the Board of Trustees' Linear Facilities Policy.

LOCATION:

Santa Rosa County, Section 19, Township 4 North, Range 26 West

Applicant's Parcel ID Number: 19-4N-26-0000-00300-0000

APPLICANT:

Jerry L. Parker Sr. and Patricia E. Parker, Trustees under the Parker Living Trust (Applicant)

DSL STAFF REMARKS:

The Applicant has requested a 25-foot-wide ingress/egress access easement, totaling 0.005-acres, for private access to the property owned by the Applicant which is adjacent to BRSF. The proposed easement is located within conservation land currently managed by the Florida Forest Service (FFS), under Uplands Lease No. 3686. Title to BRSF was transferred from the Florida Board of Forestry to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund for the use and benefit of the state, pursuant to F.S. 253.03 (6), laws of 1967.

FFS consented to the easement in a letter dated November 8, 2019 and, in a letter dated February 25, 2020 the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) stated that the proposed undertaking is unlikely to affect historic properties.

Avoidance:

There are no other practical alternatives to access the Applicants' parcel as the surrounding properties are all state-owned lands. The proposed easement will begin at the northeast corner of applicants' property line to extend out to Dale Hall Road and create a legal access point of entry from the road to applicants' property.

Minimizing Impacts:

The proposed easement will not negatively impact the surrounding BRSF nor the multiple-use management activities occurring in the forest. The applicant will make contingency plans, per DHR requirements, in the case of fortuitous finds or unexpected discoveries during ground disturbing activities within the easement area. There are no known imperiled or other wildlife species that occupy the requested area.

Compensation:

The easement fee will be based on market value and per the BOT's linear facilities policy, additional compensation, in the form of replacement land or goods and services, will be provided to FFS at 1.5 times the appraised value of the easement.

DSL STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

ARC RECOMMENDATION:

- APPROVE**
- APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:** _____
- DEFER**
- WITHDRAW**
- NOT APPROVE**
- OTHER:** _____