



**Fort Pierce Inlet State Park  
Virtual Public Meeting  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**



# Meeting Overview

## Agenda

5:30	Virtual Meeting Opens
5:35 – 5:45	Welcome and Staff Introduction
5:45 – 6:00	Presentation of the Draft Management Plan
6:00 – 7:30	Question and Answer
7:30	Adjournment

## Objectives

- Present the draft management plan
- Gather public input on the draft management plan
- Discuss the next steps in the planning process



# Mission Statement

The mission of the Florida Park Service is to provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting, and restoring natural and cultural resources.





# Fort Pierce Inlet State Park





# Recreation

## Recreation

- Beaching
- Picnicking
- Hiking

5-year attendance average:  
221,540 visitors





# Natural Resources

The park contains 7 distinct natural communities:

- Mangrove Swamp
- Maritime Hammock
- Coastal Strand
- Beach Dune





# Natural Resources

Fort Pierce Inlet State Park protects and provides habitat for 8 imperiled plants and 6 imperiled animals including:

- Johnson's seagrass
- Beach star
- Leatherback turtle
- Roseate spoonbill





# Natural Resources

6 exotic plant species listed by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council have been observed at the park including:

- Australian Pine
- Castor Bean
- Brazilian Pepper







# Resource Management





# Resource Management Objectives

## Natural Communities Management

- Assess the need for fire within spoil areas

## Hydrological Management

- Improve water quality and wildlife habitat within Tucker Cove
- Conduct assessment of parks mangrove swamps within the mosquito impoundments

## Imperiled Species Management

- Monitor and document 5 imperiled animal species
- Monitor and document 1 imperiled plant species



# Resource Management Objectives

## Exotic Species Management

- Annually treat 50 acres of exotics plants in the park

## Cultural Resource Management

- Assess and evaluate all recorded cultural resources in park
- Record structures as they become historic



# Conceptual Land Use Plan

The objective in park planning is to achieve a balance between preserving natural conditions and providing public access for recreation purposes.



**Park Entrance**  
Pave Road  
Mitigate Stormwater

**Support Area**  
New Residence (1)

**Multi-Use Pathway**  
Repave Road  
Median Landscaping

Atlantic  
Ocean

**Overnight Camping Area**  
Develop overnight use camping area

Tucker  
Cove

**Atlantic Beach Access Area**  
Replace North and South Restrooms  
Improved Pedestrian Access

**Main Day Use Area**  
Landscape Improvements  
Redesign Picnic Area  
Explore concession opportunities

**Inlet Picnic Area**  
Landscape Improvements

Explore concession opportunities

**Legend**

-  Proposed Improvements
-  Park Road Paved
-  Park Boundary
-  Park Structures
-  Protected Zones



Comment period ends June 17th, 2021  
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