

**TOPSAIL HILL PRESERVE STATE PARK - ADDITIONAL BEACH ACCESS (PM 12.05.2018)**

FOR	AGAINST	NAME	ADDRESS	ORGANIZATION	SPEAKER COMMENTS SUMMARY
1		Surles, Penny	133 Cypress Passage, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Cypress Dunes	Not all families enjoyed access to the beach; we are no different now and we are asking for access to the beach; this would provide legal trail and sheiter for beach mice.
1		Kurkjian, Andrew	317 Cypress Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Cypress Dunes	He and wife are moving here after retirement; they frequently walk the beach and this morning saw two eagles; they built their house in Cypress Dunes; Cypress Dunes is like a nature center itself; we have Cypress pond and you can walk over them and appreciate the ponds - feels that way about the park and that it should provide resource based recreation; the dunes separate the park from the beach; people know not to go on them; people are using park as campground.
	1	Winterrould, Tim	50 Moseley Lane, DeFuniak Springs, FL		DeFuniak Springs has national parks and they are treasures; Yellowstone is two million acres and it has four entrances; the park has one entrance and it is one of the gems of Florida. I don't understand why one entrance is not enough; those advocating for another entrance can easily drive into the park. I don't understand why we want to saturate the park as much as we have the area's other beaches; at Grand Canyon, to preserve resources, they have to limit access; if it isn't broke, don't fix it.
	1	Hajduk, Jamie	191 Brener Circle, Mary Esther, FL	FL Audubon Society	See notes from Jamie Logguell (?)
	1	Talbert, Jeff	768 CJ Land Road, Ponce de Leon, FL		This is what giving voice to voiceless looks like; birds and mice cannot speak for themselves; people putting money to this tramples on that legacy; I do not want to see another access point.
	1	Froeschner, Theresia	95 Tanglewood Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		Living here 34-35 years. I never trespass ever because I go into the entrance that should be the only one.
	1	Livingston, Buz	83 Sky High Dune Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		Lived in the area since 1999. I remember when they had two accesses - need to keep it to one. I've hiked every trail in this park; just came back from Joshua Tree - three access points for 10 kilometers of acres, why do we need two. When I wanted beach access, I just bought a place within it. Some places should just be left alone. I am a financial planner - this is about money.
1		Cuchens, Marvin (Gus) and Rene	42 Austinwood Lane, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	30A Resident	I have read the UMP in its entirety (quoted UMP as mission to promote park for its use). Up and down 98, you see signs for access that are frequented so much that locals cannot access the beach. UMP says need for access is only growing; other issue is lack of facts being presented. Beach mice - there is data saying boardwalks help the mice and it is actually beneficial for them. In forest management - the wife - installed thousands of boardwalks to protect the environment.

	1	Page, Anita	251 Blue Lake Road, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		See notes
1		Muldowaep (?), Bill	47 Austinwood Lane, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		In favor of additional boardwalk; bought house in 1996; watched beach access erode throughout the county - watched it become political; parallels statements about national resources as "chicken little"; statements that boardwalk would be bad for environment are not true; says that it would not be a private beach access. I don't live in Cypress Dunes; I don't want to debate foolishness. Boardwalks can be environmentally safe.
	1	Kuentler, Bill	79 Gulf Winds Way, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Cypress Dunes	Lives in Cypress Dunes; would like single access; wish people knew how many of them there are that only want the one access to the park; any access that would allow hundreds of people into the park cannot be allowed; asked how people will be to beach from 30A from the 25 parking spaces - they won't walk a half a mile to the beach.
	1	Yanchis, Kristi	4910 Haloyon Drive, Panama City, FL	self and USFWS	Not here to represent work. This new access would not be necessary or needed; would not necessarily benefit mice; when boardwalks empty into beach, people fan out and trample vegetation; it is a preserve bought with state and federal dollars; not supportive in personal perspective; later this week, will submit comments from work.
	1	Clausen, Dave	224 Masters Court, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		Resident against more beach access. Most support for access came from private residents - hardly any support came from general public; dismayed that private entity would lobby for something of no value to general public; they should use current access point like everyone else; need to protect species; park is a special place.
	1	Schofield, Dave	220 Loon Lake Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Cypress Dunes	Heard a lot of good things tonight; at a hearing similar to this a year ago where ranger said the park parking was never full, even during the summer; I bought property in Cypress Dunes knowing there is no beach access. I know that my property value would triple, but I don't want it. Citizens request form filled out by speaker for WB066 to approve - then read res 88 - to his credit, he got this approved. This occurred four business days after hurricane and no one was here; says this would be paid for by citizens.
	1	Geary, Caroling	34 Herons Watch Way, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		Most of my comments have been said. If boardwalk went where firebreaks are, won't we have to build more firebreaks? One private access at another park - Deer Lake; people want to do what they want to do and they will do what they want. Did not know dunes were being trampled. If DRP can't control current illegal access, it would only get worse; not just tourists and campers use the park; biggest point I want to make is why are locals talking about state park when it is used by the world.

1		Gaultney, Janice	187 Cypress Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Cypress Dunes	We can have both; we can have access and protection. Current UMP addresses need to balance recreation and preservation. It is not just about preservation. Many preserve parks have boardwalks - envisions ecologically sound ADA accessible boardwalk enjoyed by all residents; a place for hikers; a place for communities all throughout the county; a place that addressed issues of customary use. Should teach beach goers to be stewards of the park.
1		Sumpter, Lina	260 Cypress Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Cypress Dunes	In support of beach access, especially because of customary use challenges; would help people from further trampling vegetation and wildlife; would be educational opportunity for the park; we can have both.
	1	Alexander, Cynthia	56 Old Miller Place, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		Founding member of Beach to Bay Connection; was not required to now just be used as a result of poor county planning and greed; county is unable to deal with demand so they are turning to remaining public lands; additional access would be violation of purpose for which is was required; additional access means fragmentation of habitat; this could also cause security issues; should the state set a precedent, this will just continue; county can solve its own problems.
1		Vance, Kevin	157 Cypress Walk, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Cypress Dunes	Says he is hearing that we should shut the park down now; jokes that he learned he is a VIP; what are truly the guiding principles of this park and what manages them; is involved in aerospace and finds it odd that we can send people to the moon, but can't provide ecologically sound beach access; we can do both.
1		Gaultry, Emory	187 Cypress Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Cypress Dunes	Resident of Cypress Dunes; wife volunteered him to do breakfast with rangers; wife serves as CSO board; there are a lot of people in Cypress Dunes wanting to preserve the environment; looks at Dave Schofield asking why he isn't ever at the park; we can have both; thinks access would be fine; says people he meets at the breakfast say they hit the mice with shoes; boardwalk would help the mice.
	1	Paladini, Susan	Coffeen Nature Preserve, 146 Coffeen Hill Road, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Coffeen Land Trust	See notes
	1	Froeschner, Norman	95 Tanglewood Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		Beach View Heights - my values would increase, but I don't want additional access; just use the current access if you want to use the beach; if you know people are trespassing, can you refer the info to the authorities; boardwalk would be too long - not realistic for people - would be unmanned.
	1	Tuse, Jay	25777 Highway 331 South, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Walton Co. TDC	Director of TDC; thanks DRP for having this meeting; likes that so many people came to this meeting; would like to propose alternative to Sumpter proposal; run a boardwalk from eastern boundary to county property - if DRP wants to look at alternative; this is for the state park to decide how they want to move forward.

	1	Schmette, Amanda	131 White Heron Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		I think we all agree, we need more access, but no one is preventing them from using the current access; does not think it is difficult to access the park; took 3.5 minutes to go from Cypress Dunes to the park go-to-tram stop - 3.5 minutes total; the beach is wonderful because people and access is regulated; beach access would be larger footprint than is let on; it is not currently being fully utilized.
		Reese, Bill	140 Flamingo Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		No Presentation
	1	Potter, Bill	222 Sandstone, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		Asks questions by show of hands - how many people have gone to state park ... all raise hands ... okay, we have all proven we have access. Sumpter proposed access would be quite a haul; lives in beach view heights and has annual pass to the park; when he wants seclusion, he goes to the park and likes that he has to earn that access by going to the park; also asks if the park staff has a clear way cut from Cypress Dunes; says no one has cleared this firebreak.
	1	Kennedy, Dave	74 Cypress Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Cypress Dunes	Spends six months here each year and rents out a house in Cypress Dunes; people pay a lot to come to Walton County to come to our beaches; county doing all they can to bring back customary use so we need to provide public access to our residents and visitors; we all want to protect the park - we can do both; we can make it more readily accessible; says single access is not currently being used at capacity.
	1	Morano, Barbara	12 Dock Trail, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		Wants to thank Jim Sumpter; public has and will always have access to the beach; the park is offering free access to the beaches; here is the truth - the proposed new access is on Austin Road - from point of Cypress Dunes to the beach is 4000 feet - double that to where parking would be that is only a mile; no one would use Sumpters proposed boardwalk; there would also be a gate - hinders access inevitably. Walton County is in the process of finalizing new beach access. Cypress Dunes fails to utilize opportunity being offered.
	1	Patterson, Malcolm	524 Mallet Bayou Road, Freeport, FL		My grandparents are original settlers of Grayton Beach. As soon as he left the area he wanted to come back. Was first Executive Director of TDC - in the process was one of the leading groups on creating the park; there was a committee appointed to make decisions on use of the park; recommendation was to make it a state park but it was changed to a preserve, which was not the will of the public or recommendation; it is fine that it is a preserve, but there should be balance with the recreation; public should make concentrated effort to make balance.

1		Brooke, Bob	223 Pelican Circle, Panama City Beach, FL		Wants to thank DRP for hosting; there are alternatives to the one proposed; personal view is that Jay Tusa's is a better alternative than Sumpters; from this point on, the FPS needs to look at alternatives; and they need to add detail to the extent that Sumpter knows there are at least two other alternatives - Jay Tusa or do the status quo; we need beach access; there is a balance to be had.
1		Grabowski, Jeff	50 Albatross Court, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		Worked in area for 25 years; saw 30A develop; if it weren't for recent beach access signed by the government, we wouldn't have to be here; we have to look ahead and plan ahead; it doesn't have to be the Cypress Dunes access, but there are options; the park will start to have a bit more pressure; we will have to have more access even if it is not necessarily the one proposed.
1		Navarro, Joizge	40 Courtyard Circle, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		In support of access; does not live in Cypress Dunes; been involved in many environmental fundraisings in support of the boardwalk; we all will benefit from access; it is not a VIP access point; it would have honor box and raised boardwalk; this will not hurt ecosystem like others have said; boardwalk trails help confine foot traffic and help surround areas; current access points will only have more pressure moving forward; make a determination in a pragmatic manner.
1		Geihlsler, Becky	279 Cypress Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Cypress Dunes	Access to the beach via the state park is longer than the proposed walkway; the tram system is not always convenient so people don't want to use the state park; another boardwalk would allow people to come to beach without inconvenience.
	1	Good, Liz	302 Hilltop Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		Agrees with the point that you have to earn access to a preserve; wants to maintain just the single access point; this would only benefit Cypress Dunes; it is unfair to public, but mostly unfair to wildlife; extra access would have security issues; not much left for wildlife.
	1	Murphy, Bob	42 Lydia Avenue, Santa Rosa Beach FL		Camped in what is not the state park in 1977; concern is about setting a precedent - how do you maintain both sides of the boardwalk; lives in Grayton Beach and finds people become a burden when you allow for more access; birds live here because people are not on it, so, of course, you would impact those communities; compliments DRP for preservation - so do it - compromise that and set a precedent; resist temptation of Walton County.
	1	Froeschner, Stacy	122 Sunset Avenue, Santa Rosa Beach, FL		Lifelong resident; has no problem with current access; does not support proposed boardwalks; the park is a preserve, please keep it that way; it is not hard to get into the park.

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POLL/VOTE MEETING/PUBLIC COMMENTS RESULTS

As of 1/11/2019, the tallies are as follows:

Public For: 152

Public Against: 2217

PM Speakers For: 14

PM Speakers Against: 21