

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

March 15, 2025

In support of the vehicular beach crossing application of Frankin W. Foster dated March 15, 2025, a copy of which has been submitted to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Division the following Written Description of the Project is submitted:

1. **Project Details:** The Applicant requests permission to create a vehicular crossing from its beach pavilion on Cumberland Island to the it beachfront on the Atlantic Ocean. All of the proposed beach crossing will be on the Applicant's fee simple property. A copy of the precise location with a current Jurisdictional Determination is part of the submitted Application. The crossing will not require any earth moving, grading, excavation, use of heavy equipment or alteration of the dune dynamic. The crossing will be created and maintained by traveling the proposed route in a four-wheel drive vehicle. In the course of the vehicle crossing(s) the dune a track will become established and there will be some minimal degradation of the vegetation. The proposed track as set out on the application follows the natural contour of the existing dunes and being somewhat meandering will limit any wind exposure/erosion that might occur. The crossing will remain private and for the sole non-commercial use of the Foster Family. The National Park Service will be granted access for emergency use. Per the survey in the Application the crossing will consist of 3,075 sq. feet, with .06 acre in the jurisdictional area, and .01 acre in the Shore Protection Act Jurisdiction Area. The access trail will be 10' wide, 300' lineal.
2. **Description of Alternatives:** The Applicant has no other legal way of accessing its beachfront property. All other beach access points on Cumberland Island are either controlled by the National Park Service or are privately owned.
3. **Landfill/Hazardous Waste Statement:** Inquiry with Camden County indicates there are no hazardous waste or landfills anywhere near the site.
4. **Public Interest Statement:** Attached to Application.

By: _____

Franklin W. Foster

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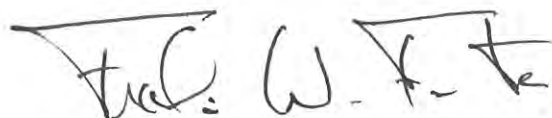
PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT

March 15, 2025

By: Franklin W. Foster regarding proposed beach crossing Cumberland Island

In support of the vehicular beach crossing application of Franklin W. Foster dated March 15, 2025, a copy of which has been submitted to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Division the following statement is provided by Franklin W. Foster:

1. The proposed vehicular beach crossing is for the private use of the Applicant and his family, (Foster Family). National Park Service personnel will be provided access through the route for emergency purposes. The crossing will not alter the dynamic dune field in any appreciable manner or noticeably alter the visual aspect of the dynamic dune field. The function of the sand sharing system will not be altered by the vehicular travel which will follow the contour of the existing dune system. In support of this statement, the existing dune crossings (5) on Cumberland Island have existed on Cumberland Island for over 100 years and demonstrate that the travel of vehicles through/over these crossing has minimal impact on the existing dune system, there is no instability in the dunes created by the passage of vehicles in a single track. The traffic on the proposed crossing would be further limited compared to the existing beach crossings as this will be a private beach crossing used seasonally. The proposed dune crossing does not cross any submerged lands.
2. The granting of the proposed application will not interfere with any conservation of marine life, wildlife or other resources as it does not require the moving of any sand, does not involve the addition of any materials, organic or nonorganic, and will be limited to the Applicant's seasonal use. The vehicle traffic will result in stunting of vegetative growth in the track but this will be *de minimis* and not unreasonable. There will be no physical removal of any vegetation in the course of establishing the crossing or in its maintenance.
3. The granting of a permit will not interfere with public access or use of the any public properties because the crossing is wholly on Applicant's private land and would be providing access to the Applicant's beach which is owned in fee simple to the low water mark of the Atlantic Ocean by the Applicant's family.



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Application for Dune Crossing
Franklin W. Foster - Cumberland Island, GA
June 5, 2024

Shore Protection Committee for the State of Georgia,

As trustee for my family's property located on Cumberland Island I hereby to submit the following application for a vehicle crossing of the coastal sand dune located on Cumberland Island, GA:

Description of Project

The applicant seeks permission to cross the front dune on the applicant's property to access the hard sand beach of the Atlantic Ocean. A copy of the surveyed route is attached. The route would connect the applicant's existing access road to its beach pavilion to the hard sand beach. The crossing would result in a minimal disturbance of the dune structure in order to allow a four-wheel drive vehicle to cross the frontal dune, a distance of 180 feet, approximately 1,440 sq feet.

The access would be for private non-commercial access. The adjacent landowner, the National Park Service, has expressed its support for this additional beach access route as it provides an alternate emergency vehicle access to the beach and is a precondition to the land exchange currently being negotiated between the Foster Family and the National Park Service.

Currently there are eight vehicle accessible dune crossings on Cumberland Island: High Point, South Cut, Duck House, Stafford, Little Greyfield, McFadden, Dungeness, South Point. The proposed dune crossing follows the historical beach access road for the Stafford residence. That crossing was abandoned in the 1950's.

The requested access route does not cross any land fill or hazardous waste location.

The requested access would result a very minimal disturbance of the dynamic dune field and be limited to the tire track area of the crossing. The existing vehicle dune crossings on Cumberland Island have resulted in the most limited alteration of the dynamic frontal dune.

The applicant is not able to use an alternative dune crossing to access its hard beach because the other available dune crossings are either private or owned by the National Park Service which is unable to guarantee access via its approved dune crossings.

The granting of the applicant's proposal would not in any way interfere with the public's use and enjoyment of the Cumberland Island National Seashore as the proposed access and the hard beach accessed by the applicant is solely owned by the applicant in fee simple.

The following has been attached in support of the application:

1. Deed-Trust Instrument and Gift Deed, Tax parcel 179 004, Camden Co.
2. Plat of proposed dune crossing
3. Plat of existing access to beach pavilion
4. Routine Application Fee, \$100
5. Executed Shore Protection Act Permit Application

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6. Historical map of original dune crossing route.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this application to:

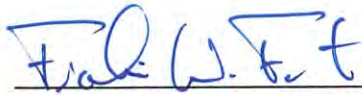
Franklin W. Foster

12501 Bonita Avenue

Reisterstown, MD 21136

Tel: 410-960-2956

Foster.whit@gmail.com



Franklin W. Foster, Trustee

June 5, 2024

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Byrnes, Elizabeth

From: Whit Foster <foster.whit@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 2:00 PM
To: Byrnes, Elizabeth
Subject: Re: Beach crossing application, Foster
Attachments: SPA20220016_SPA Permit #494.pdf

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Hi Beth,

You inquired how we planned to clear and maintain the pathway that is proposed in our application for a vehicular beach crossing on our land on Cumberland Island. We propose to clear the pathway using hand tools, if needed. We expect that a vehicle will be able to cross the dune on the proposed pathway without any disturbance of the vegetation or only minimal clearing of vegetation with hand tools. We understand any maintenance of the pathway would only be performed with low impact hand tools when needed. There will be no excavation or grading or removal of any trees four inches or larger. The proposed pathway will follow the shortest route over the lowest area of the dynamic dune field to the beach.

Referring to the plat prepared by Cumberland Surveyors you will see the proposed project footprint consists of 3,075 square feet of which 251 square feet are within shore protection jurisdiction area. The parcel on which the proposed beach crossing is proposed consists of 114 acres or 4,965,840 square feet.

If you have any further questions in the course of reviewing our application please feel free to call or email.

Thank you,
Franklin W. Foster
410-960-2956

> On Apr 28, 2025, at 1:53 PM, Byrnes, Elizabeth <elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov> wrote:

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> Good Afternoon Mr. Foster,

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> It was nice speaking with you just now regarding your SPA permit application. As discussed, please confirm how the pathway will be cleared for access and maintained if approved. For reference, I have attached a similar project to this email. Please note specifically the second paragraph on page 2 and the special conditions of the permit as reference. Then, please provide clarification on how your proposed pathway for beach access will be cleared and maintained.

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> Thank you,

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> Beth Byrnes

> Coastal Permit Coordinator

> Coastal Resources Division

> Mobile: 912-266-0277

> CRD Main Line: 912-264-7218

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From: [Whit Foster](#)
To: [Byrnes, Elizabeth](#)
Cc: [Melissa Trenchik](#)
Subject: Vehicle Crossing Application of Foster Family
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 4:07:24 PM

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Beth Byrnes
Coastal Permit Coordinator
Coastal Resources Division
One Conservation Way
Brunswick, GA 31520

Re: Vehicle Crossing Application of Foster Family

Dear Ms. Byrnes,

In support of the application for a private beach crossing permit on my family's property on Cumberland Island I wish to confirm that, if the application is granted, National Park Service personnel would be granted emergency vehicle access to the crossing. This access would be for National Park Service personnel only and would not provide for public access vehicular or otherwise.

The question of the availability of another existing vehicle access, the Stafford access point .7 mile to the south, was raised. Please understand that the Stafford access is not open to public vehicle access and that my family, as Island residents and landowners, use that access point at the pleasure of the National Park Service. Furthermore it should be noted that the Stafford access point is unusable at times of heavy rainfall accumulation. During the hurricane season the Stafford crossing can be unusable for weeks at time. The proposed routing of the Foster access is such that it is expected to be passable even in times of heavy rainfall accumulation.

Finally please be aware that the National Park Service cannot, as a matter of Federal law and internal policy, comment on the Foster application.

Should any further questions arise please call or email.

Sincerely,
Whit Foster
410-960-2956

From: [Whit Foster](#)
To: [Byrnes, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Fwd: Dungeness and Little Greyfield Beach Crossings Closed
Date: Friday, September 5, 2025 7:41:06 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)
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[W22 10.D CUIS 9-4-25 Closure Notice 25-010 Beach Crossings Vehicular Traffic closure due to water memo.pdf](#)

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Morning Elizabeth

As you can see from this email access to beach on Cumberland becomes a problem with storms.

We anticipate the pending Foster beach crossing will not be as prone to flooding as the Stafford Beach crossing and crossings further south.

Interestingly the proposed beach crossing is the original Stafford beach crossing established in 1900. You can still see the allay of oak trees on a portion of the route. Folks were in touch with the land in the old days.

All the best,

Whit

Begin forwarded message:

From: "CUIS Superintendent, NPS" <CUIS_Superintendent@nps.gov>
Date: September 4, 2025 at 4:05:07 PM EDT
To: Undisclosed recipients;;
Subject: Dungeness and Little Greyfield Beach Crossings Closed

Hello Residents

Recent storms have led to flooding of most southern beach access points on Cumberland Island. For safety and resource protection, the Dungeness and Little Greyfield Beach crossings have been closed to vehicular traffic. Pedestrian traffic is still allowed at all crossings including Sea Camp and Stafford Beach but be aware of high-water levels. Please use caution when accessing these crossings and always stay on designated roads or trails. See attached closure notice and pictures below. We will continue to monitor the crossings and advise you of any changes.

Sea Camp Crossing



Little Greyfield Beach Crossing



Dungeness Beach Crossing



Melissa Trenchik
Superintendent
Cumberland Island National Seashore
Fort Frederica National Monument
101 Wheeler Street
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912-597-2749 Office

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Cumberland Island National Seashore
101 Wheeler Street
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

10.D (W22 CUIS)

Closure Order #25-010

September 4, 2025

Closures, restrictions and public use limits:

Closure Order – Dungeness Beach Crossing and Little Greyfield Beach Crossing are Closed to Vehicular Traffic: Under the authority provided to the Superintendent in 36 CFR 1.5, the Dungeness Beach Crossing and Little Greyfield Beach Crossing of Cumberland Island National Seashore (CUIS) are closed to vehicular traffic due to high water, effective Thursday, September 4, 2025 starting at 1100 hours, until further notice.

Authority: 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1)

Notice: This administrative order applies to all individuals subject to the regulatory authority of the National Park Service (NPS) within the boundaries of CUIS, including park visitors, concession employees, park residents and stakeholders, except as follows: government employees and Camden County Sheriff for work and assessment.

Finding: The NPS issues this administrative order for the purposes of maintaining protection of natural resources, and public health and safety due to high water.

This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice. The effectiveness of this order will be assessed on an ongoing basis and will be modified or removed when conditions warrant.

Approval:


Melissa R. Trenchik, Superintendent

9/4/2025

Date

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Whit Foster
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Tax Parcel 179 004

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in response to your zoning inquiry for Tax Parcel 179 004 in unincorporated Camden County. The property is currently zoned CP (Conservation Preservation). The zoning specifications, including a list of permitted uses can be found in Article 2 of the Camden County Unified Development Code <http://www.co.camden.ga.us/760/Organization-of-the-Code> . The proposed vehicular crossing does not violate any zoning laws.

If I can assist in any other way please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joey Jacobacci".

Joey Jacobacci
Director of Planning & Development
Camden County Board of Commissioners
Office: 912-510-4310
www.co.camden.ga.us

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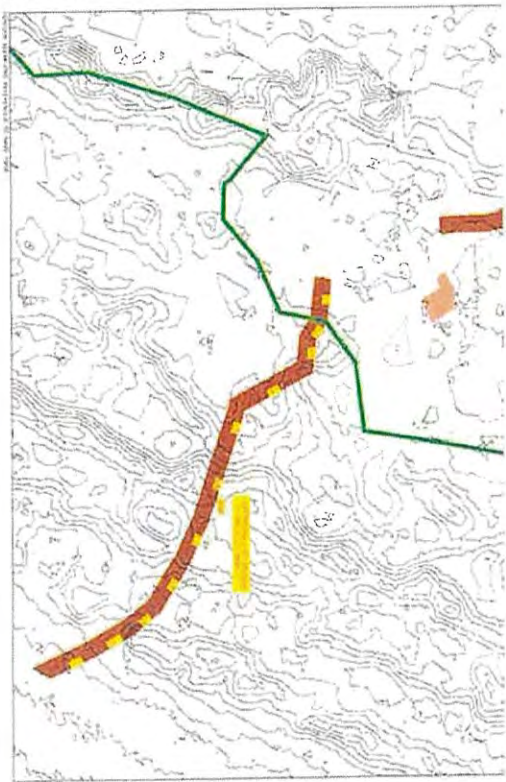
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Commissioner, District 5

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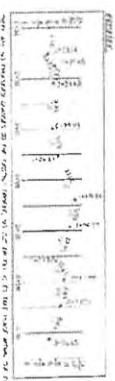
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PRIORITY CLAIMANT JOHN C. P.
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FIGURE 1: AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF PROPOSED ROAD ALIGNMENT THROUGH WOODED AREA.

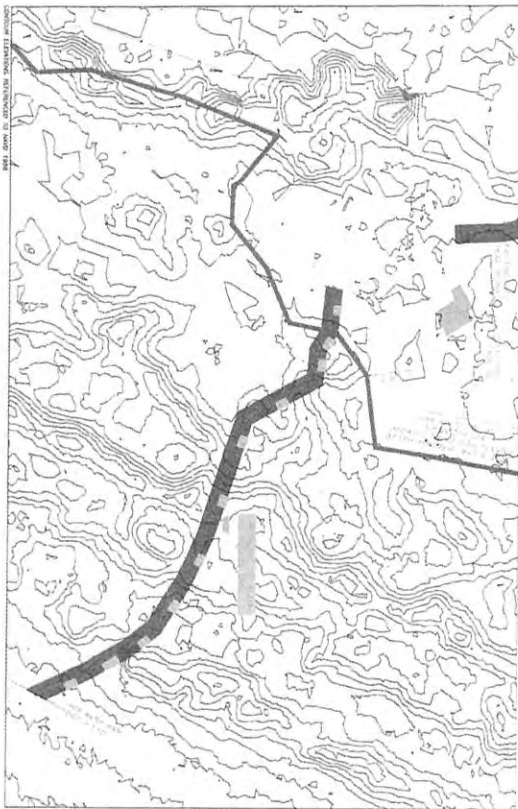


FIGURE 2: TOPOGRAPHIC MAP OF PROPOSED ROAD ALIGNMENT.

APPENDIX A

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LINE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	1/1/2020	Initial Survey
2	2/1/2020	Design Phase
3	3/1/2020	Construction Phase
4	4/1/2020	Final Inspection



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DIRECTOR

February 10, 2025

Franklin W. Foster
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Reisterstown, MD 21136

**RE: Shore Protection Act (SPA), Jurisdiction Determination ReVerification, A
Portion of the Foster Property, Cumberland Island, Camden County, Georgia**

Dear Mr. Foster:

Our office has received the survey plat dated September 14, 2022, prepared by Cumberland Land Surveyors, No. 3251 entitled "*Site Plan for Franklin W. Foster Tax Parcel No. 179 004, 29th G.M.D., Cumberland Island, Camden County, Georgia*" prepared for Franklin W. Foster. This plat and survey generally depicts the Jurisdiction Line under the authority of the Shore Protection Act O.C.G.A. 12-5-230 et seq. as verified by the Department on January 28, 2025.

The Shore Protection Act O.C.G.A. 12-5-230 et seq. delineation of this parcel is subject to change due to environmental conditions and legislative enactments. This jurisdiction line is valid for one year from date of the delineation. It will normally expire on January 28, 2026 but may be voided should legal and/or environmental conditions change.

This letter does not relieve you of the responsibility of obtaining other state, local, or federal permission relative to the site. Authorization by the Shore Protection Committee or the Department is required prior to any construction or alteration in the shore jurisdictional area. We appreciate you providing us with this information for our records. If you have any question, please contact me at (912) 264-7218.

Sincerely,

Beth Byrnes
Coastal Permit Coordinator
Marsh and Shore Management Program

Enclosure: *Site Plan for Franklin W. Foster Tax Parcel No. 179 004, 29th G.M.D.,
Cumberland Island, Camden County, Georgia*

Filename: SPA20240007

Cc: Eric Taylor, Cumberland Land Surveyors

