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FONSI issued for managing vistas within Carolina Northern Flying Squirrel habitat Along the Blue Ridge Parkway

(Asheville) The National Park Service, Southeast Regional Director has approved the *Finding of No Significant Impact* (FONSI) for *Vista Management within Carolina Northern Flying Squirrel (CNFS) Habitat*. This document records the decision of the National Park Service to provide a long-term management strategy that will best protect and preserve the endangered CNFS while providing for an enjoyable visitor experience of traveling the Blue Ridge Parkway, as described under Alternative C in the *Vista Management within Carolina Northern Flying Squirrel (CNFS) Habitat Environmental Assessment*.

The National Park Service has determined that the proposed project will not significantly affect the human environment within the project area; therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

The recently approved EA and FONSI are available by visiting the National Park Service's planning website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsList.cfm?parkID=355&projectId=11396>. These documents have also been posted on the Parkway's website: <http://www.nps.gov/blri/parkmgmt/planning.htm>. Click on the FONSI link. A limited number of printed copies are available at Parkway headquarters, located at Milepost 384, just north of US 74A.

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