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FONSI Issued for Guardrail Replacement and Installation

(Asheville, NC) The National Park Service (NPS) Southeast Regional Director has approved the *Finding of No Significant Impact* (FONSI) for *Guardrail Replacement and Installation*. This document records the decision of the National Park Service to provide a consistent, comprehensive, and adaptive approach to maintain roadside safety while protecting, to the maximum extent possible, the Blue Ridge Parkway's significant historical and environmental resources, as described under Alternative B in the *Guardrail Replacement and Installation Programmatic Environmental Assessment* (EA).

The NPS 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 NPS planning website at: <u>http://parkplanning.nps.gov/BLRIGuardrail</u>. These documents have also been posted on the Parkway's website: <u>http://www.nps.gov/blri/parkmgmt/planning.htm</u>. A limited number of printed copies are available at Parkway headquarters, located at Milepost 384, just north of US Highway74-A.

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