

along the north boundary (power line) road of the East Cactus Plain Wilderness Area to Parker-Swansea Road. The course turns west into Osborne Wash crossing the CAP Canal, along the north boundary of the Cactus Plain Wilderness Study Area; it continues west staying in Osborne Wash and crossing Shea Road along the southern boundary of Gibraltar Wilderness, rejoining Osborne Wash at the CRIT Reservation boundary.

**Closure Restrictions:** The following acts are prohibited during the temporary land closures:

1. Being present on, or driving on, the designated race course or the adjacent lands described above. Spectators must stay within the designated spectator areas. The spectator areas have protective fencing and barriers. This does not apply to race participants, race officials, nor emergency vehicles authorized or operated by local, State, or Federal government agencies. Emergency medical response shall only be conducted by personnel and vehicles operating under the guidance of the La Paz County Emergency Medical Services and Fire, the Arizona Department of Public Safety, or the Bureau of Land Management.

2. Vehicle parking or stopping in areas affected by the closures, except where such is specifically allowed (designated spectator areas).

3. Camping in the closed area described above, except in the designated spectator areas.

4. Discharge of firearms.

5. Possession or use of any fireworks.

6. Cutting or collecting firewood of any kind, including dead and down wood or other vegetative material.

7. Operating any vehicle (except registered race vehicles), including off-highway vehicles, not registered and equipped for street and highway operation.

8. Operating any vehicle in the area of the closure or on roads within the event area at a speed of more than 35 mph. This does not apply to registered race vehicles during the race, while on the designated race course.

9. Failure to obey any official sign posted by the BLM, La Paz County, or the race promoter.

10. Parking any vehicle in a manner that obstructs or impedes normal traffic movement.

11. Failure to obey any person authorized to direct traffic or control access to event area including law enforcement officers, BLM officials, and designated race officials.

12. Failure to observe Spectator Area quiet hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

13. Failure to keep campsite or race viewing site free of trash and litter.

14. Allowing any pet or other animal to be unrestrained. All pets must be restrained by a leash of not more than 6 feet in length.

**Exceptions to Closure:** The restrictions do not apply to emergency or law enforcement vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Arizona, or La Paz County, and designated race officials, participants, pit crews, or persons operating on their behalf. Persons who violate these closure orders are subject to arrest and may be taken before a United States Magistrate and upon conviction, may be fined not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### Final Environmental Impact Statement for General Management Plan, Blue Ridge Parkway, Virginia and North Carolina

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the General Management Plan (GMP) for Blue Ridge Parkway (parkway). Consistent with NPS laws, regulations, and policies and the purpose of the parkway, the FEIS/GMP will guide the management of the parkway over the next 20+ years.

**DATES:** The NPS will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication of the Environmental Protection Agency of its Notice of Availability of the FEIS/GMP in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic copies of the FEIS/GMP will be available online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/BLRI>. To request a copy, contact Superintendent Phil Francis, Blue Ridge Parkway, 199 Hemphill Knob Road, Asheville, NC 28803.

A limited number of compact disks and printed copies of the FEIS/GMP

will be made available at Blue Ridge Parkway Headquarters, 199 Hemphill Knob Road, Asheville, NC 28803.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Superintendent Phil Francis, Blue Ridge Parkway, 199 Hemphill Knob Road, Asheville, NC 28803; telephone (828) 271-4779.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS/GMP responds to, and incorporates, agency and public comments received on the draft plan/EIS, which was available for public review from October 7, 2011, through December 16, 2011. Four public meetings were held from November 2, 2011, through November 10, 2011, to gather input on the draft plan/EIS. There were 3,360 pieces of correspondence received during the public review period. The NPS responses to substantive agency and public comments are provided in Chapter 5, Consultation and Coordination section, of the FEIS/GMP.

The FEIS/GMP evaluates three alternatives for managing use and development of the parkway. The NPS preferred alternative is Alternative B, which emphasizes the original parkway design and traditional driving experience, while enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities and regional natural resource connectivity, and providing modest improvements to visitor services. In essence, it seeks to reinvest in the parkway's aging infrastructure, update inadequate visitor services and facilities and protect a natural environment that is only surpassed in biological diversity by two other units in the national park system. When approved, the plan will guide the management of the parkway over the next 20+ years.

The responsible official for this FEIS/GMP is the Regional Director, NPS Southeast Region, 100 Alabama Street SW., 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

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