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## Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect Resurface Public Roads and Parking Lots

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## **SUMMARY**

Prince William Forest Park of the National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing to improve visitor experience and park operations by addressing deficient transportation related facilities within Prince William Forest Park, including access roads and parking facilities. These roads and parking lots provide visitor access to hiking and biking trails, picnic areas, the Visitor Center, and several other Park amenities. These improvements to the Park's transportation facilities are needed because the deterioration of the interior roadways and lack of adequate parking has created public safety concerns and diminished overall visitor enjoyment; and because the existing road signage, guardrails and culverts have been determined to be insufficient.

This Environmental Assessment (EA)/Assessment of Effect (AE) analyzed an action alternative (the preferred alternative) and the no action alternative and their impacts on the environment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The action alternative includes the resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation of Park roadways and parking lots, replacement of signs, guardrails and culverts, reconditioning of stone and asphalt paved waterways, along with the possible expansion of parking lots D and E and the reconfiguration of the Scenic Drive Intersection at mile marker two.

Impacts of the proposed alternatives were assessed in accordance with NEPA and the NPS's Director's Order 12: *Conservation Planning, Environmental Impact Analysis, and Decision-making*, which requires that impacts to park resources be analyzed in terms of their context, duration, and intensity. Several impact topics have been dismissed from further analysis because the proposed action alternatives would result in negligible to no effects to those resources. No major effects are anticipated as a result of this project.

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