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## Prince William Forest Park **News Release**

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### **Visitor fees help purchase new and improved waterline for park**

After 5 years of planning and public involvement, Prince William Forest Park, a unit of the national park system, began (will begin) construction on a new waterline on (date) that (will) replace(s) the park's current water transfer system, which was originally installed in the 1930's. This five million dollar Waterline Project is funded by the entrance fees that visitors pay for recreational usage of the park. The National Park Service has evaluated the impacts of the project and has determined that it will not result in any significant permanent environmental impact to the natural or cultural resources of Prince William Forest Park or the surrounding area.

Upon the completion of the waterline project in (date), 12 miles of pipes will connect Prince William County's water transfer system to the visitor facilities located in Prince William Forest Park. The National Park Service and its contractors, WC Spratt, will use existing roads and utility right- of- ways to minimize the impact of the waterline installation on the natural and cultural resources of the area. Currently, only the park's historic Cabin Camps 1 and 4, and the concessionaire-run Travel Trailer Village are served by public water and sewer. All other park facilities rely on wells and springs for domestic water, resulting in a system that was easily susceptible to fluctuations in capacity for use by park visitors and staff and necessitating constant monitoring for public health hazards such as releases of bacteria from septic systems and pollution from a variety of ground and surface water sources.

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In addition to enhancing public health in the park, the proposed project would add a fire hydrant nearby each cabin camp and park operations building. This infrastructure would add greatly to safety for park staff and visitors and add a major measure of protection to the cultural resources of the park. Current fire-fighting capabilities at the historic structures in the park are limited by water availability and line pressure.

The main entrance to Prince William Forest Park is located on Joplin Road (Road 619), just west of Interstate 95 at Exit 150. For more information about the Waterline Project or Prince William Forest Park in general, call the visitor center at 703-221-7181 or visit the park's website [www.nps.gov/prwi](http://www.nps.gov/prwi).

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