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16 U.S.C. § 460a-3: Licenses or permits to owners of adjacent lands

In the administration of the Blue Ridge Parkway, the [Secretary of the Interior may issue] Secretary of the Interior—

(1) may issue revocable licenses or permits for rights-of-way over, across, and upon parkway lands, or for the use of parkway lands by the owners or lessees of adjacent lands, for such purposes and under such nondiscriminatory terms, regulations, and conditions as he may determine to be not inconsistent with the use of such lands for parkway purposes[.]; and

(2) shall issue the right-of-way generally depicted as ‘Proposed Egress’ on the map entitled ‘Blue Ridge Parkway, Proposed Wintergreen Emergency Egress Near Milepost 9.6’, numbered 601/194,694, and dated September 2024, if the Secretary certifies that—

(A) an evaluation has been completed of alternatives to the right-of-way for egress that do not cross Federal land that includes evaluating whether existing trails can be converted to roads;

(B) an analysis of expected fire ecology behavior in the event of a fire emergency has been completed with respect to the right-of-way; and

(C) any required reviews with respect to the right-of-way have been completed in accordance with—

(i) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); and

(ii) division A of subtitle III of title 54, United States Code.