



**GREAT FALLS PARK**  
**GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY**  
Renewal of Existing Wireless Telecommunications Facility

Fairfax County, Virginia

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**

February 24, 2006

Pursuant to delegations of authority under Section 6(B) of Guidelines and Submission Requirements for Antennas on Federal Property, as approved by the Commission on January 7, 1988 and amended on August 2, 2001, I find that the renewal of the preliminary and final building plans for the existing Verizon Wireless telecommunications facility adjacent to the Ridge Trail in Great Falls Park, which is part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Fairfax County, Virginia would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, nor would it have an adverse impact on any federal interests. Approval of the renewal will be for a period not to exceed five years.

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The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking renewal of the Verizon's Wireless Telecommunications Facility (WTF) located adjacent to the Ridge Trail in Great Falls Park, which is part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Fairfax County, Virginia. The Commission previously reviewed and approved final site and building plans on November 2, 2000 for a period of five years. The existing installation includes a monopole that matches the height of adjacent trees and is designed to resemble an evergreen tree, with nine Verizon Wireless antennas, one NPS antenna, and an equipment shelter.

NPS states that all of the conditions of the original approval have been, and continue to be, satisfied and technological advances, as this time, have not provided a better alternative to the use of a WTF monopole and shelter. NPS notes that the existing installation remains structurally sound and is in good working order. Verizon Wireless has certified that the existing installation

is in compliance with the Federal Communication Commission's RF radiation guidelines and applicable health and safety regulations adopted by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Staff has determined that the renewal would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, and would not have an adverse impact on any federal interests

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