



North Carolina Native Plant Society

Promoting the enjoyment and conservation of North Carolina's native plants and their habitats through education, protection, propagation, and advocacy since 1951

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Dear:

The North Carolina Native Plant Society opposes the North Shore Road through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

We understand the need to discharge and satisfy any obligations on the part of the United States that presently exist as the result of the Memorandum of Agreement of October 8, 1943, between the U.S. DOI; TVA; Swain County, North Carolina; and the state of North Carolina. But it is also evident that our natural resources are disappearing and we must not allow projects to proceed that have this much impact with so little benefit. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement shows numerous negative impacts to vegetation, terrestrial wildlife, wetlands, aquatic life, air quality and archeological and historical resources. The National Park Service has acknowledged that the highway would serve no transportation need. The Commissioners of Swain County have opted for the cash settlement in lieu of any further construction.

We ask that you stop any construction on this project and support the monetary settlement to Swain County.

Respectfully,

Alice Zawadzki
President