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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
George Washington Memorial Parkway
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Record of Determination

Record of Determination for a temporary reduction in the speed limit on the north section of the George Washington Memorial Parkway northbound from the entrance to Turkey Run Park to the end of the construction zone located prior to Dead Run.

On May 17, 2019, the George Washington Memorial Parkway, National Park Service, will issue a Record of Determination to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph on the northbound direction of the north section of the road from Turkey Run Park to the end of the construction zone located prior to Dead Run. The reduced speed limit will remain in place until construction on the road in that area is complete. The speed limit reduction is necessary due to a lane closure caused by a sinkhole located in the right lane of the road in the area. This closure has resulted in traffic backups and the need for cars to merge into the left lane prior to where the right lane is closed. Reducing the speed limit will allow for drivers to better react to the traffic backup and have more time to merge into the left lane without mishap.

Less restrictive measures are not effective in getting drivers to be more cautious in this construction zone. This temporary speed reduction will remain in place until all construction activities have been completed at the sinkhole site. This temporary speed reduction is not of a nature, magnitude and duration that will result in a "significant alteration in the public use pattern." Indeed, cars will still be able to travel through the affected area. This speed reduction will not adversely affect the park's natural, aesthetic or cultural values; nor require significant modification to the resource management objectives; nor is it of a highly controversial nature. Accordingly, the National Park Service determines publication as rulemaking in the Federal Register is unwarranted under 36 CFR section 1.5(c).

Pursuant to 36 CFR section 1.7, notice of this temporary speed limit reduction will be made through a media advisory and an alert on the park webpage. Finally, pursuant to 36 CFR 1.5(c), this determination is available to the public upon request.

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Date