

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD**

**Title:** Superintendent's Compendium

**Date of Approval:** 12/15/15

**Approved:** Susan Trail  
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Park Superintendent

**Revision Requirement:** Annually {36CFR 1.7 (b)}

**Purpose:**

Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 1, *Parks, Forest and Public Property*, has been established to provide for the proper use, management, government, and protection of persons, property, and natural and cultural resources under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service (NPS). {36CFR 1.1(a)}

Regulations within 36 CFR will be utilized to fulfill the statutory purposes of units of the National Park System: to conserve scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife, and to provide for the enjoyment of these resources in a manner that will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. {36CFR 1.1 (b)}

Within 36 CFR a Park Superintendent has the discretionary authority to establish regulations that are more restrictive than a given regulation in certain instances. The Superintendent is required to compile in writing all the designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions imposed under discretionary authority. {36 CFR 1.7 (b)}

Written determinations, which explain the reason behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

All designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions are addressed in parts I - III below under the appropriate section number and heading where they are applicable. Violations of compendium restrictions are violations of Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations and subject to penalties as stated in 36 CFR 1.3, *Penalties*.

**Public Notice and Information**

All designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions in this compendium will be made available to the public by at least one other method of notification. Methods may include maps, signs, and publication in newspapers, handouts, and other appropriate media. {36 CFR 1.7 (a)}

Title 36 CFR and the Superintendent's Compendium are available for review on the park website [www.nps.gov/anti](http://www.nps.gov/anti), the Superintendent's office, Chief Ranger's Office, Visitor Center information desk or through a request to a park ranger. Additional information or permit applications may be requested by writing or calling:

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**I. Superintendent's Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and Restrictions**

**SECTION 1.5 VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

- (a)(1) The following visitor hours and public use limits are established for all or for listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity.

Visitor Hours: The Visitor Center is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily. The Visitor Center is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

All park areas including buildings, roads, and other public use facilities and areas are closed during night-time hours, (20 minutes past sunset until sunrise), except to those groups holding valid camping permits, special use permits, or volunteer event agreements. During closure periods, campers may occupy only the area designated in their permit, and are not to travel by foot, vehicle, horse, or other method beyond permit designation. This includes all interpretive living history programs, which are limited also to shelter and restroom facilities. Local residents may use the following roads to access their residences: Dunker Church Road, Mansfield Avenue, and Cornfield Avenue.

*The closures are necessary for public safety and to protect the park's cultural, historical, and natural resources from damage, vandalism, and destruction during times when there are limited personnel on duty.*

Public Use Limits: The following public use limits have been established:

- Horseback riding along the shoulders of park tour roads is limited to groups of 10 or less.

*Due to current tour road and shoulder width it is necessary to limit group sizes to*

*prevent visitor use conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians using the tour road*

Closures: The following areas are closed to the public:

- Fields planted in crops
- Resource monitoring plots

*Due to the inherent damage and destruction caused to crops, seedlings, and plants from visitor traffic through these areas, it is necessary to close them in order to protect the resources.*

- Fields used for grazing

*For public safety it is necessary to close the fields to prevent visitor injuries from farm animals.*

- Historic structures, barns, sheds, and outbuildings without the permission of the superintendent or an authorized representative.

*Many of the historic structures located throughout the park are structurally unstable and the closure is necessary to protect park visitors from injury. Additionally, some of the structures are under permit to local farmers and contain personally owned farm equipment and there is a need to protect their property from damage, theft, and vandalism.*

**Recreational activities** such as kite flying, ball playing, sunbathing, rocket flying, sledding, and Frisbee playing are prohibited; except in the designated "Recreation Area" in the Rohrbach Campground.

*Due to the significant historical events which took place on the battlefield, it was determined in the 1992 General Management Plan that recreational activities are inconsistent with the purpose for which it was established and are to be managed.*

**Unmanned Aircraft:** Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands or waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Antietam National Battlefield is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

Definition: the term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g. model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

*This closure is necessary to maintain public safety, protect the park's wildlife, and to preserve the cultural resources of the park. Due to the significant historical events which took place on the battlefield, any less restrictive measures would interfere with visitors' opportunity to understand the significance of the park and would be inconsistent with the purpose for which the park was established and is to be managed.*

**Picnicking:** The following areas are closed to picnicking:

- National Cemetery,
- Mumma Cemetery,
- Observation Tower and
- Dunker Church.
- Burnside Bridge
- Park monuments

*Due to the historic nature of these areas and in accordance with NPS Management Policies, it has been determined that picnicking activities would be inconsistent with the purpose for which these areas were established and are to be managed.*

**Food and beverages** are prohibited in the Visitor Center lobby, theatre, and museum.

*The Visitor Center contains historic artifacts and paintings and it has been determined that damage from spilled food and beverages pose an unacceptable risk to the resources and visitor satisfaction with the facility.*

**Alcoholic Beverages** are prohibited in the Rohrbach Campground.

*The Rohrbach Campground is primarily used by scout groups and other youth groups and it has been determined that alcohol use in the area is inconsistent with the purpose for which the area was established.*

**Launching, docking, or removing boats** from the water of Antietam Creek within 500 feet of the historic Burnside Bridge is prohibited.

*The Burnside Bridge serves as a historical landmark at Antietam National Battlefield and is susceptible to damage from soil erosion. It has been determined that the damage caused to the vegetation along the Antietam Creek shoreline caused by the dragging of boats through the area would put the resource at risk and would be an intrusion on the historic setting of this area.*

**Swimming** within 500 feet of the historic Burnside Bridge is prohibited.

*The Burnside Bridge serves as a historical landmark at Antietam National Battlefield and is susceptible to damage from soil erosion. It has been determined that the damage caused to the vegetation along the Antietam Creek shoreline caused by people entering and leaving the creek would put the resource at risk and would be an intrusion on the*

*historic setting of this area.*

**Fishing** is prohibited from any portion of or within 500 feet of the Burnside Bridge.

*The Burnside Bridge is a heavily visited area of the park and in order to prevent injuries associated with the casting of hooks and weights it has been determined necessary to close the area to the activity for public safety. Additionally, the Burnside Bridge serves as a historical landmark at Antietam National Battlefield and fishing activities would be an intrusion on the historic setting of this area.*

**Pets** are prohibited within the Fulk House.

*The Fulk House is used as group housing for volunteer and seasonal employees and in order to protect employees who may have allergies or related medical conditions triggered by exposure to pets and to protect furnishings it has been determined necessary to close the area to pets.*

Electric powered mobility assistance devices (e.g. electric scooters, wheelchairs, Segway devices) for the purpose of transporting persons with disabilities are permitted on park walkways and trails. [References: December 14, 2006 Memo From Director Bomar on *Use of Segways by Persons with Disabilities in the National Park System*. January 9, 2007

(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:

#### Camping

- The Rohrbach Campground is available to scouts and other groups for camping by reservation from March 1 – November 30.

#### Horseback Riding

- Horseback riding in groups of 10 or less is permitted on the shoulders of park tour roads, on the Final Attack Trail, and the Snavely's Ford Trail.

#### Skating, skateboarding, and other similar activities

- Skateboarding and skating are permitted along the park tour roads but not in parking areas.

## **II. 36 CFR SECTION 1.6 ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE PERMITS**

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required.

- 1.5 (d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:
  - Horseback riding in groups of 11 or more.

- 2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife)
- 2.10(a) Camping
- 2.12 Audio Disturbances
  - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
  - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued in pursuant to section 2.50 or 2.51
- 2.17 Aircraft and Air Delivery
  - (c)(1) removal of a downed aircraft
- 2.38 Explosives
  - (b) Use or possess fireworks
- 2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
- 2.51(b) public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other expressions of views by groups of over 25 persons
- 2.52(b) Sale or distribution of printed material that is not solely commercial advertising by groups of over 25 persons
- 2.60(b) Livestock use
- 2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- 2.62 Memorialization
  - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation
- 4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
- 5.1 Advertisements- (Display, posting or distribution)
- 5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States or must be pursuant to special regulations)
- 5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming
  - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television

- (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising
- 5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available)
- 5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.

### III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### SECTION 2.1 PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL, AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following area:
  - Rohrbach Campground
- (c) The following plant fruits, nuts and berries may be gathered in the amounts established for personal use or consumption:

<u>(1) Fruit/Nut/Berry</u>	<u>(2)(i) Daily/Person Limit</u>
Walnuts	1 Bushel
Hickory Nuts	1 Bushel
Acorns (Oak Species)	1 Bushel
Paw Paws	1 Bushel
Blackberries	1/2 Gallon
Raspberries	1/2 Gallon
Wineberries	1 Gallon
Mushroom (Morels)	1 Gallon

#### SECTION 2.2 WILDLIFE PROTECTION

- (d) The transportation of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:
  - Area residents may only use Dunker Church Road, Mansfield Avenue, Cornfield Avenue and Smoketown Road for the purpose of transporting legally taken wildlife to and from their residences.
  - Vehicles may not use pullouts and parking areas within the park while transporting legally taken wildlife.

#### SECTION 2.10 CAMPING

(a) Camping or overnight use by organized groups is permitted at the Rohrbach Campground under the following conditions

- Groups staying in the Rohrbach Campground must pay the applicable camping fee. Camping reservations can be made at the following web site:  
[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)
- All other overnight use of the battlefield will be limited to Volunteers-in-the-Parks engaged in NPS Living History activities, by the issuance of a *Special Use Permit* by the Park Superintendent, or as covered by the Cooperative Agreement with the National Museum of Civil War Medicine at the Pry Farm.

#### SECTION 2.11 PICNICKING

Certain areas have been closed to picnicking and are listed in section 1.5(a)(1) "Closures"

#### SECTION 2.13 FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as noted in the following designated areas and under the conditions noted:

##### Designated Areas

- Fires are prohibited in all areas of Antietam National Battlefield except the Rohrbach Campground and areas approved by the Park Superintendent for use by Volunteers-in-the-Parks living history organizations.

##### Receptacles Allowed

- Fires are restricted to existing fire rings in the campground.

#### SECTION 2.15 PETS

(a) (1) The following housing structure is closed to the possession of pets:

- Fulk House

(a)(5) Pet excrement, which includes horse excrement, shall be removed immediately by the animal owner/handler on walkways, trails, and visitor tour stops. Excrement shall be disposed of in proper trash receptacles.

#### SECTION 2.16 HORSES

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:

- Shoulders of park tour roads
- Snaveley's Ford Trail
- Final Attack Trail

(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- Riders are limited to groups of 10 horses or less
- Riders are limited for safety to two horses abreast on tour road shoulders and single file on the Snavely's Ford Trail.
- All riders and/or drivers shall obey traffic laws in accordance with Maryland State Law.
- The jumping of stone walls and fences or riding faster than a trot is prohibited.
- Horse trailers are not to be parked in the Visitor Center parking lot. They are to be parked in the grassy area on the west side of Dunker Church Road, south of the Dunker Church. Horse trailers may also be parked in the grassy area in the Burnside Bridge overflow parking area located near the trailhead for the Snavely's Ford and Final Attack Trail's.
- The area where horse trailers are parked as well as any areas where horses have been tethered for any length of time must be clear of debris.
- Horses are not to be left unattended.
- Riders are responsible for the removal of horse manure from roadways, walkways, and visitor tour stops prior to leaving the park.

#### SECTION 2.20 SKATING, SKATEBOARDS AND SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, skateboards, rollerblades, in-line skates, or similar devices is permitted on the tour roads. Use of these devices is prohibited on sidewalks, monuments, parking areas, and inside structures.

#### SECTION 2.21 SMOKING

(a) Smoking is prohibited in all park structures and during black powder demonstrations.

#### SECTION 2.23 RECREATION FEES

(b) In accordance with 36CFR part 71, the following entrance fees have been established for Antietam National Battlefield:

Individual Entrance Fee (ages 16 and over) \$5.00

Vehicle Entrance Fee \$10.00. (Includes all individuals arriving in a single vehicle)

Motorcycle Entrance Fee \$7.00

Annual Park Pass \$30.00

Entrance fees are collected at the Visitor Center from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

#### SECTION 2.51 PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS

(c) Public assemblies and First Amendment activities in designated areas may be conducted by groups of more than 25 persons provided a *Special Use Permit* has been issued; or by groups of 25 persons or less provided the conditions of Section 2.51(b)(1) are met. The locations in Antietam National Battlefield designated as available for these activities are:

- The area west of the Visitor Center known as the “Pit” parking area west of Dunker Church Road and South of the Dunker Church as shown on Appendix I map
- The area of the Mumma Farm (excluding structures) shown on Appendix II map
- The area of the Burnside Bridge overflow parking area south of the McKinley Monument and east of the Snavely’s Ford Trail shown on Appendix III map.

Additionally, individual applications will be evaluated to determine if any of the restrictions in 36CFR 2.51 (c)(1)(i-vi) are applicable.

#### SECTION 4.21 SPEED LIMITS

(a) The following speed limits have been established by the Superintendent for the roads indicated to provide for the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and horseback riders:

- Dunker Church Road, 35mph
- Mansfield Avenue, 25mph
- Cornfield Avenue, 25mph
- Mumma Farm Lane, 25mph
- Richardson Avenue, 25mph
- Rodman Avenue, 25mph
- Branch Avenue, 25mph
- Old Burnside Bridge Road, 25mph
- Pry Farm Access Lane, 15mph



# Designated 1st Amendment Area Visitor Center Area

## Appendix I

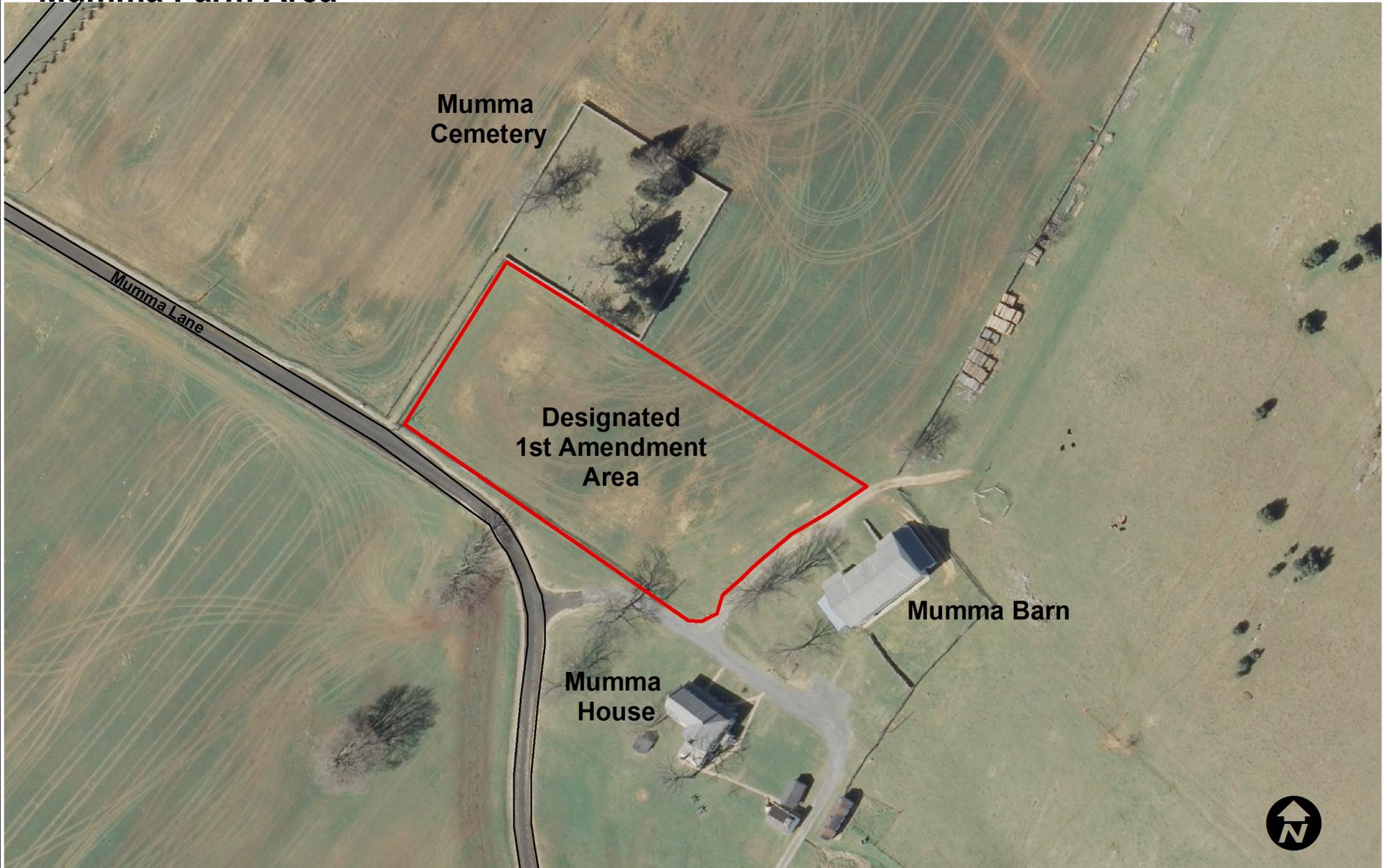


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# Designated 1st Amendment Area Mumma Farm Area

## Appendix II

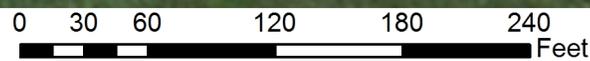


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# Designated 1st Amendment Area Burnside Bridge

## Appendix III



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