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## 1 Recce Speed Limit

It is important to clarify the technical nature of the Overmountain Rally roads. Competitors will encounter tight switchbacks, punchy climbs, blind crests, steep downhills and large drop offs. The road character will not allow the same recce practices of other events.

The recce speed limit has been set in accordance with local legal speed limits. The addition of new stages in Newport requires consideration of county gravel speed limits as well as the new forest service road speed limits. **Competitors are reminded that per ARA RCR 1.2.1.e, the organizer specified speeds are listed in Supplemental Regulations 12.3.**

Keeping the bigger picture in mind, the recce speed emphasizes the safety of both competitors and community on these challenging roads.

To assist crews with planning recce, we are providing a list of roads and speed limits:

- FSR 96, which is part of the Wasp stage, has a posted speed limit of 15 mph.
- All other stages in Leg 1 have an unposted county speed limit of 20mph.
- Jacob's Creek and McQueen Gap stages (Leg 2) have an unposted Forest Service speed limit of 20mph.
- The Hellbender stage legal speed limit is higher, resulting in a 25mph recce speed limit. Please note that only the beginning of the stage (~8.1 miles) is characteristically faster; the remainder of the stage is slow and technical gravel.

Additional recce information will be provided in the Advance Packet.

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