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SEASONAL LOAD LIMIT NOTIFICATION

Date: March 5, 2010

Subject: ENDING DATE for Winter Load Increases and STARTING DATE for Spring Load Restrictions in the CENTRAL, NORTH-CENTRAL and NORTH FROST ZONES

POSTING UPDATE

The ENDING DATE of Winter Load Increases and STARTING DATE of Spring Load Restrictions in the CENTRAL, NORTH-CENTRAL and NORTH FROST ZONES will be Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 12:01 AM.

Spring Load Restrictions will be in effect for the SOUTH, SOUTHEAST, and METRO FROST ZONES on Monday, March 8, 2010 at 12:01AM.

Updates to EXCEPTIONS TO THE 2010 RESTRICTION MAP

EXCEPTIONS TO THE 2010 MAP

Zone	Route	Begin MP	End MP	Description	Axle Limit	Start Date	End Date	Comments
N	1	73.353	89.331	From Pennington-Beltrami County border to TH 89	7	Jun. 03, 2009	Until further notice	Posting decreased due to pavement damage
C	7	0	24.182	Golf Club Road to TH 28	7	Mar. 09, 2010	Until further notice	Posting decreased due to pavement damage

Road Restriction maps indicating the locations of weight restricted routes and those state highways open to maximum ten-ton axle weights are listed on the Mn/DOT Seasonal Load Limits website at www.dot.state.mn.us/materials. Click on "Seasonal Load Limits," then click on "Spring Load Restrictions (SLR)." Also available is a text list of the restricted segments along with exceptions to the map.

MIDDLE-RANGE and FULL-SUMMER OVERWEIGHT PERMITS

Use of middle-range and full-summer overweight permits end when the Winter Load Increases are removed. No overweight permits are issued during the Spring Load Restriction period. Middle-range overweight permits are available within each frost zone starting when Spring Load Restrictions are lifted. Full-summer overweight permits are available within each frost zone starting two to three weeks after Spring Load Restrictions are lifted. Use of middle-range and full-summer overweight permits end when the Winter Load Increases are removed the following year.

For questions about legal weight/size trucking call:

Minnesota Department of Public Safety
State Patrol - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
(651) 405-6171 (select Option 3, Option 3)

For questions about over legal weight/size "heavy haul" trucking call:

Minnesota Department of Transportation
Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations - Oversize/Weight Permits
(651) 296-6000

The ending dates for Spring Load Restrictions are based on how weather is affecting roadway strength. These dates are established by monitoring roadway strength as weather conditions change. Therefore, the ending dates for Spring Load Restrictions are variable.

Note that the ending date of the Winter Load Increases is NOT directly tied to the start of Spring Load Restrictions, ALTHOUGH they COULD be the same date.

All changes are made with a minimum three-day notice.

As soon as a date is set, Mn/DOT will report this date on its 24-hour automated message center at 1-800-723-6543 for the USA and Canada, and locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St Paul area. This information is also published on the Mn/DOT Seasonal Load Limits website: www.dot.state.mn.us/materials.