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### **SEASONAL LOAD LIMIT NOTIFICATION**

Date: March 16, 2018

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

#### **POSTING UPDATE**

The ENDING DATE for Winter Load Increases and the STARTING DATE for Spring Load Restrictions in the NORTH-CENTRAL FROST ZONE will be Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 12:01 AM.

The ENDING DATE for Winter Load Increases and the STARTING DATE for Spring Load Restrictions in the NORTH FROST ZONE will be Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 12:01 AM.

Winter Load Increases have ended and Spring Load Restrictions have begun in the other frost zones.

Road Restriction maps indicating the locations of weight restricted routes are on the MnDOT Seasonal Load Limits website at [www.mndot.gov/loadlimits](http://www.mndot.gov/loadlimits).

#### **OVERWEIGHT PERMITS**

Permits for over 80,000 lb Gross Vehicle Weight will continue and new permits will be issued if all axle and group weights are legal.

Up to full-summer overweight permits can be issued during the Spring Load Restriction period only on interstate through movements.

Middle-range overweight permits become available within each frost zone when Spring Load Restrictions are lifted.

Full-summer overweight permits become available within each frost zone starting two to three weeks after Spring Load Restrictions are lifted.

For questions about enforcement call:  
Minnesota Department of Public Safety  
State Patrol - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement  
651-405-6196 (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  
or email: [ofcvpermits.dot@state.mn.us](mailto:ofcvpermits.dot@state.mn.us)

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.

As soon as a date is set, MnDOT 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 MnDOT Seasonal Load Limits website: [www.mndot.gov/loadlimits](http://www.mndot.gov/loadlimits)