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### SEASONAL LOAD LIMIT NOTIFICATION

Date: February 25, 2016

Subject: ENDING DATE for Winter Load Increases in the CENTRAL FROST ZONE and STARTING DATE for Spring Load Restrictions in the SOUTHEAST, METRO and CENTRAL FROST ZONES

#### **POSTING UPDATE**

The ENDING DATE for Winter Load Increases in the CENTRAL FROST ZONE will be Monday, February 29, 2016 at 12:01 AM.

The STARTING DATE for Spring Load Restrictions in the SOUTHEAST, METRO and CENTRAL FROST ZONES will be Monday, February 29, 2016 at 12:01 AM.

Winter Load Increases have already ended in the SOUTH, SOUTHEAST and METRO FROST ZONES. Spring Load Restrictions have already begun in the SOUTH FROST ZONE.

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 MnDOT Seasonal Load Limits website at [www.mndot.gov/loadlimits](http://www.mndot.gov/loadlimits). 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.

#### 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

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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: [ofcvopermits.dot@state.mn.us](mailto:ofcvopermits.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.dot.state.mn.us/materials](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/materials).

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