SEASONAL LOAD LIMIT NOTIFICATION

Date: March 12, 2013
Subject: ENDING DATE for Winter Load Increases and STARTING DATE for Spring Load Restrictions in the SOUTHEAST, SOUTH and METRO FROST ZONES.

POSTING UPDATE

The ENDING DATE for Winter Load Increases and STARTING DATE for Spring Load Restrictions in the SOUTH, SOUTHEAST and METRO FROST ZONES will be Friday, March 15, 2013 at 12:01 AM.

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.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.

OVERWEIGHT PERMITS

Permits for over 80,000 GVW will continue and new permits will be issued if all axle and group weights are legal. Existing middle-range and full-summer overweight permits end when Winter Load Increases are removed. No middle-range or full-summer overweight permits are issued during the Spring Load Restriction period. 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
651-405-6171 (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.
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.