

**Business of the
Board of County Commissioners
County of Okanogan, Washington**

Date: 01/09/2024

Agenda Title:

2024 Road Restriction Resolution

Proposed Commission Action:

Sign Resolution

PROPOSED MOTION:

Approve Road Restriction Resolution

Agenda Item No:

Agenda Bill No:

Exhibits:

Approvals:

Agenda Bill Author: Josh Thomson, P.E.
County Engineer

Clerk / Board: Lalena Johns

REQUEST/DISCUSSION:

Request the BOCC to approve and sign the 2024 Road Restriction Resolution.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Adverse Weather conditions cause some roadways on the Okanogan County Road System to become excessively soft through freezing and thawing conditions. At times to prevent accelerated deterioration of county roads or further aggravate the situation, it is deemed necessary to restrict the weight and speed of vehicles. This resolution gives the Public Works Department the authorization to impose such restrictions when necessary.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of the 2024 Road Restriction Resolution.



Signature of Elected Official/Department Head

1/2/24

Date

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

RESOLUTION 2 - 2024

WHEREAS, adverse weather conditions cause the roadways of the Okanogan County Road System to become excessively soft, and

WHEREAS, any freezing and thawing conditions further aggravate the situation, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary to restrict the size of load and speed of vehicles using the County Roads while this condition exists,

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by this Board, that Emergency Load and Speed Restrictions listed below shall take effect on the 9th day of January, 2024, and shall continue to be in effect until the 31st day of December, 2024, unless sooner rescinded by this Board.

VEHICLES' gross weight (vehicles and load) shall not exceed the following load limits:

TUBE TYPE TIRES TREAD WIDTH (INCHES)	GROSS LOAD EACH TIRE	TUBELESSS OR METRIC TREAD WIDTH (INCHES)	GROSS LOAD EACH TIRE
7.50 OR UNDER	1,800 LBS	8.00 OR UNDER	1,800 LBS
8.25	1,900 LBS	9.00	1,900 LBS
9.00	2,250 LBS	10.00	2,250 LBS
10.00	2,750 LBS	11.00	2,750 LBS
11.00 OR OVER	3,000 LBS	12.00 OR OVER	3,000 LBS

NO ALLOWANCE shall be made for any vehicle having more than six (6) wheels, and a total gross load of 18,000 pounds is the maximum allowable except for school buses, emergency vehicles, transports of perishable commodities, and those vehicles necessary for public health and safety, as provided by law, RCW 36.75.270 and RCW 46.44.080.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all motor vehicles which are permitted to use the roads of said County under the regulations of this order be limited to a maximum speed of twenty-five (25) miles per hour for truck type vehicles and thirty-five (35) mile per hour for passenger type vehicles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as follows:

1. Violations of this order shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall subject the violator to such penalties as imposed by law.
2. This Resolution shall be in effect only on the County Roads which are posted with the Standard Emergency Load Restriction Sign. The Engineer is authorized to post those roads on the County Road System which he deems necessary in order to prevent damage during the critical periods.
3. The County Engineer may grant a written waiver of the load and speed restrictions imposed by this Resolution only under the following circumstances:

4. The waiver may be granted on a per trip basis only, and it may be limited as the County Engineer sees fit;
5. The waiver may be granted if the County Engineer determines that the trip will not likely seriously damage or destroy the County Roads involved;
6. All requests to the County Engineer for a waiver must be made reasonably in advance of the trip by the owner or operator of the motor vehicle;
7. A Temporary Road Restriction Waiver, issued by a County Road Supervisor or County Public Works Office Personnel, must be located in the vehicle for which it was issued during its operation on roads restricted by this Resolution.
8. The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to lower said restrictions to meet the conditions of certain County Roads.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be published and posted in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 9th day of January, 2024.



ATTEST:

Laleña Johns, CMC, Clerk of the Board

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OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**

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