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Spring load restrictions announced for St. Louis County roads in North-Central and North Zones

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 169.87 and St. Louis County Ordinance No. 13, St. Louis County highways located in the North-Central and North Zones will be posted with spring load restrictions at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2014. The North-Central Zone includes the area south of US Highway 2 and west of State Highway 33. The North Zone includes the area north of US Highway 2 and east of State Highway 33. Information on zone boundaries can be obtained by following the Seasonal Load Limits link from the Minnesota Department of Transportation's website at dot.state.mn.us/materials.

Highway maintenance vehicles, mobile library units, school buses, and emergency public utility vehicles fall under specific requirements as described in Minnesota Statute 169.87, Subd. 3, 4, 5 & 6. Many propane and fuel oil providers have already "topped off" their customers' tanks prior to the posting of spring load restrictions, since their hauling vehicles are overweight on many of the posted county roads even when empty.

The restrictions are as follows:

Unpaved Roads: Any un-posted unpaved roads are limited to five (5) tons per axle. Roads may accommodate higher than the five (5) ton limitation, only if the postings are in place.

Paved Roads: All paved roads will be posted with the effective per axle weight restrictions.

The ending dates for spring load restrictions are based on how weather is affecting roadway strength. These dates vary as weather conditions change, but typically take place in May. Load restriction maps can be viewed online at www.stlouiscountymn.gov/roadrestrictions

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