

2020

Emergency Weight Restrictions

Okanogan County Department of Public Works will be updating **Emergency Road Closures and Emergency Weight Restrictions** on the following County roads as of **June 18th, 2020 @ 3:30P.M.** Roads will be **added** or **deleted** from this list as weather and road conditions change. If you have any questions, please contact us at Okanogan County Department of Public Works at 509-422-7300.

Emergency Road Closures

None at this time

Emergency Weight Restrictions

Area One

(Omak-Okanogan Westside of River)
No restrictions at this time

Area Two

(Omak-Okanogan Eastside of River to Nespelem area)
No restrictions at this time

#3683 Park City Loop Rd (Bridge B-4)	MP 4.96	ON 5/12/2020	4 TON LIMIT
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Area Three

(Methow to Mazama)
No restrictions at this time

Area Four

(Brewster-Pateros-Malott areas)
No restrictions at this time

Area Five
(Tonasket-Loomis-Havillah-Wauconda areas)
No restrictions at this time

Area Six
(Oroville-Chesaw-Similkameen area)
No restrictions at this time

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

RESOLUTION 3 - 2020

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the 20th day of January, 2020, and shall continue to be in effect until the 31st day of December, 2020, unless sooner rescinded by this Board.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	TUBELESS 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 14th day of January 2020.



ATTEST:

Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON


Jim DeTro, Chairman


Chris Branch, Member


Andy Hover, Member

RCW 36.75.270

Limitation of type or weight of vehicles authorized — Penalty.

The board of county commissioners of each county may by resolution limit or prohibit classes or types of vehicles on any county road or bridge and may limit the weight of vehicles which may travel thereon. Any such resolution shall be effective for a definite period of time which shall be stated in the resolution. If such resolution is published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county and if signs indicating such closure or limitation of traffic have been posted on such road or bridge, any person violating such resolution shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

[1963 c 4 § [36.75.270](#). Prior: 1949 c 156 § 8; Rem. Supp. 1949 § 6450-8g.]

Notes:

Local restrictions or limitations of weight: RCW [46.44.080](#).

RCW 46.44.080

Local regulations — State highway regulations.

Local authorities with respect to public highways under their jurisdiction may prohibit the operation thereon of motor trucks or other vehicles or may impose limits as to the weight thereof, or any other restrictions as may be deemed necessary, whenever any such public highway by reason of rain, snow, climatic or other conditions, will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the operation of vehicles thereon be prohibited or restricted or the permissible weights thereof reduced: PROVIDED, That whenever a highway has been closed generally to vehicles or specified classes of vehicles, local authorities shall by general rule or by special permit authorize the operation thereon of school buses, emergency vehicles, and motor trucks transporting perishable commodities or commodities necessary for the health and welfare of local residents under such weight and speed restrictions as the local authorities deem necessary to protect the highway from undue damage: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the governing authorities of incorporated cities and towns shall not prohibit the use of any city street designated a part of the route of any primary state highway through any such incorporated city or town by vehicles or any class of vehicles or impose any restrictions or reductions in permissible weights unless such restriction, limitation, or prohibition, or reduction in permissible weights be first approved in writing by the department of transportation.

The local authorities imposing any such restrictions or limitations, or prohibiting any use or reducing the permissible weights shall do so by proper ordinance or resolution and shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained signs designating the provisions of the ordinance or resolution in each end of the portion of any public highway affected thereby, and no such ordinance or resolution shall be effective unless and until such signs are erected and maintained.

The department shall have the same authority as hereinabove granted to local authorities to prohibit or restrict the operation of vehicles upon state highways. The department shall give public notice of closure or restriction. The department may issue special permits for the operation of school buses and motor trucks transporting perishable commodities or commodities necessary for the health and welfare of local residents under specified weight and speed restrictions as may be necessary to protect any state highway from undue damage.

[2006 c 334 § 16; 1977 ex.s. c 151 § 29; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 15 § 1; 1961 c 12 § [46.44.080](#). Prior: 1937 c 189 § 54; RRS § 6360-54.]

Notes:

Rules of court: Monetary penalty schedule -- IRLJ 6.2.

Effective date -- 2006 c 334: See note following RCW [47.01.051](#).

Federal requirements -- Severability -- 1977 ex.s. c 151: See RCW [47.98.070](#)

Highway and street closures authorized -- Notice: Chapter [47.48](#) RCW.