

## Dickinson County Road Commission

### Upcoming Seasonal Load and Speed Restrictions

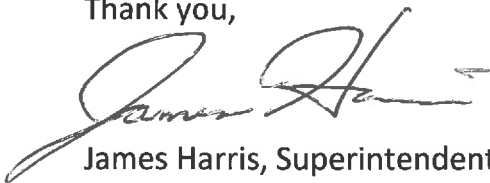
Seasonal load and speed restrictions are placed each year on County roads in order to help minimize the impact of heavy truck traffic during the annual Spring freeze/thaw cycle. Due to road classification and the deteriorating condition of many of the roads in the County, these restrictions are critical in order to prolong the life of these roads as much as possible. On restricted roads, axle loadings are reduced by 35 percent and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph, unless posted lower, for every vehicle with a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or more.

Certain roads that are designated "All-Season" routes and considered to be in satisfactory condition can be utilized for normal legal loading (*no overweight loads*) during seasonal restrictions. Dickinson County has over 20 such roads listed as "All-Season" routes. Please visit our website at [www.dickinsoncrc.com](http://www.dickinsoncrc.com) to view the list. Also available online at [micountyroads.org](http://micountyroads.org) is the County Road Association of Michigan's Seasonal Weight Restrictions information and status map for all the Counties in the State. It is also very important to be aware that MDOT places and lifts restrictions on their highway system **independently** from the Road Commission and the dates for the MDOT highway system status may or may not coincide with the Road Commission dates for placing and lifting County road restrictions.

Based on historical data, Dickinson County road restrictions have been placed as early as February 23<sup>rd</sup> and as late as March 19<sup>th</sup>. Some years they have been lifted as late as the third or fourth week of May.

The Road Commission has and will continue to work cooperatively with industry as much as reasonably possible during restrictions. Permits and bonding are possible options when conditions will allow and approval is granted by the Road Commission. Please contact the Road Commission at 906-774-1588 or the Weighmaster at 906-282-5988 for more information.

Thank you,



James Harris, Superintendent of Operations, DCRC

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