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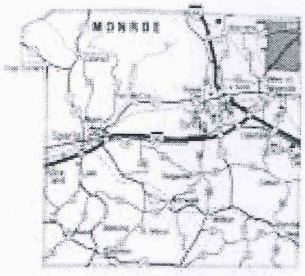

NEWS RELEASE
Special Weight Limitations

May 02, 2014

Pursuant to Section 349.16 Wisconsin Statutes, the Monroe County Highway Department advises that special 40 ton weight limitations will be imposed on all County Trunk Highways effective immediately.

Forty tons is the normal maximum legal load that can be transported without an overweight permit. Therefore the 40 ton special weight limitations will not affect the majority of trucking presently occurring throughout Monroe County. Loads that will be affected are those that typically already have a state issued overweight permit.

Heavy and overweight loads keep increasing in both total numbers and gross weight. Due to shrinking state & federal funding combined with 15 years of almost stagnant county tax levy funding, our county trunk highways cannot be repaired at the rate that these loads deteriorate the highways. Most County Trunk Highways were not built for today's heavy loads and the few that may be able to currently handle these loads; have to last for over 50 years. Minimizing overweight loading will help to preserve our County Trunk Highways for as long as possible.

Posting of these special weight limitations will require all overweight loads to obtain a permit issued by the County Highway Department to operate on Monroe County Trunk Highways.

BY ORDER OF THE MONROE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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