

# For Immediate News Release

## Seasonal Weight Restrictions

The Trempealeau County Highway Department will be imposing seasonal restrictions on various County Trunk Highways. The effective date for these restrictions is **Friday, March 9, 2018. The signing will begin at 7:00 a.m.** The posted limit will become effective once the signs are in place. Signs will be placed at various intersections advising the public if weight limits are in effect for that highway.

The Trempealeau County Highway Department encourages everyone to complete their heavy hauling **BEFORE** the weight restrictions become effective and while the highways are still frozen and strong.

Spring weight limit restrictions are a necessity for the economic longevity and immediate structural stability of highways that, without restrictions, will seriously deteriorate when the underlying ground is weak and mushy from melting frost.

These weight restrictions are for County Trunk Highways Only. Any weight on State, City and Village or Town roads are handled by each individual entity. The seasonal weight restrictions for Trempealeau County Highways are as follows:

<b>Total Number of Axles</b>	<b>Maximum Gross Weight</b>
Two (2) Axles	8 Ton (16,000 lbs.)
Three (3) or More Axles (Straight Truck)	13 Ton (26,000 lbs.)
Combination Vehicle (Tractor & Trailer)	18 Ton (36,000 lbs.)

Signs will be placed at strategic intersections advising the public of specific weight restrictions in effect on the particular highway. **Please watch for the signs!**

Restrictions will remain in effect until all our highways have regained their strength. This date is weather dependent, but on average occurs around the middle part of April each year. A news release will be issued just prior to the date the restrictions are lifted.

BY ORDER OF THE TREMPEALEAU COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Al Rinka, Highway Commissioner

Dated: March 1, 2018