

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT

In 2016, a number of activities impacted County road conditions. Approximately 425 permits were approved for moves within the County. There are also nine active gravel pits in the County. Farming operations have increased in size and are using bigger equipment and trucks.

With the co-operation of oil companies, gravel haulers, logging contractors, farmers and other contractors contacting the County for **Road Haul Agreements and Minor Haul Road Agreements**, the County is able to keep road damage to a minimum.

When damage does occur, the Haul Road Agreement facilitates cooperation between the user and the County, either by having the user repair the road to a set standard or having the County compensated to cover the cost of repairing the damage. Farmers who are hauling for farm purposes that potentially may or do cause damage to a road are asked to notify us immediately of the situation as it may be dealt with differently than if notified by a third party.

The use of the Road Haul Agreements monitors the condition of the road and are of benefit to both the Company and the County.

Once again, the County did not place road bans on gravel roads, instead time restrictions and assigned/designated routes were applied according to conditions. The County will continue to use the same practices in 2017, as long as cooperation continues from all users.

A 75% road ban is in effect on all posted oiled or paved roads in the County.

Anyone with larger equipment or trucks (e.g. air seeders, bale, grain or silage trucks) is asked to use a pilot vehicle in front when equipment takes up more than two thirds of the road top and to be courteous to traffic on County gravel roads by reducing speed and pulling over while passing residences. This will reduce dust and decrease the chance of accidents.

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Be aware that the cost for the time to notify us prior to moving heavy loads is minor compared to what it would cost to repair a damaged road.

I would like to thank all individuals and farmers who are hauling heavy loads on County roads for their cooperation and kindly request them and others to please call the County at 780-650-5100.

**Cooperation and Communication
continues to keep roads in good driving condition.**

**Bob Novosiwsky
Industry Liaison Officer and Road Foreman**



Northwest of Smoky Lake