

#	MONTANA PERMIT RESTRICTIONS	UPDATED August 2017
1	Continuous travel: Travel allowed during hours of darkness, weekends, holidays red route highways providing dimensions do not exceed: 10 feet in width; 15 feet 6 inches in height; 110 feet in length. Lights must be displayed full length and width. Travel allowed daylight hours, 7 days a week, except on holidays, holiday weekends and red routes if dimensions exceed 10 feet wide, 15 feet 6 inches high, 110 feet long, but do not exceed 18 feet wide, 120 feet long, 18 feet high. For emergencies involving railway crossings/tracks, for Burlington Northern Santa Fe, immediately call 1-800-832-5452; for Montana Rail Link, immediately call 1-800-338-4750 for assistance.	
2	The permittee must check road conditions for any road closures, width restrictions or detours that may be in place. The contact information is http://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/ or by calling 511.	
3	Travel daylight hours: Travel is allowed daylight hours Monday through Friday if dimensions exceed; 18 feet wide or 120 feet long or 18 feet high. Travel is not allowed on Saturday, Sunday, holidays or holiday weekends and on red route highways.	
4	Red route highways: Travel is not allowed after 3:00 p.m. on Friday until sunrise on Saturday and from 12:00 noon on Sunday to sunrise on Monday. If dimensions exceed; 10 feet wide or 110 feet long or 15 feet 6 inches high or 55 feet long - single unit. Travel is not allowed after 3:00 p.m. on Friday until sunrise on Monday if dimensions exceed; 18 feet wide or 120 feet long or 17 feet high.	
5	Holiday Travel: Travel is not allowed on holiday or holiday weekends if dimensions exceed; 10 feet wide (11 feet 6 inches for hay grinders) or 110 feet long or 15 feet 6 inches high or 55 feet long - single unit. Holiday's means New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Holiday weekend means a period of consecutive calendar days adjacent to a holiday, during which travel is prohibited. Holiday weekend time periods include: (a) a holiday which falls on a Friday or Saturday, prohibiting travel on Friday, Saturday or Sunday; (b) a holiday which falls on a Sunday or Monday, prohibiting travel on Saturday, Sunday or Monday; (c) a holiday which falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, prohibiting travel on that day only; or (d) the thanksgiving holiday, prohibiting travel on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.	
6	Raw Logs: Dimensions may not exceed: 9 feet wide or 75 feet long or 15 feet 6 inches high for a truck or a truck/tractor with one pole trailer or semi-trailer. For all other combinations, dimensions may not exceed: 95 feet long. A 5 axle log hauling combinations may not exceed 80,000 pounds gw or 35,000 pounds on tandem axle groups. Overhang cannot exceed 15 feet, and is measured from the center of the last axle to the end of the rearmost log.	
7	Mobile Homes: Annual/term permits are valid up to 16'0" wide, 110'0" long and 15'6" high. This is for mobile homes or manufactured homes only as defined in 15-24-201. Towing units must have one or more dual wheel drive axles and have a minimum wheel base of 100 inches. Mobile home tires must conform to 49 CFR 393.75. Between October 1st and May 15th, travel is allowed up to and including 14 feet wide on I-90 between Belgrade and Big Timber, from 4:00 a.m. until sunrise, provided there is a rear flag vehicle.	
8	Implements of Husbandry: Implements of husbandry may not be restricted by weekend travel, holiday travel, or travel on red route highways. Requirements for lighting, flag vehicles and daylight travel apply to implements depending on dimensions. Photocopies of "term" permits are not valid. The permit is transferrable between equipment registered to a Montana implement dealer. Dimensions are determined by the dealer.	
9	Triples & 100 foot doubles: travel allowed on interstate only & within a two mile radius of an interstate interchange. Travel during hours of darkness provided full length & width of the vehicle combination is lighted. Maximum length for triples is 105'0" cabover or truck; 110'0" for conventional, this is inclusive of the front & rear bumpers & overhang; doubles 100' combination (overall) length. May not exceed posted speed limit.	
10	Baled Hay: Small bales/large square maximum dimension; 9'6" wide, 15'6" high. Travel after the hours of darkness up to 9'6" wide, providing lights are displayed the full length and width. Large round bales and hay racks maximum dimensions 12'0" wide and 15'6" high and are limited to daylight hours only.	
11	Daylight travel only: Vehicle combinations that exceed 10 feet but do not exceed 18 feet in width, over 110 feet long to and including 120 feet long, or over 14 feet 6 inches high to and including 18 feet high may travel during daylight hours only, 7 days a week no travel on holidays and holiday weekends and red routes from 3:00 pm on Friday until sunrise on Saturday and from 12:00 noon on Sunday until sunrise Monday.	
13	Weight mileage (legal axle, exceeding bridge): Permit is issued for legal axle weights but is in excess of bridge measurements under 61-10-107 MCA. Non reducible loads only.	
14	Term overweight (excess axle weight): No axle may exceed 5,000 pounds of excess weight. 20,000 pounds in excess axle weight permit, with no single axle exceeding 5,000 pounds in excess axle weight and no tandem axle exceeding 15,000 pounds in excess axle weight. Weight permits for all loads exceeding 10,000 lbs. to 40,000 must have a vehicle weight analysis for the configurations that is being used.	
15	10% tolerance permit: Permit issued to the first location where load can be adjusted or reduced to statutory weights. 10% tolerance permit: permit issued to garbage trucks only to the first location where load can be adjusted or reduced to statutory weights.	
17	Bridge centerline & slowdown all highways: loads may not exceed 55 mph or posted speed limit whichever less, only one overweight vehicle allowed on a bridge at a time, stopping or shifting gears on any bridge is prohibited. Daylight travel only unless otherwise authorized. Interstate: no pilot vehicles required unless additionally added restrictions specify. Noninterstate: must reduce speed to 10 mph before and centerline bridges. Must maintain at least 2 feet from the shoulder. A minimum of two pilot vehicles are required: one front and one in the rear. No simultaneous vehicles on the bridge with overweight load.	
18	Bridge slowdown all highways: loads may not exceed 55 mph or posted speed limit whichever less, only one overweight vehicle allowed on a bridge at a time, stopping or shifting gears on any bridge prohibited. Noninterstate daylight hours only, must reduce speed to 10 mph while crossing bridges remaining in the driving lane and provide a minimum of 1 rear flag vehicle.	
19	Logging Equipment: Maximum of 15 feet wide, 15 feet 6 inches high, and 95 feet long.	
20	Temporary Trip Permit: Valid for one trip only, maximum of 72 hours and becomes void upon leaving the state. Not to be used in lieu of other fees when gainfully employed in Montana. If exceeding time of trip permit, permittee must license with the county.	
21	Trailer Temporary Permit: Permit issued to a trailer which is not currently registered; or, has no registration in possession; or, the registration is illegible.	
22	Temporary Fuel Permit: No IFTA license in possession. Permit valid for 72 hours and becomes void upon leaving the state.	
23	Custom Combine: Combine permit must be made available by the company upon request. A 20% tolerance will be given for a 100 mile radius from the harvested field to the first point of unloading.	
24	Overweight Load: Non-divisible loads which cannot be readily or reasonably dismantled to minimum practical size/weight. Non-interstate: Portions of the load can be detached and reloaded on the same trailer provided it does not exceed permissible limits. Interstate: Non-divisible loads/ vehicles exceeding applicable length/weight limits that would make the load transported unable to perform the function for which intended; destroys value of the load; requires more than 8 hours to dismantle; will not be required to reduce the load. If above criteria are not met, the load has to be reduced and carried separately.	
26	Eureka-BC weight permit: Valid only between British Columbia to 10 miles South on US-93. Operation is valid only with oversize and overweight permit. A train-118,000 gross; 7 axle B-train-124,600 gross; B train-137,500 gross & not to exceed Steering 12,100 pounds; dual tire-single axle 20,000 pounds; tandem 37,500 pounds; tridem 46,300 pounds with axle spacing 7'10 to less than 9'10 or 50,700 pounds with axle spacing 9'10 to less than 11'9 or 52,900 pounds with axle spacing 11'9" to 12'2".	
27	Montana regulations (western regional permit): Interstate over 10 feet wide, 75 feet long, daylight hours only. Non-interstate over 10 feet wide, 75 feet long, daylight hours only. Over 10 feet wide oversize load signs front and rear, flashing lights on power unit. Over 12 feet 6 inches wide, one front flag vehicle on all non-interstate highways. 55 mph speed limit.	
28	32-J class 1 - travel is allowed daylight hours only Monday through Friday. No travel is allowed on holiday or holiday weekends. No travel is allowed after 3:00 pm on Friday until sunrise on Monday on routes designated as a red route highway. Flag vehicle requirements on interstate, if width exceeds 18'0" one front flag vehicle and two rear flag vehicles are required; if length exceeds 150'0" one rear flag vehicle are required. On non-interstate highways if width exceeds 18'0" two front flag vehicles and one rear flag vehicle are required; if length exceeds 150'0" one front flag vehicle and one rear flag vehicle are required. Do not hold traffic for over 10 minutes at a time on any highways.	

29	32-J class 2 - travel is allowed daylight hours only from sunrise Monday until 3:00 pm on Friday. No travel is allowed on holidays or holiday weekends. Flag vehicles requirements on interstate highway if width exceeds 34'0" one front flag vehicle and two rear flag vehicles, if length exceeds 200'0" one rear flag vehicle are required. If the height requires utilities to cut power lines one front flag vehicle is required. On non-interstate highways if width exceeds 34'0" two front flag vehicles and two rear flag vehicles are required; if length exceeds 200'0" one front and one rear flag vehicle are required, if height requires the utilities to cut power lines one front flag vehicle and one rear flag vehicle are required. Flag vehicles are required if the route analysis conducted by the departments Bridge Bureau determined that the load must be moved when additional speed restrictions are imposed and must cross structures at the centerline. Do not hold traffic for over 10 minutes at a time on any highways.
30	Alberta-Shelby Canadian weight permit: Valid only between Shelby MT and the Montana-Alberta border at Sweet Grass on I-15. Operation is valid only with oversize and overweight permit. A train-118,000 gross; 7 axle B-train-124,600 gross; B train-137,500 gross & not to exceed Steering 12,100 pounds; dual tire-single axle 20,000 pounds; tandem 37,500 pounds; tridem 46,300 pounds with axle spacing 7'10 to less than 9'10 or 50,700 pounds with axle spacing 9'10 to less than 11'9 or 52,900 pounds with axle spacing 11'9" to 12'2".
31	Nonresident custom combine operations: Permits are issued to cover registration, gross vehicle weight fees, size & weight, & fuel requirements. Detailed information is available by contacting MCS, PO Box 4639, Helena, MT 59602 (2701 Prospect Ave.) phone (406) 444-6130. Resident custom combine operations: custom combine trucks & trailers licensed under IRP or with full Montana license & displaying Montana registration are fully licensed in Montana. Tolerance: when used to transport agricultural products, a truck authorized to be used under a custom combine special permit may be operated only within a 100 mile radius of the harvested field to the point of first unloading. The truck may not haul agricultural products from one commercial elevator to another commercial elevator. The truck may be operated on any highway except one that is part of the federal interstate system, without incurring excess weight penalties under 61-10-145. If the total gross weight of the truck does not exceed allowable weight limitations by more than 20% per axle & the maximum load per inch of tire width does not exceed 670 pounds. If the truck exceeds the tolerance provided under this subsection, the fine or penalty imposed applies to all weight over the legal limit allowed by 61-10-107. Flag vehicles: (a) flag vehicles are required at the rear of a vehicle on interstate highways if the load or the vehicle exceed 16'6" in width. (b) a flag vehicle is required at the front on non-interstate highways when the load or vehicle exceeds 12'6" in width.
32	Regulations and equipment for flag vehicles - A flag vehicle may be any passenger car or two-axle truck a minimum of 60 inches wide. The maximum manufacturer's rating for the flag vehicle shall not exceed a gross vehicle weight rating of 14,000 pounds. Service or mechanic trucks owned or contracted by the permittee and used as a flag vehicle shall not exceed a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds. A flag vehicle may not exceed legal limits of size and weight. Trucks used as flag vehicles shall be clearly distinguished from and identifiable as the escort vehicle. A flag vehicle may pull a trailer or carry any item or equipment which is within legal limits of size and weight, allows an unobstructed view of the flashing lights and signs used by the flag vehicle, complies with all state traffic laws; and possesses current registration and valid insurance. Service or mechanic trucks used as a flag vehicle must not have a utility box which extends above the cab more than 12 inches or beyond the width of the cab more than 6 inches on either side. A sign with the words "oversize load" or similar wording shall be visible from the front of the vehicle and rear of the vehicle at all times when piloting an oversize load. Letters shall not be less than 8 inches in height. The letters shall be dark in color on a light colored background. When not being operated as a flag vehicle, signs must be removed. Flashing amber lights, visible 360 degrees shall be mounted at each end of a sign with the words "oversize load" or similar wording, on the roof of the flag vehicle. A revolving or strobe light may be substituted for flashing lights. Lights shall be flashing at all times when piloting an oversize load. All flag vehicles shall be equipped with two-way communication. Flag vehicles must remain within 1,000 feet of the permitted vehicle or load.
34	Regulations and equipment for vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet wide: A sign with the words "oversize load" or similar wording shall be mounted at any visible height on the front and rear of the load. Letters shall not be less than 8 inches in height. The letters shall be dark in color on a light colored background. On the power unit, flashing amber lights, a minimum of five inches in diameter, 50 candlepower, 60 to 90 flashes per minute, shall be mounted at each end of the oversize load sign. A revolving light or strobe light may be substituted for flashing lights. Lights shall be flashing at all times when moving an oversize vehicle or load. Oversize load signs must be removed from the vehicle upon completion of the highway movement which necessitated the signs.
35	All non-divisible loads with a height of 15 feet 6 inches or less may be issued either a term or single trip permit. Any permit must be verified for clearance of any bridge or underpass or other overhead obstruction on the route traveled. The permittee will be responsible for checking the route or routes to be traveled to determine clearance of bridges and/or other structures. The permittee shall be responsible for obtaining over height clearances, including payment of all expenses incidental to removal of anything obstructing clearances.
36	Flag vehicle requirements: (Interstate only) One flag vehicle in rear if load is over 16 feet 6 inches wide and/or over 120 feet long.
37	Flag vehicle requirements non-interstate only: One flag vehicle in front when vehicle or load exceeds 12 feet 6 inches wide but does not exceed 16 feet 6 inches wide.
38	Flag vehicle requirements non-interstate only: One flag vehicle in front and one flag vehicle rear when vehicle or load exceeds 16 feet 6 inches wide.
39	Restriction for 32 J permits. The permittee is responsible for checking the road conditions before and while travelling in Montana. Travel during adverse conditions: when winter road conditions are encountered, the company or the operator shall discontinue operations, and operations shall not be resumed until the conditions improve. Winter road conditions include snow covered; snow packed and icy; high wind warnings; or blowing and drifting causing reduced visibility. No travel is allowed when a route has been placed under severe driving conditions as determined by the Department of Transportation. If winter road conditions are encountered the load must move off the roadway until conditions improve. When the load is off the roadway under these conditions, when possible, the load must be parked outside of the MDT right of way or outside the 30 foot safe zone from the highway pavement outside the shoulder line. The Department of Transportation road report is available between November 1 and May 1, 24 hours a day by calling 511 while in Montana or (800) 226-7623 and on the Department of Transportation internet site at http://www.mdt511.com/
40	Flag vehicle requirements: (Non-interstate only) One flag vehicle in rear if length exceeds 110 feet.
41	Must notify all local emergency services prior to travel in their jurisdiction as to route, time, and date of move to make arrangements in the event of emergency. Emergency services would include all local law enforcement, fire, ambulance affected by this move.
42	If you are transporting a boat or any type of marine equipment and your final destination is within Montana you will need to contact the fisheries office with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks at (406) 444-2449 during business hours prior to entry/movement in Montana. It is illegal to transport aquatic invasive species across state lines. In order to avoid delays be sure to inspect, clean and dry vessels and equipment prior to entering Montana.
43	Any nonresident person operating a special fuel-powered vehicle over 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight upon the public roads and highways of this state who is using the vehicle for the movement of that person's agricultural products, and who is not covered under the International Fuel Tax Agreement. The permit is not valid for contract custom haulers. The permit is valid for a radius of 70 miles from the MT state line.
44	Plentywood-SK weight permit: Valid only between Saskatoon to 20 miles South on MT-16. Operation is valid only with oversize and overweight permit. A train-118,000 gross; 7 axle B-train-124,600 gross; B train-137,500 gross & not to exceed Steering 12,100 pounds; dual tire-single axle 20,000 pounds; tandem 37,500 pounds; tridem 46,300 pounds with axle spacing 7'10 to less than 9'10 or 50,700 pounds with axle spacing 9'10 to less than 11'9 or 52,900 pounds with axle spacing 11'9" to 12'2".
46	Travel on MT-35 is restricted between Polson and Bigfork for all loads exceeding 9 feet wide with the exception of loads that have an origin or destination between those locations. Please refer to MDT's website at www.mdt.mt.gov or 511 for further information.
47	US-87: between Belt and Raynesford (EB and WB): there is a width restriction of 12 feet 6 inches wide. The detours for EB and WB are: 1) WB: Raynesford, MT (WB detoured) to Great Falls, MT: U-87, S-427, US-89, US-87. 2) EB: Great Falls, MT (EB detoured) to Raynesford, MT: US-87, US-89, S-427, US-87 (this is a permanent restriction)