

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

In Re ) Ordinance TLS No. 23-15-53B  
Adoption of Local Access Special Permit )  
Process for Vehicles over 10,000 lbs GVW to )  
use McNeil Canyon Road )

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in the frequency of crashes of vehicles with gross weights over 10,000 lbs at or near Milepost 2.0 on McNeil Canyon Road; and

WHEREAS, there is concern for crashes involving runaway trucks crossing the roadway centerline that have the potential to jeopardize the safety of oncoming traffic; and

WHEREAS, RCW 47.48.010 authorizes the county legislative authority to restrict the use of county roads if it is determined that vehicles will damage the county road or pose a danger to traffic; and

WHEREAS, alternate routes for trucks have been identified; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2023, the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution TLS No. 23-54 closing McNeil Canyon Road to vehicles of 10,000 lbs GVW (gross vehicle weight) until warrants for the addition of mitigation measures can be evaluated and implemented or the roadway realigned (CRP 988) around Milepost 2.0; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Sheriff supports an interim closure of McNeil Canyon Road to vehicles over 10,000 lbs GVW; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby directed the County Engineer to develop a Special Motor Vehicles Permit process for McNeil Canyon Road that would authorize the conditioned use of the roadway by vehicles over 10,000 lbs GVW;

WHEREAS, after due and legal notice, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 in the Commissioners' Chambers located at 203 S. Rainer Street Waterville, WA, to consider adoption of a Local Access Special Permit Process for Vehicles over 10,000 lbs GVW to use McNeil Canyon Road; and

WHEREAS, reviewing agencies and the general public were given an opportunity to comment on the proposed permitting process; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts attachment A: policy and process for Local Access Special Permit for Vehicles over 10,000 lbs. GVW to use McNeil Canyon Road; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts attachment B: Local Access Special Permit for Vehicles over 10,000 lbs. GVW to use McNeil Canyon Road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that operation of any motor vehicle in violation of the McNeil Canyon Road closure to vehicles over 10,000 lbs. GVW and/or in violation of the conditions of the SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT – AUTHORIZATION TO HAUL ON MCNEIL CANYON ROAD shall be a traffic infraction under the provisions of RCW 47.48.040 and shall be subject to assessment of a monetary penalty of not less than \$500.00 dollars.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023 at Waterville, Washington.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON




  
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Dan Sutton, Chair

**EXCUSED**

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Kyle Steinburg, Vice Chair

  
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Marc S. Straub, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Carlye Baity, Clerk of the Board

## POLICY AND PROCESSING GUIDELINES

### **SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT AUTHORIZATION TO HAUL ON MCNEIL CANYON ROAD Douglas County WA**

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1. Application shall submit a request for SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT – AUTHORIZATION TO HAUL ON MCNEIL CANYON ROAD, Douglas County WA.
2. Application shall be submitted electronically. The application portal will be available on the Douglas County web-site: <https://www.douglascountywa.net/557/Travel-Traffic-Alerts>
  - *Submittals are routed to the DCSO repository. DCSO will manage the permit submittals, automated permit issuance and maintenance of records.*
3. The applicant shall submit information including but not limited to:

**Applicant Information:** Company Name, Contact Name, Contact Information

**Vehicle Information:** Power Unit License No., Transponder No., Power Unit VIN  
Power Unit Make/Model, Year, Base State, Power Unit Equipment Number  
Trailing Unit License Number, Trailing Unit VIN, Trailing Unit Make/Model. Base State,  
Trailing Unit Equipment Number.

**Required submittal for vehicles over 26,000 lbs. GVW:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety  
Administration inspection report

**Required acknowledgement:** Applicants shall read and accept all permit conditions listed.

4. Upon submittal of a complete application, the applicant will receive an electronic version of the SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT – AUTHORIZATION TO HAUL ON MCNEIL CANYON ROAD, Douglas County WA
  - Complete application records will be retaining in the Douglas County Sheriff's Department Laserfiche repository. The repository is readily accessible to DCSO personnel.
  - Permits expire 12 months after the issue date of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration inspection report.



## Special Motor Vehicle Permit

Authorization to Haul on McNeil Canyon Road

Permit # (By Agency)

23 - 1003

Applicant Info:

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Company Name \*

Contact Name \*

Address

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number \*

Email \*

## Vehicle Info:

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Power Unit License Number\*

Transponder Number

Power Unit VIN\*

Power Unit Make/Model\*

Year\*

Base State\*

Power Unit Equipment Number

Trailing Unit License Number

Trailing Unit VIN

Trailing Unit Make/Model

Base State

Trailing Unit Equipment Number

Farm Exemption\*

Is the vehicle used for agriculture/farm production purposes?

Yes

No

Inspection Report Issuance Date



## Conditions:

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1. The permittee shall have this permit within the vehicle exceeding 10,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight operating on McNeil Canyon Rd.
2. The permittee is hereby notified that there has been an increase in the frequency of crashes specific to equipment failure at or near mile post 2.0.
3. The permittee shall provide a current Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration inspection report to Douglas County if the vehicle GVW is over 26,000 lbs. The annual inspection report shall be for the vehicle, including each segment of a combination vehicle. **This permit expires 12 months after issuance of the Annual Inspection Report.**
4. A mandatory brake check shall be performed by the vehicle operator prior to traveling down grade on McNeil Canyon Road. The availability of and use of engine brakes ("Jake Brakes") is strongly encouraged where necessary and prudent.
5. The vehicle operator agrees to adhere to the signage placed on McNeil Canyon Road. This signage includes but is not limited to requiring trucks to use low gear.

6. The permittee is hereby notified that McNeil Canyon Road is a steep and winding roadway. It features vertical and horizontal curves that require care and caution to safely navigate.

7. The permittee is hereby notified that a run-away truck ramp is located approximately 4 miles down from the top of the grade at approximate mile post 3.2 and there is a 12% grade with curves signed at 20 MPH downgrade from the run-away truck ramp. This is the only run-away truck ramp on McNeil Canyon Road. The run-away truck ramp must be used if the permittee has any doubt about their ability or their vehicle's ability to safely navigate McNeil Canyon Road.

8. This permit does not provide authorization to use McNeil Canyon Road during inclement weather closures.

## READ THIS BEFORE SIGNING

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This permit is issued in accordance with RCW 46.44.090 with the specific understanding that all applicable County Ordinances, Washington State Laws, Administrative Codes, Regulations and Conditions, including those listed hereon, will be complied with. The undersigned permittee or agent thereof, certifies that the information shown hereon is true and correct and understands that the permittee shall be liable as set forth in RCW 46.44.110 for all damages to any public highway, bridge, or elevated structure resulting from the movement authorized by this permit on the public highways of this State. The permittee shall further hold blameless and harmless and indemnify the County, its officers, agents, and employees against any accident, liability, loss, injury, action, and the costs thereof arising from the conduct or operations of the permittee in connection with this permit.

**Printed Name \***

**Signature \***

**Date**

9/19/2023