



City of Augusta, Maine
Department of Public Works

January 29, 2020

Memo To: Bill Bridgeo, City Manager
From: Lesley Jones, Public Works Director *Lesley*
RE: Heavy Loads Limited Posting

With the recent warm weather and the forecast of above freezing temperatures for most of next week, we need to post the roads. The roads to the "Summerhaven" gravel pits were posted in December as we had contractors hauling materials from those pits during the warm, rainy spell we had at that time.

We post the roads to prevent damage from heavy truck traffic travelling over them when they are partially thawed and the soil material under the road is wet. During these times we call the roads "soft". This happens because excess water in the gravel under the pavement allows the soil particles to move and shift when a vehicle travels over the road. Significant structural damage can happen when heavy truck travel our roads under these conditions. When they are solidly frozen or in the summer when the road base is well drained this is less of an issue.

Posting of the following roads will go into effect Thursday, January 30, 2020:

Blair Road
Bolton Hill Road
Burns Road
Church Hill Road
Cony Road (Maine Department of Agriculture to Chelsea Town Line)
Cross Hill Road
Eight Rod Road
Lamson Road
Leavitt Road
Lynn Road
Middle Road
Mount Vernon Road
Mud Mill Road

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Pleasant Hill Road
Sanford Road
Stevens Road
Stony Brook Road
Summerhaven Road
Wade Road
Ward Road
Weeks Mills Road

When the roads have thawed and can once again support normal loads the road posters will be removed. This is typically sometime in mid to late April or early May

cc: Jared Mills, Police Chief