

Spring Weight Restrictions on Area Roads

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It's still a few days until spring officially begins, and it's still freezing and snowing around Kodiak, but nevertheless, the Alaska Department of Transportation is taking action now to keep area roads from deteriorating too quickly.

As of Wednesday, seasonal weight limits for vehicles traveling state roads went into effect. On state-maintained paved roads, the limit is 75-percent of the legal allowable weight, while on state-maintained gravel roads — such as the Chiniak Highway past the Y, the limit is just 50-percent.

The seasonal weight limits are needed to keep the road surface from deteriorating as the road bed begins to thaw and becomes unstable.