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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**COUNTY ROADS CLOSED TO THRU TRAFFIC AND EMBARGOED**

On April 10, 2019, Washington County Secondary Road crews closed 130<sup>th</sup> Street between Riverside Road and Hwy 218 to thru traffic. Today, County Road crews closed 150<sup>th</sup> between Orange Avenue and Palm Avenue to thru traffic. These two roads have been closed to thru traffic as a result of frost boils and the deteriorating road conditions making travel extremely difficult.

In addition, Washington County Secondary Roads crews placed an embargo, limiting vehicles on the following roads to less than five (5) gross tons:

- 1) 210<sup>th</sup> Street from Fir Avenue to Ginkgo Avenue (W38)
- 2) Fir Avenue from the end of the pavement to 210<sup>th</sup> Street

The County Engineer's Office may issue a special permit to allow vehicles in excess of 5 gross tons to operate on the embargoed roads. In order to obtain a permit an individual must demonstrate the need to move farm produce of the type subject to rapid spoilage or loss of value, or the need to move farm commodities, or home heating fuel along the road. Individuals operating a vehicle over 5 tons on an embargoed road without a permit will be at the risk of being fined.

Embargo permits are available at [www.washingtonroads.org](http://www.washingtonroads.org) or they may be obtained from the Washington County Engineer's Office. Information needed for the permit includes vehicle license plate number(s), owner and driver information as well as the product being transported, the dates being hauled and the haul route being used. For more information, please call (319) 653-7731.

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