



RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF
RIO BLANCO COUNTY
ROAD AND BRIDGE DIVISION

PERTAINING TO TRANSPORT
PERMITS FOR THE MOVEMENT OF
EXTRA-LEGAL VEHICLES OR LOADS

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FEES, PAYMENT AND PHONE NUMBERS

Single Trip Oversize_____ \$15

Single Trip Oversize/Overweight_____ \$15 plus \$5 per axle

Annual Oversize Permit_____ \$250

Annual Oversize/Overweight Permit_____ \$400

Annual Overweight Permit_____ \$400

Special Permit_____ \$65 or actual RBC costs, whichever is greater.

Transfer Fee_____ \$15

Payment: A bill will be faxed or mailed. Payment is expected within one month of permit issue. If an account has any outstanding amounts due over 30 days, no new permits will be issued until payment is received.

Mail payments to:

Rio Blanco County
Road & Bridge Dept.
570 Second Street
Meeker, CO 81641

Phone Numbers:

Road & Bridge Dept. – Meeker District_____ (970) 878-9590

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CHAPTER 1

AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1-1 The specific statutory authority to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to transport permits for the operation or movement of extra-legal vehicles or loads, and any revisions thereto, is contained in 42-4-510 and 42-4-511(1), C.R.S.

Statements of Basis, Specific Statutory Authority, and Purpose for each of the following dates that the Rules were adopted, or amended are incorporated by reference in the Rules and are available upon request from the Colorado Department of Transportation, Staff Maintenance Branch.

June 30, 1984
January 30, 1986
November 30, 1986
January 30, 1988
May 30, 1988
April 30, 1989
March 4, 1991
April 30, 1992
June 17, 1999

- 1-2 An extra-legal vehicle or load shall not operate or move on a county road, except by permit as provided in the Rules. The Division may, upon application in writing and good cause being shown therefore, issue a single-trip, a special or an annual permit authorizing the applicant to operate or move an extra-legal vehicle or load of a size or weight exceeding the legal limits established by or otherwise not in conformity with 42-4-501 through 42-4-509 C.R.S. All permits shall be issued at the discretion of the Division, as provided in 42-4-510 C.R.S.

- 1-3 In the permit, the Division may:

1. Limit the number of trips or establish seasonal or other time limitations of operation;
2. Limit or prescribe other conditions of operation when necessary to protect the safety of road users, the efficient movement of traffic, or the county roads from undue damage;
3. Require security to compensate for any injury or property damage;
4. Prescribe conditions necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of the extra-legal permit program.

- 1-4 The permittee shall be responsible for compliance with:

1. All terms and conditions in the Rules;
2. All terms and conditions in the permit;
3. All other applicable legal requirements, including the Commercial Vehicle Rules.

- 1-5 The permittee shall be responsible for the safe movement of the extra-legal vehicle or load.
- 1-6 The Division will provide a copy of the Rules and the Transport Restriction Map and a list of Sheriff's Offices to each applicant for an annual permit, when the permit is granted.

CHAPTER 2

DEFINITIONS

Terms used in the Rules shall have either their common sense meaning, or the meaning provided in 42-1-102, C.R.S., or the meaning provided below, as applicable.

2-1 Applicant

An individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association submitting an application for a transport permit.

2-2 Axle or single-axle

All wheels, whose centers may be included within two parallel transverse vertical planes not more than forty inches apart, extending across the full width of the vehicle.

2-3 Axle Group

An assemblage of two or more consecutive axles that are considered to be together for the purpose of determining their combined load effect on a bridge or other roadway structure:

A. TANDEM AXLE – the same as defined in 42-4-507(4)(b) C.R.S. (A tandem axle is defined as two or more consecutive axles, the centers of which may be included between parallel vertical planes spaced more than forty inches and not more than ninety-six inches apart, extending across the full width of the vehicle.)

B. TRIPLE AXLE .A group of three axles, not more than eight feet from each other.

C. QUAD AXLE .A group of four axles, not more than eight feet from each other.

2-4 Booster Axle

An additional axle used to distribute weight. Also referred to as a dolly, jeep, or stinger axle.

2-5 Cluster Lights

An assemblage of three or more red or yellow clearance lights.

2-6 Commercial Vehicle Rules

The State of Colorado, Division of Public Safety, rules and regulations concerning minimum standards for the operation of commercial vehicles (8 CCR 1507-1).

2-7 County Road

A road on the county road system, as defined in 43-2-101, C.R.S.

2-8 C.R.S.

Colorado Revised Statute, as may be amended.

2-9 Division

Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Department.

2-10 Emergency

An imminent natural or man-made disaster including rising water, fire, unusual storm, train wreck, flood, washout, and similar disasters affecting the general public's welfare.

2-11 Extra-legal Vehicle or Load

An overweight or oversize vehicle or load which exceeds the legal limits and for which the Division has granted a permit to operate or move on county roads.

2-12 Flashing Yellow Light

A warning lamp mounted as high as practicable, which shall be capable of displaying a flashing, oscillating, or rotating yellow light with sufficient intensity to be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight.

2-13 Good Cause

A need to operate or move an extra-legal vehicle or load on a county road together with a showing that such operation or movement will not impair the safety of road users, the efficient movement of traffic, the integrity of the county road, or the administration and enforcement of the Division's permit program, as determined from the permit application information.

2-14 Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)

The total weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles, including any load.

2-15 Height

The total vertical dimension of any vehicle above the ground surface, including any load and load-holding device thereon.

2-16 Hours of Darkness

Sunset to sunrise.

2-17 Hours of Daylight

Sunrise to sunset.

2-18 Lane

As defined in 42-1-102(46), C.R.S. (That portion of a roadway used for the movement of a single line of vehicles.)

2-19 Legal Limits

The size and weight limits for a vehicle or load, as defined in 42-4-502 through 42-4-509, C.R.S.

2-20 Length

The total longitudinal dimension of any vehicle or combination of vehicles, including any load or load-holding devices thereon.

2-21 Load

A weight of commodity or equipment resting upon something else regarded as its support.

2-22 Local Authorities

As defined in 42-1-102 (48) C.R.S. (Every county, municipal, and other local board or body having authority to adopt local police regulations under the constitution and laws of the State of Colorado.)

2-23 Longer Vehicle Combination (LVC)

The vehicle combinations defined in 42-4-505, C.R.S.

2-24 Maximum Limits

The maximum size and weight limits that may be allowed by permit for an extra-legal vehicle or load, as established in the Rules and the Transport Restriction Map.

2-25 Manufactured Housing Unit

As defined in 24-32-703(6.1) C.R.S.

2-26 Mobile Machinery

As defined in 42-1-102(54) C.R.S.

2-27 Mountainous Routes

Those routes designated by hash marks on the Transport Restriction Map and require a Special Single-trip Permit as defined in Chapter 6.

2-28 Nondivisible Load or Vehicle

Any load or vehicle exceeding applicable length or weight limits which, if separated into smaller loads or vehicles, would compromise the intended use of the vehicle, for example:

- A. Make it unable to perform the function for which it was intended;
- B. Destroy the value of the load or vehicle, i.e., make it unusable for its intended purpose; or

- C. Require more than 8 workhours to dismantle using appropriate equipment. The applicant for a nondivisible load permit has the burden of proof as to the number of workhours required to dismantle the load.

2-29 Overhang

As defined in 42-4-504(5) and (6) C.R.S. (Any projection four feet beyond the front of the vehicle or ten feet beyond the rear of the vehicle.)

2-30 Permittee

An applicant who has been granted a transport permit by the Division.

2-31 Pilot Escort Vehicle

A motor vehicle used for the express purpose as a warning vehicle for extra-legal vehicles or loads.

2-32 Reference Point (RP)

Identifies a physical location on the road in relationship to the preceding milepost markers.

2-33 Road

The entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel or the entire width of every way declared to be a public road by any law of this state.

2-34 Rule(s)

This document entitled "Rules and Regulations of Rio Blanco County, Road and Bridge Division, Pertaining to Transport Permits for the Movement of Extra-Legal Vehicles or Loads"

2-35 Transport Permit

A license granted by the Division to move or operate an extra-legal vehicle or load on a county road.

The following types of transport permits are available:

Single Trip Permit: A permit that is valid for only a single trip for a number of days, as determined by the Division but not to exceed a maximum of five days, over designated county roads for an extra-legal vehicle or load which does not exceed the maximum limits.

Special Permit: A permit that is valid for only a single one-way trip over designated county roads for an extra-legal vehicle or load that exceeds the maximum limits. All special permits are subject to the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Rules.

Annual Permit: A permit that is valid for one year from the date of issuance on all county roads for an extra-legal vehicle or load that does not exceed the maximum limits as set forth in the Rules and the Transport Restriction Map.

2-36 Transport Restrictions

Additional restrictions on specific roads and bridges. The chart along with a copy of these Rules must be carried in the permitted vehicle by Annual permit holders.

Bridge Weight Restrictions:

Indicates the load posted bridges and the allowable axle weight for other bridges within the county road system. This chart illustrates all bridges within the county road system in a color coded manner to indicate allowable weight limits of extra-legal vehicles or loads on bridges. This chart defines the maximum axle and gross vehicle weights authorized by the Rules.

Pilot Escort and Oversize Restrictions:

Pilot escort vehicles are required **on all county roads** for the operation or movement of extra-legal vehicles or loads exceeding certain widths as follows.

ESCORT REQUIREMENTS FOR WIDTH

- A) An extra-legal vehicle or load **at least 11 feet** but **not more than 13 feet** in width requires **one pilot car** in front.
- B) An extra-legal vehicle or load **at least 13 feet** but **not more than 15 feet** in width requires **two pilot cars** (one front, one rear).
- C) An extra-legal vehicle or load **over 15 feet** in width requires a **Chapter 6 Permit**.

Height Restrictions:

The Transport Restriction Map prepared by the Division indicates the structures that have a minimum clearance of 15 feet or less. A copy of the map may be obtained from the Division.

2-37 Truck

As defined in 42-1-102(108) C.R.S. (Any motor vehicle equipped with a body designed to carry property and which is generally and commonly used to carry and transport property.)

2-38 Truck Tractor

Any motor vehicle which is generally and commonly designed and used to draw a semitrailer and its cargo load.

2-39 Vehicle

A device as defined in 42-1-102(112), C.R.S.

2-40 Width

The total outside transverse dimension of a vehicle including the load or load-holding devices thereon and approved safety devices and tire bulge due to the load, with the exception of rear view mirrors, clearance lights, or other accessories required by federal, state, or local laws or regulations.

CHAPTER 3

TRANSPORT PERMITS AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

- 3-1 The applicant must apply to the Division to obtain a transport permit.
- 3-2 The applicant must include the following information and documentation as part of the application:
1. Annual Permit:
 - A. Maximum weight of extra-legal vehicle or load.
 - B. Maximum height of extra-legal vehicle or load.
 - C. Maximum width of extra-legal vehicle or load.
 - D. Maximum length of extra-legal vehicle or load.
 - E. Copy of vehicle registration.
 - F. Maximum number of axles of the complete unit and maximum weight per axle.
 - G. Maximum front overhang of extra-legal vehicle or load.
 - H. Maximum rear overhang of extra-legal vehicle or load.
 - I. Explanation of why legal limits of size and/or weight cannot be met.
 - J. Applicant name.
 - K. Applicant address.
 - L. Signature of owner, lessee or authorized representative.
 2. Single Trip Permit and Special Permit:
 - A. Maximum weight, or for a Special Permit, may be required to provide a professional engineer's estimated weight of the extra-legal vehicle or load.
 - B. Maximum height of extra-legal vehicle or load.
 - C. Maximum width of extra-legal vehicle or load.
 - D. Maximum length of extra-legal vehicle or load.
 - E. Description of object or load to be moved.
 - F. Point of origin and destination of movement.
 - G. Identification numbers of County highways to be traveled.
 - H. Inclusive dates required for movement.
 - I. Maximum number of axles of the complete unit.
 - J. Axle weight or group axle weights, and the distance between axles (centers) in feet-inches, for overweight vehicles.
 - K. Maximum front overhang of extra-legal vehicle or load.
 - L. Maximum rear overhang of extra-legal vehicle or load.
 - M. Explanation of why legal limits of size and/or weight cannot be met.
 - N. Applicant name.
 - O. Applicant address.
 - P. Signature of owner, lessee or authorized representative.
- 3-3 The maximum limits that may be authorized for an extra-legal vehicle or load operating under an **annual permit** are as follows:
1. **Height:** Fifteen (15) feet.

2. **Weight:** Two hundred thousand (200,000) pounds gross vehicle weight, subject to the maximum limits for axle weight designated on the Bridge Restriction Chart.
3. **Width:** Fifteen (15) feet in width.
4. **Length:** One hundred ten (110) feet in length.
5. **Overhang, Rear:** Thirty-five (35) foot rear overhang.
6. **Overhang, Front:** Twenty-five (25) foot front overhang.

If an extra-legal vehicle or load operating under an annual permit **exceeds any one of these maximum limits**, the permit automatically becomes void.

If an extra-legal vehicle or load exceeds the maximum limits for **height or length** the applicant must obtain a single-trip transport permit.

If an extra-legal vehicle or load exceeds the maximum limits for **width or weight** the applicant must obtain a Chapter 6 Special permit.

- 3-4 When an extra-legal vehicle or load is operating under a Single-trip or a Special permit, a faxed copy of a transport permit shall be acceptable. An invoice shall be mailed or faxed to the Permittee. Invoices must be paid within 30 days of permit issue. If unpaid invoices older than 30 days exist, no new permits shall be issued until account is current.
- 3-5 The annual permittee must have the following documents in the permitted vehicle when operating or moving on county roads, except as provided in Chapter 7:
 1. Bridge Restriction Chart.
 2. Copy of the Rules.
 3. The original permit. A copy of the annual permit is acceptable but original must be on file and available for inspection by enforcement or Rio Blanco County Representative.
- 3-6 Annual transport permits may be transferred to another extra-legal vehicle or load or replaced for the remainder of the permit term only upon compliance with the following conditions:
 1. The applicant for a permit transfer or replacement must submit a written application to the Division describing in detail the reason(s) for the transfer or replacement.
 2. A permit which is transferred or replaced shall be issued only to the original permittee.
 3. The applicant for a permit transfer or replacement shall submit a fee of \$15.00.
 4. The request for a permit transfer must be accompanied by the original transport permit.

CHAPTER 4

TRANSPORT PERMIT OPERATING

REQUIREMENTS, LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 4-1 An extra-legal vehicle or load may travel on county roads twenty four hours per day, seven days per week, except as follows:
1. Hours of Darkness: An extra-legal vehicle or load more than eleven feet in width is prohibited from travel during hours of darkness, unless authorized under a Chapter 6 Special permit.
 2. LVC's: LVC's (Longer Vehicle Combinations) are prohibited from travel at any time on county roads.
 3. HAZARDS: An extra-legal vehicle or load is prohibited from travel when:
 - A. The Division, Colorado Department of Transportation, State Patrol, Sheriff's Office or other peace officer determines and provides public notice by any available means that a hazardous road condition exists for an extra-legal vehicle or load; or
 - B. The permittee knows that a hazardous road condition exists for an extra-legal vehicle or load. Hazardous road conditions may include:
 1. Water, ice, snow, mud, wind, or rocks on the road.
 2. Debris from an accident, natural disaster, or emergency on the road.
 - C. If a hazardous road condition exists on the route to be traveled, the permittee shall comply with the following procedure to determine if an alternate route is available:
 1. The permittee shall contact the nearest Sheriff's Office or Division office.
 2. The Division must be contacted to determine if an alternate route is available.
 3. If the Division determines that an alternate route is available, the permit must be changed by Sheriff's Office, State Patrol, or Division personnel to allow travel on the alternate route.
 4. If the Division cannot be contacted or if the Division determines that an alternate route is not available, then no changes shall be made to the permit and the extra-legal vehicle or load shall not travel until the hazardous road condition ceases to exist.
- 4-2 An extra-legal vehicle or load which is thirteen feet or more in width shall travel only in the farthest right-hand lane available to traffic and shall travel as far to the right as safely possible, except when passing another vehicle or preparing for a left turn.

- 4-3 A divisible extra-legal vehicle or load is prohibited from travel on county roads, except as provided in Chapter 7.
- 4-4 An extra-legal vehicle or load with axle configurations which exceed the maximum limits for axle weight for certain county roads, as described on the Bridge Restriction Chart, is prohibited from travel on such roads unless authorized under either a Chapter 6 Special permit or as provided in Chapter 8.
- 4-5 An extra-legal vehicle or load that weighs more than one hundred forty thousand (140,000) pounds gross vehicle weight must:
1. Not exceed thirty (30) miles per hour when crossing bridges; and
 2. Travel in the center of the driving lane when crossing bridges.
- 4-6 An extra-legal vehicle or load that weighs more than two hundred thousand (200,000) pounds gross vehicle weight and all Chapter 8 Special Mobile Machinery must:
1. Not exceed ten (10) miles per hour on those bridge specifically restricted by the Division and listed on the permit;
 2. Travel in the center of the driving lane when crossing bridges, and
 3. If required to slow to ten miles per hour on any bridge along the approved route, attach to the rear of the extra-legal vehicle or load an Oversize Load Sign reading as follows:
"CAUTION: THIS VEHICLE MAY SLOW TO 10 MPH TO CROSS BRIDGES".
- 4-7 An extra-legal vehicle or load shall display "Wide Load", "Long Load", or "Oversize Load" signs, as applicable, which shall be visible to approaching traffic from the front and the rear, except as provided in Chapter 7. All such signs shall either be five feet wide, ten inches high with one inch wide brush stroke, black letters a minimum of eight inches high on yellow background, or shall be seven feet wide, eighteen inches high, with a 1.41 inch brush stroke, black letters a minimum of ten inches high on yellow background.
- 4-8 A minimum distance of one-half mile shall be maintained at all times between extra-legal vehicles or loads, except when passing or when otherwise authorized under a Chapter 6 Special permit. One extra-legal vehicle or load may pass another extra-legal vehicle or load only under the following conditions:
1. There must be no other traffic in the immediate vicinity on the county road; and
 2. The vehicles or loads involved must communicate by radio concerning the pass prior to making the passing maneuver.
- 4-9 A load consisting of a modular or mobile home with an open side(s) is prohibited from travel unless it is fully enclosed with paneling. The paneling shall consist of 0.5 mil. plastic sheathing or stronger, backed by a grill work not more than a square four feet by four feet.
- 4-10 An extra-legal vehicle or load traveling during daylight hours shall comply with the requirements as designated on the Transport Restriction Map.
- 4-11 An extra-legal vehicle or load operating or moving during the hours of darkness shall comply with the following requirements:
1. All lighting required by 42-4-204 through 42-4-235, C.R.S., and the Commercial Vehicle Rules, as applicable.

2. An extra-legal vehicle or load that exceeds legal width but does not exceed eleven (11) feet in width:
 - A. A flashing yellow light shall be mounted to the top of the cab of the vehicle.
 - B. At least two but not more than three flashing yellow lights shall be mounted to the extreme rear.
 3. An extra-legal vehicle or load that exceeds the legal limits for length or has an overhang:
 - A. A flashing yellow light shall be mounted to the top of the cab of the vehicle.
 - B. The permittee shall attach at least one but not more than three yellow or red cluster lights to any overhang, as follows:
 1. If the overhang is in the rear, red cluster lights shall be used.
 2. If the overhang is in the front, yellow cluster lights shall be used.
- 4-12 The permittee shall be responsible to check all overhead structures and utilities on the route to be traveled to ensure that the extra-legal vehicle or load has adequate clearance of all over-height restrictions.
- An extra-legal vehicle or load more than fifteen feet in height is prohibited from travel unless a pilot car escort vehicle is positioned in the front.
- 4-13 An extra-legal vehicle or load which exceeds the following maximum limits for length must use a pilot car escort vehicle:
1. More than eighty-five feet when traveling on mountainous two-lane routes, the pilot car escort vehicle must be positioned in the front.
 2. More than one hundred ten feet when traveling on all non-mountainous two-lane roads, the pilot car escort vehicle must be positioned in the front.
- 4-14 An extra-legal vehicle or load which has an overhang that exceeds the following limitations must use a pilot car escort vehicle. The pilot car escort vehicle shall be positioned according to the overhang, as follows:
1. If the overhang is more than 15 feet in the front, the pilot car escort vehicle shall travel in the front.
 2. If the overhang is more than 25 feet in the rear, the pilot car escort vehicle shall travel in the rear.
- 4-15 An extra-legal vehicle or load which has a width that exceeds the following limitations must use pilot car escort vehicle(s). The pilot car escort vehicle shall be positioned as follows:
- a) An extra-legal vehicle or load **at least 11 feet but not more than 13 feet** in width requires **one pilot car in front**.
 - b) An extra-legal vehicle or load **at least 13 feet but not more than 15 feet** in width requires **two pilot cars (one front, one rear)**.
 - c) An extra-legal vehicle or load **over 15 feet** in width requires a **Chapter 6 Permit**.

CHAPTER 5

PILOT CAR ESCORT VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

- 5-1 The operator of a pilot car escort vehicle must comply with all applicable traffic laws (contained in 42-4-101 to 42-4-1717, C.R.S.) and with the requirements of these Rules when escorting a vehicle or load on a county road, in order to protect the safety of road users and to protect the efficient movement of traffic from unreasonable interference.
- 5-2 The certification must be in the possession of the pilot car escort vehicle operator at all times when the operator is escorting an extra-legal vehicle or load on a county road. The certification shall be exclusive to the operator named in the certificate and may not be assigned or transferred.
- 5-3 When the pilot car escort vehicle is in front of the extra-legal vehicle or load being escorted, the operator shall:
1. Warn oncoming traffic of the presence of the vehicle or load by use of lights and signs as provided in Sections 5-6 and 5-9 of the Rules.
 2. Notify the driver of the extra-legal vehicle or load by two-way radio of: all hazards; overhead clearances; obstructions; traffic congestion; pedestrians; and any other circumstances evident to the operator that could affect either the safe movement of the extra-legal vehicle or load, the safety of the traveling public, or the efficient movement of traffic in sufficient time for the driver of the extra-legal vehicle or load to take remedial action, as necessary.
 3. To the extent necessary, locate safe places (if available) adjacent to the roadway and notify the driver of the extra-legal vehicle or load thereof to allow the extra-legal vehicle or load and the escort vehicle(s) to clear the road, so that following traffic can safely pass or for any other reasons necessary to protect public safety and the efficient movement of traffic.
 4. Be far enough in front of the extra-legal vehicle or load to signal oncoming motorists to stop in a timely manner, pursuant to Section 5-18, before such motorists enter any narrow structures or other restrictions on the road to permit the safe passage of the vehicle or load.
- 5-4 When the pilot car escort vehicle is behind the extra-legal vehicle or load, the operator shall:
2. Warn traffic approaching from the rear of the presence of the extra-legal vehicle or load ahead, by use of lights and signs as provided in Section 5-6 and 5-9 of the Rules.
 3. Notify the driver of the extra-legal vehicle or load by two-way radio of: flat tires or other problems with the extra-legal vehicle or load; objects coming loose from the extra-legal vehicle or load; other traffic approaching or passing the extra-legal vehicle or load; and any other circumstances evident to the operator that could affect either the safe movement of the extra-legal vehicle or load, the safety of the traveling public, or the efficient movement of traffic in sufficient time for the driver of the extra-legal vehicle or load to take remedial action, as necessary.

4. Notify the front pilot car escort driver and the driver of the extra-legal vehicle or load by two-way radio of traffic build-up and other delays to the normal flow and efficient movement of traffic caused by the movement of the extra-legal vehicle or load.
 5. Notify the driver of the vehicle or load by two-way radio of other vehicles attempting to pass the extra-legal vehicle or load.
 6. Be far enough behind the extra-legal vehicle or load to signal motorists following the extra-legal vehicle or load to slow or stop in a timely manner, pursuant to Section 5-18, before narrow structures or other restrictions in the road to permit the safe passage of the extra-legal vehicle or load.
- 5-5 The pilot car escort vehicle operator shall ensure that the pilot car escort vehicle is in safe operating condition at all times when the pilot car escort vehicle is escorting an extra-legal vehicle or load.
- 5-6 A pilot car escort vehicle shall, in addition to any other equipment required by the traffic laws, be equipped with at least one, but not more than three, flashing yellow lights, as defined in Section 2-12 of the Rules. The flashing yellow light(s) shall be visible to approaching traffic from the front and the rear of the pilot car escort vehicle.
- 5-7 The pilot car escort vehicle shall:
1. Be either a passenger car or a two-axle truck;
 2. Not exceed a maximum gross vehicle weight of 12,000 pounds;
 3. Be at least 60 inches wide; and
 4. Not exceed the legal limits of size and weight, as defined in Section 2-19 of the Rules.
- 5-8 The pilot car escort operator shall not carry any item(s) or equipment or load in or on the pilot car escort vehicle which:
1. Exceeds the height, length, or width of the pilot car escort vehicle, or overhangs the pilot car escort vehicle, or otherwise impairs its immediate recognition as a safety pilot car escort vehicle by the motoring public; or
 2. Obstructs the view of the flashing yellow lights or the signs used by the pilot car escort vehicle; or
 3. Causes safety risks; or
 4. Otherwise impairs the performance by the operator or the pilot car escort vehicle of the duties required by the Rules.

The pilot car escort vehicle operator shall properly load and secure any item(s) or equipment or load carried by the pilot car escort vehicle to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Section.

- 5-9 A pilot car escort vehicle shall display "Wide Load", "Long Load", or "Oversize Load" signs, as applicable, which shall be visible to approaching traffic from the front and the rear. All such signs shall be a minimum of five feet wide, ten inches high with one inch

wide brush stroke, black letters a minimum of eight inches high on yellow background, or shall be a maximum of seven feet wide, eighteen inches high, with a 1.41 inch brush stroke, black letters a minimum of ten inches high on yellow background.

- 5-10 The pilot car escort vehicle shall use its headlights at all times when escorting an extra-legal vehicle or load.
- 5-11 The pilot car escort vehicle shall be equipped with two-way radio facilities capable of providing reliable voice communication both ways between the driver of the extra-legal vehicle or load and the driver of the pilot car escort vehicle at all times when the extra-legal vehicle or load is in motion on a county road.
- 5-12 A pilot car escort vehicle shall carry the following items of equipment at all times when escorting an extra-legal vehicle or load:
1. Standard 18 inch STOP & SLOW paddle sign.
 2. Three bi-directional emergency reflective triangles.
 3. A minimum of one 5 pound B C fire extinguisher.
 4. A reflective orange vest, shirt or jacket, which must be worn by the operator while directing traffic.
 5. An orange or white hard hat, which must be worn by the operator when out of the vehicle.
 6. Two additional signs, as described in Section 5-9.
 7. A copy of the Transport Restriction Map.
- 5-13 A pilot car escort vehicle is prohibited from escorting more than one extra-legal vehicle or load at the same time, unless expressly so authorized under a Chapter 6 Special permit.
- 5-14 A pilot car escort vehicle shall use a height pole at all times when escorting an extra-legal vehicle or load exceeding fifteen feet in height, unless otherwise expressly authorized by the Division on the permit. The height pole shall not extend more than six inches above the maximum height of the extra-legal vehicle or load the pilot car escort vehicle is escorting. When the pilot car escort vehicle is not escorting an extra-legal vehicle or load but is moving on the road, the height pole shall be removed, tied down, or shortened to within legal limits.
- 5-15 Identification signs or placards shall be displayed on the pilot car escort vehicle at all times when escorting an extra-legal vehicle or load. The sign or placard must:
1. Appear on both sides of the pilot car escort vehicle.
 2. Be in letters that contrast sharply in color with the background on which the letters are placed.
 3. Be readily legible, during daylight hours, from a distance of 50 feet while the vehicle is stationary; and
 4. Be kept and maintained in a manner that retains the legibility required by subparagraph 3 of this Section.

- 5-16 The operator of the pilot car escort vehicle shall use the pilot car escort vehicle and the equipment described herein only in compliance with the rules.
- 5-17 When a pilot car escort vehicle is not escorting an extra-legal vehicle or load but is moving on the road, the signs described in Section 5-9 of the Rules shall either be removed or covered, and the flashing yellow lights described in Section 5-6 of the Rules shall not be operated.
- 5-18 In the performance of the duties required by the Rules, the operator of the pilot car escort vehicle may direct other traffic to stop, slow, or proceed in situations where such direction is necessary to allow the extra-legal vehicle or load to continue moving safely, except as provided below.

The operator of the pilot car escort vehicle shall signal the extra-legal vehicle or load to stop, and the extra-legal vehicle shall stop, as far off of the roadway as practicable to allow other traffic to pass the stopped extra-legal vehicle or load in the following situations:

1. When the extra-legal vehicle or load becomes disabled; or
 2. When the movement of the extra-legal vehicle or load on a particular section of county road presents a safety risk or unreasonably interferes with the efficient movement of other traffic, based upon such factors as the widths of the extra-legal vehicle or load and the roadway, volume of other traffic, visibility and limited sight distance, and mountainous terrain; or
 3. When driving conditions for the extra-legal vehicle or load are hazardous for any other reason, including weather. When the extra-legal vehicle or load has been stopped pursuant to this Subsection 3, the pilot car escort operator shall then direct other traffic past the extra-legal vehicle or load, as necessary, until such time as the extra-legal vehicle or load can re-enter the roadway and continue moving without presenting a safety risk or unreasonably interfering with the efficient movement of other traffic; and
 4. When directing traffic in the situations described in this Section, the operator shall:
 - A. Stand outside the pilot car escort vehicle;
 - B. Use the paddle signs and other equipment identified in Section 5-12; and
 - C. Comply with the flagging procedures and requirements described in Section 6(F)-4 through Section 6(F)-7 of the M.U.T.C.D.
- 5-19 The operator of the extra-legal vehicle or load and the operator of the pilot car escort vehicle shall comply with the following procedures:
1. Before trip:
 - A. Discuss aspects of the move, including the extra-legal vehicle or load, the route, and specific responsibilities.
 - B. Review permit conditions.
 - C. Review the permitted route.

- D. Determine the proper position of the pilot car escort vehicle(s).
- E. Establish particular procedures.
- F. Check mandatory equipment.
- G. Mount signs, adjust mirrors, turn on lights.
- H. Check each 2-way radio to ensure clear communication on a selected channel.
- I. Verify that drivers licenses, extra-legal vehicle or load transport permit, and pilot car escort vehicle certification are in the possession of the operators.
- J. Determine if additional flagpersons will be necessary and, if so, have them available.

2. During trip:

- A. Obey all traffic laws.
- B. Maintain proper distance between the extra-legal vehicle or load and the pilot car escort vehicle:
 - 1. Do not follow or precede more closely than is reasonably prudent, considering the speed of the extra-legal vehicle or load, other traffic, and road conditions,
 - 2. Do not exceed ½ mile distance between extra-legal vehicle or load and the pilot car escort vehicle to maintain radio contact.
 - 3. Be close enough to warn other traffic of extra-legal vehicle or load.

3. Traffic lights:

- A. If the pilot car escort vehicle goes through a traffic light but the extra-legal vehicle or load does not, then the pilot car escort vehicle must pull over to the right side of the road, where practicable, to wait for the extra-legal vehicle or load.
- B. If the extra-legal vehicle or load goes through the traffic light but the pilot car escort vehicle does not, then the extra-legal vehicle or load must continue and the pilot car escort vehicle must catch up when possible.

CHAPTER 6

SPECIAL PERMITS

- 6-1 An extra-legal vehicle or load which the Division determines, based upon the application information, either requires extraordinary action or exceeds the maximum limits, and which does not qualify for a Chapter 8 Special Mobile Machinery Exemption, is prohibited from travel unless authorized by a Chapter 6 Special permit.

An extra-legal vehicle or load under a Special permit shall comply with the following:

1. Applicable requirements of the Rules.
 2. All conditions of the permit, which the Division determined to be necessary after a detailed analysis of the extra-legal vehicle or load and the move, including but not limited to:
 - A. The size and type of load to be moved.
 - B. The method to be utilized in making the move.
 - C. The areas where the move originates and terminates.
 - D. Route requested for the move.
 - E. The distance of the move.
- 6-2 Special permits shall be valid for only a single one-way trip.
- 6-3 An extra-legal vehicle or load under a special permit shall have one pilot car escort vehicle in the front and shall have one pilot car escort vehicle in the rear, except when expressly designated otherwise by the Division. The Division may require the permittee, as a condition of the permit, to provide additional pilot car escort vehicles and flagpersons based upon certain factors including, but not limited to: county road width, traffic volume, visibility, and whether the width of the load interferes with or blocks more than one lane of traffic. If additional pilot car escort vehicles and flagpersons are required, they shall stop traffic at all intersections and other turn out areas ahead of the load as necessary in accordance with Chapter 5 of the Rules to allow the load to pass such areas without causing safety or traffic hazards, except as otherwise described in the permit by the Division.
- 6-4 When required as a condition of the permit, the permittee shall employ standby pulling vehicles as a precaution in case of vehicle breakdown when utilizing high volume sections of the county road.
- 6-5 If a condition of the permit requires a county road to be closed because the extra-legal vehicle or load will use the entire road, the permittee shall provide public notification of the temporary closure of a county road, not less than three weeks in advance of the move.

Public notification shall consist of one or more of the following: local newspaper, radio, television, or on site location signs as determined by the Division to be appropriate and as indicated by the Division in the permit.

- 6-6 The permittee shall comply with additional requirements, including but not limited to the following, when included as condition(s) of the permit:
1. Bridge shoring.
 2. Setting up turn out areas.
 3. Traveling in the center of the driving lane.
 4. Posting a bond to pay for potential damage to the road.
 5. Removing all material used in the move from the road right-of-way.
 6. Any other requirements the Division deems necessary.
- 6-7 The applicant shall examine the proposed route and shall determine whether conflicts exist between the dimensions of the load and all structures, including overhead lines and railroad crossings, that may be damaged, disturbed, or otherwise interfered with due to the move and that may need to be altered to allow for the move. The applicant shall contact the representatives of all such structures, if any, and shall resolve such conflicts before the move. An extra-legal vehicle or load is prohibited from travel until such conflicts have been resolved.

CHAPTER 7

EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES

- 7-1 An extra-legal vehicle or load identified in 42-4-510(9), C.R.S., shall be exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit.
- 7-2 All extra-legal vehicles or loads owned by the United States or a Colorado political subdivision shall be required to obtain a permit but shall be exempt from applicable permit fees.
- 7-3 Vehicles or loads that are within all legal limits except height are exempt from the lighting requirements of Section 4-11.
- 7-4 A pilot car escort vehicle operating with a height pole which exceeds the legal limit for height shall be exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit for the pole.
- 7-5 Emergency moves of an extra-legal vehicle or load are exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit to move an endangered extra-legal vehicle or load out of the danger area to a temporary or new permanent location and to move the extra-legal vehicle or load from the temporary or new permanent location back to the original permanent location. However, an extra-legal vehicle or load is required to obtain a permit to move from the temporary safe location to a new permanent location. All emergency moves shall comply with the following:
1. If practicable, verbal authorization shall be obtained prior to the move, as follows:
 - A. If the emergency occurs during business hours the Division must be contacted.
 - B. If the emergency occurs at night, on weekends, or holidays, the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office must be contacted.
 2. The Rules, unless otherwise authorized by the Division.
- 7-6 Towing carriers may transport a disabled extra-legal vehicle, or other combination or single unit that becomes extra-legal when connected to a towing carrier, from the point of breakdown or crash to the nearest place of safekeeping under the following conditions:
1. The towing carrier must have a valid annual extra-legal permit.
 2. The move from an accident scene must be authorized by a law enforcement officer.
 3. The towing carrier must utilize the braking system of the trailer if it is operational, when towing a combination vehicle unless exempted by a law enforcement officer.
- 7-7 Commercial snow removal vehicles that are within all legal limits except width shall be exempt from the restrictions of Section 4-1, the sign requirements of Section 4-7 and the pilot car escort vehicle requirements of Section 4-10 subject to the following conditions:

1. The vehicle must not exceed twelve feet in width; and
2. The snow removal blade must be raised and turned parallel to the road as much as possible, and when raised and turned, shall not exceed twelve feet in width with respect to the road, at all times when the vehicle is moving on a county road but not plowing snow, so that the width of the blade to oncoming traffic is minimized.

7-8 A vehicle or load which is within all legal limits except weight shall be exempt from the sign requirements of Section 4-7.

7-9 Crane boom sections transported side by side as items essential to the operation of the crane shall be exempt from Section 4-3 regarding divisible loads, provided that such sections do not exceed an overall width of eleven feet six inches, and provided that the trailer unit carrying the crane boom sections travels on the roads with and directly behind the crane. Notwithstanding Section 4-8, a distance of not less than 100 feet nor more than 500 feet shall be maintained between the crane and the trailer unit.

7-10 An extra-legal vehicle or load entering county road right-of-way for the sole purpose of immediately crossing the county road is exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit if the extra-legal vehicle or load does not exceed the annual permit specifications listed in Section 3-3.

The permittee of an extra-legal vehicle or load which exceeds the annual permit specifications of Section 3-3 shall contact the District Supervisor prior to crossing the county road to determine if a permit will be required. In determining whether a permit will be required, the Maintenance Supervisor shall consider the number of proposed crossings, seasonal and weather conditions, time of crossings, protection of efficient movement of traffic, protection of the road from undue damage to the road, width of the County right-of-way involved, and any other factors relevant to the specific right-of-way.

7-11 Notwithstanding Section 2-40 of the Rules, the overall width of manufactured housing shall be based on the total width of the manufactured housing exclusive of the measurement of the eaves of the manufactured housing, provided:

1. The base width of the manufactured housing does not exceed fourteen feet; and
2. The total width of the eave or eaves does not exceed two feet.

CHAPTER 8

SPECIAL MOBILE MACHINERY EXEMPTION (SMME)

- 8-1 Mobile machinery that exceeds maximum limits as identified in these rules is prohibited from travel on county roads except under a Colorado Department of Transportation issued Special Mobile Machinery Exemption (SMME) and Rio Blanco County Special (Chapter 6) permit.
- 8-2 Applicants for an SMME must file an application for a certificate of exemption with the Colorado Department of Transportation headquarters Permit Office located in Denver, Colorado.
- 8-3 A copy of the SMME shall be carried in the mobile machinery when the mobile machinery is operating or moving on the roadways. The certificate of exemption shall be open to inspection by any police officer or by an authorized agent of the Division.

CHAPTER 9

DENIAL OF PERMIT APPLICATION

SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMITS

HEARINGS AND APPEALS

- 9-1 The Division may deny a permit application and may amend, revise, modify, suspend, or revoke a permit for violations of the Rules or of permit conditions. If the application for a new permit or a renewal permit is denied without a hearing, the Division shall notify the applicant in writing of such action and the ground(s) therefore, and the applicant has sixty days after the giving of such notice in which to request a hearing.
- 9-2 The Division may deny a permit application if:
1. The applicant does not comply with the stated criteria, terms, purpose, and requirements of the Rules, a prior permit, or 42-4-510, C.R.S.
 2. The applicant fails to show good cause to issue a permit.
 3. The applicant makes a false statement on the application for a transport permit.
 4. The applicant fails to sign the permit application.
 5. The applicant fails to provide all applicable information in the form required by the Division.
 6. The applicant fails to remit payment for previously issued permits within 30 days of invoice.
 7. The applicant violates any ordinance or resolution of a local authority concerning operation or movement of an extra-legal vehicle or load.
 8. The Division determines that granting a permit in the particular circumstances described in the application will present a public safety hazard, will unreasonably interfere with the efficient movement of traffic, or will subject the county roads to undue damage.
- 9-3 The Division may revoke or suspend an existing permit as follows:
1. Upon a finding that the permittee has violated the stated criteria, terms, purpose, requirements and conditions of the permit, the Rules or 42-4-510 C.R.S.
 2. Upon determining the applicant made a false statement in the application for a transport permit.
 3. Failure by the permittee to pay applicable ad valorem taxes prior to movement of a used mobile home.
 4. Falsification or misrepresentation by the permittee of an emergency situation, in order to obtain oral authorization to move an extra-legal vehicle or load.

5. Where the agency has reasonable grounds to believe and finds that the permittee has been guilty of deliberate and willful violation or that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.
6. Permittee actions or omissions while operating or moving an extra-legal vehicle or load which impair public safety, interfere with the efficient movement of traffic, or damage the county road.
7. Violation by the permittee of any ordinance or resolution of a local authority concerning operation or movement of an extra-legal vehicle or load.

9-4 Any hearing required by this Chapter shall be presided over by the Public Facilities Director or his designee. If a hearing is held and if either party is dissatisfied with the initial decision of the Public Facilities Director, then an appeal may be made to the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County within thirty days after the date of service of the initial decision. The appeal shall specify the findings of fact and conclusions of law the dissatisfied party is appealing. All appeals shall be submitted to:

Rio Blanco County
Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box i
Meeker, CO 81641

9-5 The Board of County Commissioners shall conduct a hearing on said appeal within forty-five (45) days of the receipt of said appeal, unless otherwise agreed by the parties. The Board may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the Public Facilities Director, provided that the grounds of the decision must be within the scope of the issues presented on the record. The Board of County Commissioners' decision constitutes final agency action and is subject to judicial review.

CHAPTER 10

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- 10-1 It is unlawful for any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or association to violate any of these Rules and Regulations.
- 10-2 It is a Class B traffic infraction as provided in C.R.S. 42-4-1701 for any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or association or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved on any road over which Rio Blanco County has jurisdiction, any vehicle or vehicles of a size or weight exceeding the limitations set forth in these Rules and Regulations.
- 10-3 Any police or peace officer as defined in 18-1-901 (3)(1)(iv) C.R.S., having reason to believe that the weight or length of a vehicle is unlawful under the terms of these Rules and Regulations, is authorized to require the vehicle to stop and submit to the measurement or weighing of the same by means of either portable or stationary scales, or shall require that such vehicle be driven to the nearest public scales in the event such scales are within five (5) miles.
- 10-4 Any driver of a vehicle who fails or refuses to stop and submit the vehicle and load to measurement or weighing or fails or refuses when directed by an officer upon weighing of the vehicle to stop the vehicle and otherwise comply with the provisions of this Ordinance commits a Class Two Misdemeanor traffic offense.
- 10-5 Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall relieve any person from liability for damages to county roads and highways as otherwise provided by law.