



# Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Department of Transportation  
Office of the Director  
355 Capitol St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

December 10, 2020

**ATTN: Motor Carriers**

**RE: Emergency Order Granting Suspension of Certain Motor Carrier Regulations in Response to Oregon Wild Fire Activity — Modified 12/10/2020**

As we move into recovery from the wild fires, we are no longer in a state of emergency related to the fire suppression. Motor carriers assisting with the efforts to rebuild and restore Oregon's communities and forests will need to obtain the necessary trip permits. These services are available online, over the phone or by appointment. The following requirements are in full force and effect:

- (1) ORS 825.100, certificate or permit requirement for commercial transportation of persons or property.
- (2) ORS 825.104, permit requirement for for-hire or private carrier engaged in interstate operations.
- (3) ORS 825.450, weight identifier and vehicle enrollment in Oregon's weight-mile tax program.
- (4) ORS 825.470, temporary pass for single trip or short-time operation of vehicle.
- (5) ORS 826.031, registration of certain vehicles not already registered with the state.

Federal and state hours of service waivers have expired. The urgency related to fire suppression and protection of life, property and natural resources has passed, therefore, there is no longer a need to waive the hours of service. If you have questions about hours of service, particularly intrastate hours of service and the related exemptions, please contact our Commercial Vehicle Safety team at 503-378-6963.

The remaining waiver continues to be in effect until it expires on January 8, 2021. Under ORS 823.012 and pursuant to OAR 740-010-0020, I authorize the following relief for vehicles needing size and weight permits. This relief is granted above in concert with the federal declaration of emergency on September 10, 2020 as noted in EM-3542-OR. This relief is granted for 120 days from the date noted in EM-3542-OR. **This document serves as the permit for loads operating on legal axle weights up to 105,500 that do not already have an annual permit to operate on the interstate and state highways in Oregon.** Please carry a copy of this declaration in your vehicle. Note the following:

You must comply with legal axle weights of 20,000 lbs. for single axle, and 34,000 lbs. for tandem axles, and other group axle weights as stated on Weight Table 1 and Weight Table 2.

You must abide by all weight postings on bridges. If you exceed those weight postings, you cannot cross those bridges. The responsibility will be placed solely on the driver. In addition to the obvious safety concerns, the driver will be subject to enforcement action, and civil penalties against the motor carrier will be explored.

Additionally, under the authority granted the Department in ORS 818.200, 30-day permits for loads that cannot operate on an annual permit may be issued under OAR740-082 for over-dimension vehicles and loads associated with activities needed to respond to ongoing recovery efforts.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristopher W. Strickler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kristopher W. Strickler  
Director