



**Montana Department  
of Transportation**

**CONSTRUCTION MEMO**

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**Subject: Construction Detours – MCS Over-width Permits**

To: Distribution

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This is a reminder to make the necessary notification to Motor Carrier Services (MCS) for construction detours (this includes four lane to two lane detours on the Interstate system) any time a project will result in a detour of oversize loads.

When placing width restrictions on any particular segment of highway the MCS permit office must be afforded at least 10 days notice. If such a restriction is the result of an emergency, then do your best to advise the MCS office as soon as possible.

MDT issues over width permits on an annual basis up to 15 feet wide, in addition to all the permits issued daily from the MCS office and on the computer system. Advanced notice is required to alert the MCS offices, scales, annual permit holders and to update the web page. If we are successful in giving MCS lead time we will reduce the complications caused when a wide load enters a restricted area and greatly reduce the number of complaints received.

The following are MCS Contacts in Priority order. These are **INTERNAL** Phone Numbers Only

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