PUBLIC NOTICE: New Bridge Weight Limit on Meridian Road Bridge over Black Creek

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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NEW WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ANNOUNCED FOR **MERIDIAN ROAD BRIDGE OVER BLACK CREEK** IN TOWN OF RIETBROCK, MARATHON COUNTY.

TOWN OF RIETBROCK, MARATHON COUNTY, Wis. – Following a recent structural engineering inspection and load rating evaluation conducted in accordance with Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) guidelines, new weight limits are now in effect for the MERIDIAN ROAD BRIDGE (Structure ID: P-37-190), located on Meridian Road between County Highway U and Lovers Lane.

Effective November 10, 2026, vehicles crossing this structure are restricted to the **maximum weight of 10 Tons**.

Signage indicating the updated load limits has been installed at both approaches to the bridge, along with advance warning signs at County Highway U and Creekview Road to allow heavy vehicles to detour safely.

Impact on Travel:

- **Cars and standard pickups** are unaffected and may cross normally.
- **Heavy trucks and deliveries** (propane, septic, milk haulers, dump trucks, and heavy agricultural machinery) exceeding these limits must use alternate routes until further notice.

Drivers are reminded that operating a vehicle in excess of posted bridge weight limits violates Wisconsin Statutes (§ 348.15 / § 348.16) and poses a severe safety risk to the traveling public and infrastructure.

For real-time statewide restrictions, commercial drivers can also consult the WisDOT Weight Restricted Bridges Map. For local questions, please contact the Town of Rietbrock at 715-257-7014.

Thank you for helping us keep our local infrastructure safe!