

2018 Bayfield County Highway Survey

June 18th 2018

97 Respondents

Q1 - Which best describes you? (select all that apply)

Answer	%	Count
Logger	18.42%	28
Farmer	5.26%	8
Truck Driver	15.13%	23
Other Industrial User	6.58%	10
Highway A or N Resident	6.58%	10
Forest Land Owner, Private	7.89%	12
Forest Land Owner, Large Industrial	1.32%	2
Bayfield County full time resident	30.92%	47
Bayfield County seasonal resident	3.95%	6
Other	3.95%	6 ^o
Total	100%	152*

**Because respondents could choose more than one answer, the total is greater than the actual number of responses*

*^oOf the 6 "Other" responses, 2 chose just Other with no additional categories chosen.
Of the 6 "Other" responses; no one had written in a description*

Q2 - Would these all season county highways allow you to bid higher on timber sales?

Answer	%	Count
Yes	80.00%	16
No	20.00%	4
Total	100%	20*

**Only those who chose Logger in Question 1 could answer this question.*

Q3 - How do you adjust your logging practices while load restrictions are in place (select all that apply)?

Answer	%	Count
Staging wood at accessible landings	13.04%	3
Accessing forests through alternate routes	0.00%	0
Planning seasonal harvest schedule around load restrictions	78.26%	18
Not applicable: do not operate in spring	0.00%	0
Other, please specify:	8.70%	2°
Total	100%	23*

**Only those who chose Logger in Question 1 could answer this question.*

Q3 - Other, please specify°:

bid lower on sales not accrssable

All of the above.

Q5 - What Impact would all season county highways/no spring postings have on you/your operation?

Answer	%	Count
Very positive impact	67.65%	23
Positive Impact	23.53%	8
Neutral	8.82%	3
Negative Impact	0.00%	0
Very Negative	0.00%	0
Total	100%	34*

*Those who answered Logger, Farmer, Truck Driver or Other Industrial User in Question 1 could answer this question.

Q6 - Would all season county highways allow you to expand your business?

Answer	%	Count
Yes	83.33%	20
No	16.67%	4
Total	100%	24*

*Those who answered Logger, Farmer, Truck Driver or Other Industrial User in Question 1 could answer this question.

Q7 - Would all season county highways increase the number of people you employ?

	Answer	%	Count
Yes, I would be able to hire more people, approximately (please use a number such as 1, 2, 3, not in words such as "a few").		45.45%	10
	No	54.55%	12
	Total	100%	22*

*Those who answered Logger, Farmer, Truck Driver or Other Industrial User in Question 1 could answer this question.

Q7– Please use a number such as 1, 2, 3, not words such as a “few”

Raw Data	# of Employees	# of Respondents
1	1	3
6	2	5
2	3	1
2	6	1
1		
2		
1		
3		
2		
2		

Q4 - How frequently do you use Highway A? (select one)

Answer	%	Count
Never	5.75%	5
Very rarely (1 - 6 times a year)	12.64%	11
Rarely (7 – 11 times a year)	10.34%	9
Occasionally (1 – 2 times a month)	14.94%	13
Frequently (3 - 5 times a month)	17.24%	15
Very frequently (more than five times a month)	37.93%	33
Not Applicable: not a heavy user	1.15%	1
Total	100%	87*

*All respondents could answer this question

Q10 - Do you have any other comments about upgrades to County highways?

County A and all of County N need to be fixed. County Y is altogether the worst road in the county!

Work is needed on County A NORTH of Iron River, too!

Just would appreciate the upgrades, I drive it pretty much daily

Daily. Live on highway A

If the road base is built correctly then there would be minimal impact on the road even during springtime.

Daily as I live on A.

These truly need repaired. I cannot do close to the speed limit when pulling a trailer.

Has needed some attention for a long time. It allows easy access to and from Iron River and increases availability of surrounding communities.

Due to increasing bike traffic, please make wider shoulders.

No

Every county highway should be upgraded to haul 98000 lbs. Year round.

The reconstruction of A would be beneficial not only for year round use but to make the rode more functionable. There are many dips and bumps in the road.

Our roads should be built to a standard that allows business to continue year round, sidelining industries for 2-3 months a year because of the inability to build a proper road is foolish.

All season access to the valuable natural resources in this area are crucial to the local economy, land managers, loggers, truckers and forest products companies that help convert our timberland in finished forest products.

As a retired U.S.Forest Service Timber technician, I know how important it can be to have good access routes all year long, for timber and timber machinery hauling. That being said, I've seen the damage caused by trucks that haul when load limits are on in the spring. Some of these roads will never get funding to have that kind of use. I do support upgrading of A and D if possible. In addition, I support active law enforcement of load limits. I know of many haulers who think that they can haul all year, and make up reasons to do so; times are tough and waiting a month to haul is hard. Having a pre-haul spot isn't always possible. I've known company owners who force employees to haul. I've known at least one County board member that owns a timber company; who insisted on hauling during breakup. One owner stated that all blacktop roads should be built to carry year round truck traffic; good point, but expensive. I fought hard for the timber industry during my career and always set up the best sales that I could for logging profit and efficiency. We need this industry!

County C would be the most important upgrade because the alternate route is to have to use Highway 13 through Bayfield.

any upgrades, so that loggers could haul wood all year round, would definitely help the struggling loggers

Upgrading county highways would have a very positive impact on the local timber industry.

Are there any kinds of streams in the area? While these repairs are happening, it may be advantageous to "upsized" or change the angle/pitch of any culverts in the area to reduce flooding potential and allow better fish passage. Angling and tourism are important industries in Bayfield County too. Same goes for replacing power lines and telecoms cables for businesses and residents, if applicable.

It would be such a help to all industry. It creates such a hardship and expense dealing with posted roads. For two months a year we are basically shut down to make a living.

good county roads are vital to our citizens and businesses. the addition of all season roads will improve business opportunities

Upgrades to Hwy A and Hwy N to all season use would be a tremendous benefit to the wood industry. Being able to use these highways all year long is a much needed upgrade.

We always bid more on wood that we can haul during spring breakup. When county highway A is not accessible it puts more pressure on the town of Barnes and Highland. We have offered to grade roads to help that situation. Currently the forest product industry is slow. No one can afford to help with maintenance at this time because of money flow.

Town roads in northern part of county a much larger issue all summer and fall

This would be a very positive upgrade, not only for the forest products industry but for other industrial users too.

Having upgraded to highways improves public safety and will also reduce amount of resources in services ancillary to the highways such a traffic court, law enforcement time. It also can help small businesses by not having so many regulations to worry about and penalties if they do not perfectly follow those seasonal regulations

No.

Very necessary. Improvements to All Season access are needed across northern Wisconsin.

Wide and safe bike lanes should be part of any highway project.

great idea

*I support the upgrade because of the importance of those highways so logging trucks can use them safely and take pressure off the other roads trucks can use in the spring. (That is where the wood is)

*Also both roads have great potential for bicyclists to use. Wide shoulders should be a design consideration if the upgrades are undertaken.

*Added as per email