

Appendix H: Bayfield County Highway Survey Questions and Results

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°
Total	100%	152*

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

° Of 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 accessible
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

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

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, logging respondents, 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!