

**ROAD MAINTENANCE PERMIT FOR PRIVATE ENTITIES
ROADS NOT MAINTAINED BY COUNTY**

**MORGAN COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT
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Road No. _____
Date Issued _____
Bond No. _____
Date of Expiration _____

In order to facilitate the maintenance of a County road, Morgan County may allow a private individual or company to perform maintenance on all or part of a County road. This permit allows maintenance on a county road which has not been opened by the County and/or maintained by the County.

No person shall perform work, except as permitted by the Morgan County Road Department Policies and Procedures and Road Maintenance Permit for Private Entities - Road Not Maintained by County, on a County road without first obtaining a Road Maintenance Permit for Private Entities from the Morgan County Road and Bridge Department (Road Department) for Roads Not Maintained by the County. The County shall determine, at its sole discretion, which county roads it will allow a private party to maintain. Granting of this permit does not grant exclusive use of the county roads. The requirements and procedures set forth herein and in the Policies and Procedures should be considered the minimum and additional information or criteria may be applied. (Please refer to Morgan County Road Department Policies and Procedure, Road Maintenance Permit for Private Entities, Roads Not Maintained by County.)

The intent of this permit is to preserve and protect the integrity of the county roads. The intent is not to make private enterprise financially responsible for upgrading county roads, rather to protect the county roads in their existing condition for the safety and welfare of the traveling public. The purpose of this policy is not to place the financial burden on county taxpayers for repairing damaged county roads due to the permittee's use.

PERMITEE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE _____

Permittee hereby requests authority to maintain Morgan County Road Number _____ from Mile Marker _____ to Mile Marker _____ (or, if Mile Marker information is not available, from Start Point _____ to End Point _____) for a total distance of _____. The reason the permittee is requesting permission to maintain:

Name of person responsible for road maintenance and contact information: _____

Names and mailing addresses of property owners located along proposed route:

Time period for which permit is being requested _____

This request shall expire on _____ . (Not to exceed one year from date of issue.)

Maintenance work may include but not be limited to: blading, surface replacement, dust abatement, spot repairs, slide removal, ditch cleaning, culvert cleaning, brush removal, litter cleanup, weed control and snow removal. This includes staying within the county right-of-way, not leaving windrows or berms on county road and signage in accordance with MUTCD regulations.

Vehicles and equipment used to maintain a County road must be properly licensed and insured to operate in the State of Colorado.

SEE MORGAN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, ROAD MAINTENANCE PERMIT FOR PRIVATE ENTITIES, ROADS NOT MAINTAINED BY COUNTY, FOR COMPLETE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

The Undersigned Permittee agrees:

INDEMNIFICATION: To the fullest extent permitted by law, Permittee agrees to defend, hold harmless, and unconditionally indemnify Morgan County, and all of their respective officers, directors and employees, against and for all liabilities, costs and expenses including attorney's fees and expenses of investigation, claims and damages which Morgan County may at any time suffer or sustain or become liable for by reason of any accidents, damages or injuries (including injuries resulting in death) either to the persons or property, or to any other parties, in any manner caused by or resulting from Permittee's breach of this Permit or acts or failures to act by Permittee or its employees or agents in the performance of the Permit; provided, however, that such indemnification and hold harmless shall not apply to claims for loss, damage, injury, or death to the extent caused by the negligence of Morgan County. Morgan County shall continue to be responsible, to the extent provided by law, for claims for loss, damage, injury or death that are caused by the deliberate acts or negligence of Morgan County, provided however that Morgan County has not waived and by this Permit, is not waiving any right to

MORGAN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ROAD MAINTENANCE PERMIT FOR PRIVATE ENTITIES ROADS NOT MAINTAINED BY COUNTY

The purpose of this policy is to outline the procedures and criteria by which Morgan County will consider requests presented to perform maintenance on a Public Road under the County's jurisdiction by a private individual or company.

The intent is not to make private enterprise financially responsible for upgrading county roads, rather to protect the county roads in their existing condition for the safety and welfare of the traveling public. The purpose of the policy is not to place the financial burden on county taxpayers for repairing damaged county roads due to the Permittee's use.

The requirements and procedures set forth herein and in the permit should be considered the minimum and additional information or criteria may be applied. In order to facilitate the maintenance of a road that might not be opened by the County or otherwise be maintained on a regular basis, the Morgan County Road Department (Road Department) may allow a private individual or company to maintain all or part of a County Road. The County shall determine at its discretion which county roads it will allow a private individual or company to maintain. Granting of a permit does not grant exclusive use of county roads.

Exception as provided by these Policies and Procedures, no person shall perform work on a County road without first submitting a Road Maintenance Permit for Private Entities, Roads Not Maintained by the County, to the Road Department. The written permit will include at a minimum:

1. The name and/or number of the road to be maintained.
2. A map designating the portion of the road to be maintained.
3. The distance in miles to be maintained privately.
4. Name of the person(s) responsible for maintaining the road.
5. Names and mailing addresses of property owners located along the proposed route.
6. Reason the maintenance is being requested.
7. The time period for which the permit is being requested.

The Permittee representative requesting permission to maintain a County road indicates that he/she has read, understands and agrees to comply with the conditions set forth in this policy and with the conditions of a permit if one is issued.

Maintenance of the County road shall be done in a manner to preserve and protect roads during the term of the permit and to the extent necessary, to insure safe and efficient transportation and to prevent excessive erosion damage to roads or streams. For the purposes of this policy, maintenance work may include: blading, surface replacement, dust abatement, spot repairs, slide removal, ditch cleaning, culvert cleaning, brush removal, litter cleanup, weed control, and snow removal.

Maintenance work, such as blading, surface replacement, dust abatement, spot repairs, slide removal, ditch cleaning, culvert cleaning, brush removal, litter clean up and weed control, shall include: (1) staying within the county right-of-way, (2) not leaving windrows or berms on the county road, (3) not hindering or blocking driveway or other access points from the county road, and (4) signage in accordance with MUTCD regulations.

Snow removal work shall include: (1) Removal of snow from all the traveled way, including sufficient turnouts for safe and efficient use for transportation and (2) leaving culvert inlets in a natural condition without snow or other material plowed into them so the drainage system will function normally.

Notwithstanding the issuance of a permit, within its sole discretion, the County reserves the right to inspect the road at any time and repair, alter or change any portion of the road at any time.

The Permittee has no property right or ownership of any materials it provides or uses in the repair or maintenance of the road.

Permittee shall perform road maintenance work as follows:

1. Except in cases of emergency or single acts of maintenance or snow removal where there is no intention to continue maintenance or snow removal on a regular basis, no one shall perform maintenance or snow removal on a County road without first receiving a permit from the Morgan County Road Department (Road Department).
2. The Permittee shall notify the Road Department before maintenance begins.
3. Permittee is responsible for obtaining all other necessary permits to perform maintenance, including complying with any utility locates and contacting 811.
4. All road hazards shall be removed from the road and road right-of-way immediately.
5. The back slope bank shall not be undercut nor shall gravel or other surfacing material be bladed off the road.
6. Bridges, wing walls, asphalt, cattle guards, ditches and culverts shall be kept functional during and upon completion of maintenance operations. Any damage done to bridges, wing walls, asphalt, cattle guards, ditches and culverts which impair their proper use shall be immediately repaired or replaced by the Permittee at the sole cost and expense of the Permittee. All materials for repairs must be equivalent to or better than the damaged materials. Substitution of materials of lesser quality will be not be permitted. Permittee must notify the Road Department immediately when any damage as occurred. All repairs must be inspected by the Road

bill the Permittee for all materials including labor and equipment costs.

PERMITTEE MUST NOTIFY THE ROAD DEPARTMENT AT LEAST FIVE DAYS IN ADVANCE BEFORE TERMINATING THIS PERMIT.

The County shall exercise its' appropriate, lawful authority to ensure compliance with the Road Maintenance Permit for Private Entities, Roads Not Maintained by County. Nothing in this policy is, or shall be construed to be, an obligation of Morgan County to permit the private maintenance of any particular road. A penalty may be assessed for any company performing work on a County road without a permit.