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Cary,

I finally was able to get through to someone at the Colorado DOT regarding their weight permitting policy. Their entire office was closed yesterday for the holiday.

According to my notes for the CODOT, plus I confirmed this info via phone conversation with CODOT this morning, there is a max weight limit in interstate roads of 80,000 lbs. (I did ask the CODOT this morning if there was an informational page on their new web site that listed the process and rules and they said "not at this time".) The limits on state highways is 85,000 lbs unless the truck has a trailer with at least 2 but not more than 3 axles, then 97,000 lbs can be permitted. The weight limit for the 97,000 lbs is governed by the "bridging formula" which take into account tire sizes, number of axles, axle spacing. That permit for the 97,000 lbs is covered by 1 permit through the CODOT. However, that is only for travel on the state highways. The problem I had is getting to a state highway from a business location in the Denver area. Every entity, city or county, that is traveled through to get to a state highway may or may not have to issue a oversize / overweight permit. In our case, they all were allowed to and did require a permit. It is up to the applicant to contact all city or county along the route to get to a state highway to verify the requirement. With the time frame that I had to work with and a conversation with the first to entity's involved, I discovered there was no way to make it happen plus the cost of the permits was making it difficult. I talked to 2 different trucking companies that had in the past hauled 65,000 lb loads with 4 axle trailers to Montana, and they were both considering not offering the heavy haul service any more from Colorado just because of the permitting hassle. These companies originally gave me the best routes to consider plus the names at the city and counties to contact for the permits. We considered an annual Colorado permit of 97,000 lbs for our trucks but again it would only cover the state highways. All other states in our area in which we deliver fabricated steel, we are licensed to 97,000 lbs with a yearly permit but we have elected to stay at the 80,000 lbs in Colorado.



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