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a safe and efficient road system"*

**TO:** Essential/Emergency Services and News Media  
**FROM:** Grand Traverse County Road Commission  
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**SUBJECT: ROADKILL REMOVAL**  
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Traverse City.

While GTCRC continues to contest the confusing and conflicting positions taken by EGLE and DNR as it relates to roadkill removal and disposal, GTCRC has been advised by legal counsel to revise procedures as follows effective Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

- Roadkill carcasses will be left where they fell if possible
- Where roadkill carcasses pose a hazard to public travel or hinders GTCRC operational activities:
  - o the roadkill carcass will be moved outside of the traveled part of the highway or area of GTCRC operational activity at as close to a ninety (90) degree angle as possible
  - o the roadkill carcass will not be placed near sources of water (creek, river, lake, wetland, or ditch)
  - o If there is insufficient room to accommodate a carcass between the traveled part of a highway and a ditch, the carcass should be moved to a suitable elevation beyond the backslope of the ditch, but still within the right-of-way

In cases where the hazard to public travel cannot be eliminated through adherence to these rules, the Road Commission retains the ability to close the roadway to travel until the hazard no longer exists.

GTCRC encourages concerned residents to contact their representatives, the DNR, and EGLE.

**When you see road workers, Drive like YOU work there!**