



*"Our mission is to upgrade and maintain
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 CLARIFICATION
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To further clarify why the GTCRC has stopped removing roadkill within the Right-of-Way, this press release will outline the GTCRC's position. GTCRC believes that the collection of roadkill is a necessary service and should be maintained. The GTCRC is ready and willing to resume the collection of roadkill.

However, upon the legal advice of MCRC SIP, the risk management pool that covers liability for the road commission, GTCRC employees could face potential criminal charges if they continue to collect roadkill. This means a criminal misdemeanor charge punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days as well as civil penalties of \$10,000-\$25,000 per violation for each day the violation occurs.

The GTCRC cannot order its employees to take any action that could subject them to criminal and civil liability that the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) and EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) have threatened us with.

It is for this reason only that the GTCRC Board of Commissioners made the difficult decision to stop collection of roadkill. We want to be very clear that the GTCRC remains ready and willing to collect roadkill once the DNR and EGLE assure us that our employees will not be threatened or charged with criminal wrongdoing and/or civil fines.

The GTCRC encourages residents to contact the DNR, EGLE, your state representative or senator and ask them to remedy this situation.

DNR Wildlife Division at: 517-284-9453 (517-284-WILD) or DNR-Wildlife@michigan.gov
EGLE Office of Public Information at: 800-662-9278 or EGLE-Assist@Michigan.gov

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