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Cauthorn's Advocacy Brings MODOT Commitment to Mow Roadways

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Excessive brush growth along Missouri highways attracting wildlife near motorists and causing eyesores will soon be mowed. The Missouri Department of Transportation detailed their plan to mow along roadways in a letter to Sen. John Cauthorn, R-Mexico, this week.

“This commitment from MODOT to mow along roadways is long over due,” said Cauthorn. “The right of ways need to be maintained to protect motorist safety and ensure Northeast Missouri is an attractive place to drive through.”

According to the MODOT letter, in 2004 the District 3 staff opted for a final mow out every other year. Last year the mow out was postponed, causing roadside brush to grow out of control.

MODOT now commits to mowing from fence row to fence row. Brush will be treated to prevent growth.

“Property owners along highways had their property taken over by brush,” said Cauthorn. “I am pleased MODOT will live up to their responsibility of taking care of their rights of ways.”

Sen. Cauthorn represents Missouri's 18th Senate District. He can be reached at his capitol office at (573) 751-6858. You can also visit his web page by going to www.senate.mo.gov/cauthorn.