

RADIO CALLING

FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #2

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These procedures apply to all forest roads in the Chilliwack Forest District.
Remember, roads are radio assisted not radio controlled drive accordingly.

DRIVE DEFENSIVELY – EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Known Hazards

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| 1. Losing track of your location | 5. Unnecessary radio chatter |
| 2. Losing track of other vehicles location | 6. Using the wrong frequency |
| 3. Meeting oncoming vehicle without a radio | 7. "Walking over" other calls |
| 4. Not following calling procedures | 8. Being distracted |

Drivers using a radio should call the following unless directed otherwise by a sign posted on the road:

1. Road call in order of **Road name** followed by the **kilometer** position then "**Up**" or "**Down**". (Eg. Harrison East...12 km...Up).
2. **Road calling** protocol All vehicles:
 - Up Traffic: **CALL ALL EVEN** kms. (Up Traffic is increasing Km 1,2,3...)
 - Down Traffic: **CALL ALL ODD** kms. (Down Traffic is decreasing Km ...3,2,1)
 - As an optional courtesy, identify themselves: pick-up, low-bed, fuel truck, grader, etc, (i.e. "pick-up... Harrison East...12 km... Up")

The terms "**Empty** or **Up**" have the same meaning, defined as increasing numbers.

The terms "**Loaded** or **Down**" have the same meaning, defined as decreasing numbers.

Please note: Although "Empty" or "Loaded" are considered acceptable terms, the goal is to transition towards using "Up & Down" as the new standard by 2012.

3. Must call situations for both empty and loaded vehicles are:
 - When entering a new road system.
 - At posted "must call" signs.
 - Whenever there is a road frequency/channel change, or when leaving a road.
 - Whenever you are stopping and parking on the road, and again when you resume.
 - Whenever you encounter a vehicle traveling without a radio.
4. Convoy calling
 - The lead vehicle is responsible for calling for all vehicles in the convoy
 - It is the responsibility of the vehicle joining or leaving the convoy to inform and to receive confirmation from the lead vehicle.
 - Convoys can be no more than 1 km long.
 - A vehicle more than 1 km behind the lead vehicle is no longer part of that convoy and must call their own position.

Never pass any vehicle without notifying them on the radio and receiving the "OK".

Avoid distractions while monitoring the road channel;

- No unnecessary radio chatter.
- Avoid noise distractions i.e. AM/FM radios, phones, music players, passengers
- Stay on designated road channel at all times while traveling.

Follow the "3 C's": **Courtesy** **Common Sense** **Concentration**

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