

# SAFETY ALERT

**DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2012**

**TO: ROAD USERS**

**RE: CALLING & DRIVING PRACTICES ON THE  
COMMUNITY CONNECTOR**

There are a number of practices taking place on the Community Connector that are not consistent with the Mackenzie Forest Road Procedures, and are causing hazardous driving conditions. These are:

- **Excessive chatter** – this has improved but there are still too many unnecessary conversations that are tying up the radio.
- **Excessive calling** – down traffic should only call the **even boards** (this includes logging traffic). Up traffic should only call the ‘must calls’. Other calling, including ‘both ways’ calls and pick-ups calling all the up boards unnecessarily ties up the radio and has the potential to cause legitimate down calls to be ‘walked on’. Please limit your calling to only that described.
- **Clearing on the wrong side** – this is occurring far too often and is especially hazardous at locations where visibility is limited for oncoming traffic. **Please clear on your own side.**

Written warnings and suspensions will be issued if necessary.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Participating Committee Members:



BC Forest Safety Council  
*Unsafe is Unacceptable*



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