

DRIVING FOREST ROADS

FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #1

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<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dck>

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. Excessive Speed | 5. Extreme dust, fog, or smoky conditions |
| 2. Failure to follow traffic control procedures | 6. High traffic volumes |
| 3. Passing other vehicles on narrow roads | 7. Soft shoulders |
| 4. Freezing rain or snow | 8. Reduced traction with road surface |

1. Drivers must be fully licensed and certified for the vehicle being driven.
2. All traffic must drive on the right-hand side of the road.
3. Drivers shall slow down for oncoming traffic, when passing a stopped vehicle or when meeting road maintenance equipment.
4. All “Empty” direction traffic will allow all “Loaded” direction traffic the unobstructed clearance to pass safely.
5. Vehicles or equipment over 11’ 6” (3.5 meter) wide must be escorted by a radio equipped vehicle with headlights and safety flashers on (see FRP #3 Low-bedding/Wide loads).
6. Drive at a safe speed with headlights and taillights on. Be aware of road conditions and drive accordingly, obey all posted speed limits and other road signs.
7. All drivers and passengers must wear seatbelts. Seatbelts save lives!
8. There must be no loose articles in the vehicle cab that could become potential projectiles in a sudden stop. Such items must be stowed away or tied down.
9. All accidents and “near misses” must be reported within 24 hours to the appropriate supervisor.
10. Vehicles must not stop on haul roads except at a safe passing point or a turn out. In case of a breakdown, flares or reflectors must be utilized and other road users informed. If parking in a turnout, ensure you leave room for other vehicles to still use it.
11. Never pass any vehicle without notifying them on the radio and receiving the “OK”. The lead vehicle is responsible for slowing down, providing room and advising the passing vehicle when it is safe to pass.
12. All trucks over 5,500kg GVW must be equipped with the following safety equipment;
 - PPE (hardhat, hi-vis vest, boots, protective eyeglasses)
 - Personal first aid kit
 - Roadside flares/triangles
 - Load flags
 - Two way radio (only one two way radio permitted in trucks) One working fire extinguisher
 - Axe or Pulaski & Shovel
 - Tire chains (during winter)

Follow the “3 C’s”:

Courtesy

Common Sense

Concentration

Participating committee members;

