

RADIO CALLING

FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #2

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These procedures apply to all forest roads in the Prince George 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 channel (frequency) |
| 3. Meeting oncoming vehicle without a radio | 7. "Walking over" other calls |
| 4. Not following calling procedures | 8. Being distracted |

Reporting Hazards- All users are responsible to report safety hazards to their employer.

During the transition period to the use of Resource Road Radio (frequency) Channels, posted signs take priority over any other information.

1. "UP" is defined as increasing numbers; "DOWN" is defined as decreasing numbers.
2. Logging Trucks call "UP" or "DOWN" followed by the kilometer position (i.e. "DOWN 241").
3. Vehicles other than logging trucks must identify themselves; pick-up, low-bed, fuel truck, grader, etc. (i.e. "pick-up DOWN 59", "grader UP 122"). Loaded logging trucks traveling in the "UP" direction should identify themselves as such (i.e. "UP with a load 246"). Slow moving/working maintenance equipment need to call every posted Km (ie grader).
4. Dual-Call Road calling protocol (use on un-posted roads or when in doubt);
 - DOWN vehicles call every ODD km
 - UP vehicles call every EVEN km
5. Single-Call Road calling protocol (used on posted "Single-Call" roads);
 - DOWN vehicles call every ODD km
 - UP wide loads, fuel trucks and loaded logging trucks traveling in the UP direction call every EVEN km
 - Other UP vehicles call only "must call" signs
6. Must call situations for both UP and DOWN vehicles are:
 - When entering a new road system.
 - At posted "must call" signs.
 - Whenever there is a road channel (frequency) change, or when leaving a road.
 - Whenever you are stopping and parking on the road, and again when you resume. (optional for travelling in UP direction).
 - Call vehicle UP at Km "X" when you encounter a vehicle travelling without a radio. (Do not call both ways for vehicles with functioning radios).
7. 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.
8. Never pass any vehicle without notifying them on the radio and receiving the "OK".
9. 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 "3C's": **Courtesy**

Caution

Concentration

Participating committees:

