Prince George Forest Road Management Group

DRIVING FOREST ROADS

FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #1

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http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dpg

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

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

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

1. Drivers must be fully licensed and certified for the vehicle being driven.
2. All vehicles will display a vehicle identification number (VIN) prominently at the front of the vehicle, complying with the required standards.
3. All traffic must drive on the right-hand side of the road.
4. Drivers shall slow down to a maximum of 30 km/hr when meeting road maintenance equipment or passing a stopped vehicle.
5. Vehicles shall reduce speed for oncoming traffic providing "DOWN" traffic the unobstructed clearance to pass safely.
6. 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.
7. 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).
8. 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.
9. All drivers and passengers must wear seatbelts. Seatbelts save lives!
10. 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.
11. All accidents and "near misses" must be reported within 24 hours to the appropriate supervisor.
12. 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.
13. All trucks over 5,000kg* 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
- Tire chains (during winter)
- One working fire extinguisher
- Axe or Pulaski
- Shovel
- Sufficient wrappers/cinches to secure load
- Two way radio (only one two way radio permitted in trucks)
- Fire hand pump (April 1 to Oct 30)

***As per interprovincial National Safety Council (NSC) standards**

Follow the "3C's": Courtesy Caution Concentration

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