

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 frequency |
| 3. Meeting oncoming vehicle without a radio | 7. “Walking over” other calls |
| 4. Not following calling procedures | 8. Being distracted |

- “UP” is defined as increasing numbers; “DOWN” is defined as decreasing numbers.
- Logging Trucks call “UP” or “DOWN” followed by the kilometer position (i.e. “DOWN 241”).
- All 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”). Also, loaded logging trucks traveling in the “UP” direction should identify themselves as such (i.e. “UP with a load 246”).
- 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
- 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
- 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 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.
- 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 “3C’s”: **Courtesy** **Common Sense** **Concentration**

Participating committee members:

