

## Low-bedding/Wide Loads FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #3

These procedures apply to all forest roads in the Thompson Rivers district. These procedures do not apply to roads regulated by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

### DRIVE DEFENSIVELY – EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

#### Known Hazards

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| 1. Restricting the road width for other users.   | 5. Overhead power lines.         |
| 2. Blocking the road when loading and unloading. | 6. Soft shoulders.               |
| 3. Meeting other traffic unexpectedly.           | 7. Sideswiping other vehicles.   |
| 4. Load shifting while travelling.               | 8. Hitting a bridge with a load. |

1. All low-bed and wide load (Low-bed) and escort vehicle drivers must be familiar with the Driving Forest Roads (FRP#1) and Radio Calling (FRP#2) Forest Road Procedures.
2. Whenever practical, Low-bed moves should be conducted during times of reduced traffic volumes.
3. When loading or unloading equipment on a haul road, safety triangles, warning signs or flag people must be in place to warn drivers travelling from both directions.
4. Low-bed decks should be kept free of loose objects.
5. All loads must be secured before moving the low-bed.
6. Equipment must never be loaded sideways on the trailer.
7. The following procedures apply to all low-bed moves wider than 10'6" (3.2 meters), outside of an active cut block;
  - a. Loads less than 11'6" wide (3.5 meters)
    - i. Low-bed equipped with either amber rotating lamps or strobes.
    - ii. Headlights and taillights on.
    - iii. Wide load banner or sign.
    - iv. Side marking flags for daylight moves, side marking lights for night moves.
  - b. Loads more than 11'6" wide (3.5 meters)
    - i. All of the requirements from 9(a) above plus;
    - ii. An escort vehicle travelling a sufficient distance in front of the low-bed as to provide ample warning to both the low-bed driver and the oncoming vehicle.
    - iii. The escort vehicle must be equipped with following;
      - a. Either amber rotating lamp or strobe light (temporary mount acceptable).
      - b. 2-way radio on the designated road channel.
    - iv. Must identify themselves as a Wide Load on the radio, i.e. "wide load loaded 225".
    - v. Must call every EVEN "Empty" km and every ODD "Loaded" km/

**Follow the "3 C's"**

**Caution**

**Courtesy**

**Concentration**