

RADIO CALLING **FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #2**

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These procedures apply to all forest roads in the Skeena Stikine (Bulkley) Forest 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 |

1. “**Up**” is defined as increasing numbers; “**Down**” is defined as decreasing numbers.
2. When calling location call: Road name, Kilometre, **Up/Down**, Don’t use local names such as Top of Hill”
3. “**UP**” vehicles will call when entering a road system, **and** at all “call up” signs
4. “**DOWN**” vehicles calling their kms and “both ways” on a road when meeting an **up** reduces the need for an **Up** to call at required locations.
5. “**Down**” vehicles will call when entering onto a road, at a minimum every 2 km, “both ways” when meeting an **Up and** at all “call **Down** signs”.
6. **Convoys**. When 2 or more trucks have 1km or less between each vehicle, this is considered a convoy. When this occurs, the **lead truck** will use the calling procedures above **and** will also state the number of vehicles in the convoy. The **last truck** in the convoy **will notify Up** traffic that they are the last truck in the convoy.
7. When switching channels is required: **Ups** must change channels at the road junction. For **Down** trucks, change channels only 0.2 km before the junction, unless otherwise posted, and proceed with caution.
8. Excessive radio chatter will not be tolerated.
 - Avoid distractions while monitoring the road channel;
 - Avoid noise distractions i.e. AM/FM radios, phones, music players, passengers
 - Stay on designated road channel at all times while traveling.
9. Never pass any vehicle without notifying them on the radio and receiving the “OK”.

Follow the “3 C’s”:

Courtesy

Common Sense

Concentration

Participating committee members;



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