

# RADIO CALLING

## FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #2

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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.

Provincial List of Approved RRR Channel Maps –

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/resource-roads/radio-communications/channel-maps>

### 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.

**Posted signs take priority over any other information.**

- “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”).
- 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).
- 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 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).
- 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	Caution	Concentration
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Participating committee members:

