



External Safety Bulletin

This bulletin is intended to highlight current and/or emerging safety issues and provide additional safety information to BC Timber Sales forest sector clients (agreement holders and contractors).

Resource Road Safety:

Resource roads are not built or maintained to the same standards as public highways. The best way to stay safe is drive to the conditions of the road and use your two-way radio control procedures. Videos and additional information on road safety and calling procedures can be found at

- [Resource road safety information](#)
- [Resource Road Orientation \(YouTube\)](#)
- [Radio Use and Road Calling Procedures \(YouTube\)](#)



Construction Initiated Slides and Erosion Events

Where a risk of landslide has been identified, operator training video is **required mandatory viewing** for all road construction supervisors and equipment operators constructing a road in a BCTS forestry operation:

- [Road Construction Initiated Slides - Operator Training \(YouTube\)](#)

Forest professionals involved in development and implementation of road construction activities are encouraged to review the following slides:

- [Road Construction Initiated Slides Awareness for Professionals \(PPTX\)](#)

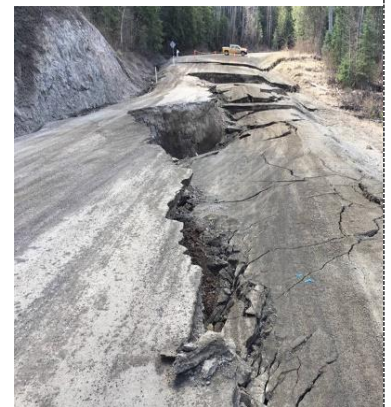
For more information:

- [Construction Initiated Slides Working Group](#)



Caution on Our Flood Damaged Resource Roads

B.C. recently experienced a catastrophic flooding event causing significant impact to the province's public infrastructure and forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes and communities. With the amount of work that needs to be done on highways, public infrastructure and in communities, many resource roads across B.C. have not yet been assessed for safe use. Industry workers may be planning to travel into areas where there is a high potential for washed-out roads, landslides, and flooding. Spring run-off will test already weakened structures and may cause additional damage. It is extremely important that our staff and contractors use extreme caution when using our resource roads and prepare emergency response plans with this in mind.



Building Safe Switchbacks

The BC Forest Safety Council released a new video on building resource road switchbacks. The video illustrates key messages for the correct planning, engineering and building of a switchbacks and the value the forest industry places on ensuring resource roads are safe for all users.

- [Switchback - Planning, Layout and Construction \(YouTube\)](#)

