

RADIO CALLING

FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #2

These procedures apply to all forest roads in the 100 Mile House TSA.
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 Km numbers; “Down” is defined as decreasing Km numbers.
2. Logging Trucks call “Up” or “Down” followed by the kilometre position (i.e. “Down, 241”)
3. All vehicles other than logging trucks must identify themselves; pick-up, low-bed, fuel truck, grader, etc. (i.e. “pick-up Down 15-59”, “grader Up 122”).
4. On two-way hauls, loaded logging trucks traveling in the “Up” directions should identify themselves as such (i.e. “Up” with a load - 246”). Road use specific levels for calling should established by the safety coordinator.
5. General calling protocol:
 - Loaded vehicles call every km, regardless of direction
 - Maintenance equipment and other large vehicles (wide loads, etc.) call every km
 - All vehicles: “Must Call” signs are Mandatory.
 - Light vehicles may call less frequently but should increase, as they approach other oncoming vehicles.
6. General Mandatory Call situations for both “Up” and “Down” vehicles are:
 - When entering a new road system, and 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, notify other road users of its location, direction, and give a brief description.
7. Convoy calling:
 - The lead vehicle is responsible for calling for all vehicles in the convoy.
 - The lead vehicle should announce the number within 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.
 - It is preferable to have a radio equipped vehicle at the head, and rear of any convoy.
 - A vehicle more than 1 km behind the lead vehicle is no longer part of that convoy and must call their own position.
8. Never pass any vehicle without notifying them on the radio and receiving the “OK”. Communication should include location specifics and other details, to avoid other users mis-interpreting the direction to pass.
9. 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
 - Do not use any radio scanners while travelling.

Follow the “3 C’s”:	Courtesy	Common Sense	Concentration
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