



## DRIVING FOREST ROADS – “THE RULES OF THE ROAD” FOREST SERVICE ROAD STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE #1



These procedures apply to all Forest Service Roads in the Campbell River Forest District.  
These roads may be radio assisted at this time, not radio controlled. Drive according to conditions.

### DRIVE DEFENSIVELY – EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

#### Known Hazards

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| 1. Excessive Speed                              | 5. Conditions of compromise visibility (dust, fog, smoke) |
| 2. Failure to follow traffic control procedures | 6. Potential high traffic volumes                         |
| 3. Passing other vehicles on narrow roads       | 7. Soft shoulders   |
| 4. Heavy rain or snow                           | 8. Reduced traction with road surface                     |

1. Drivers must be fully licensed and certified for the vehicle being driven.
2. All traffic must drive on the right-hand side of the road.
3. All drivers and passengers must wear seatbelts. Seatbelts save lives!
4. Drivers shall slow down for oncoming traffic, when passing a stopped vehicle or when meeting road maintenance equipment.
5. If the road is signed as a radio assisted road, all “Up” direction traffic will allow all “Down” direction traffic the unobstructed clearance to pass safely.
6. Vehicles or equipment over 11’6” (3.5 meter) wide must be escorted by a radio equipped vehicle with headlights and safety flashers on.
7. Drive at a safe speed with headlights and taillights on. Be aware of road conditions and drive accordingly. Obey all posted speed limits and other road signs.
8. There must be no loose articles in the vehicle cab that could become potential projectiles in a sudden stop. Such items must be stowed away or secured.
9. All accidents and “near misses” must be reported within 24 hours to the appropriate supervisor.
10. Vehicles must not stop on haul roads except at a safe passing point or a turn out. In case of a breakdown, flares or reflectors must be utilised and other road users informed. If parking in a turnout, ensure that enough room is left for another vehicle to use it.
11. Never pass any vehicle without notifying them (by radio) and receiving the “OK” indication. The lead vehicle is responsible for slowing down, providing room and advising the passing vehicle when it is safe to pass.
12. All work trucks over 5,500 kg GVW must be equipped with the following safety equipment;
  - PPE (hardhat, hi-vis vest, boots, protective eyeglasses, etc)
  - Personal first aid kit
  - Roadside flares/triangles
  - Load flags
  - Tire chains (during winter)
  - One working fire extinguisher
  - Axe or Pulaski and shovel
  - Sufficient wrappers/cinches to secure load

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- Two way radio

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