

RADIO CALLING FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #2

(November 1, 2013 - Mackenzie Road Management Committee)

These procedures apply to all forest roads in the Mackenzie 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. Logging Trucks call "UP" or "DOWN" followed by the kilometer position (i.e. "DOWN 241").
3. All vehicles other than logging trucks must identify themselves; pick-up, low-bed, fuel truck, **crew buses**, grader, etc. (i.e. "pick-up DOWN 60", "grader UP 122"). Also, loaded logging trucks traveling in the "UP" direction should identify themselves as such (i.e. "UP with a load 246").
4. Single-Call Road calling protocol (used unless otherwise posted):
 - DOWN vehicles call every EVEN km and "must call" signs
 - UP direction wide loads, fuel trucks, crew buses (12 or more passenger capacity) (crew bus is only a crew bus when carrying passengers) and loaded logging trucks traveling in the UP direction call every EVEN km
 - All other UP direction vehicles call only "must call" signs
5. Dual-Call Road calling protocol (used only when posted):
 - DOWN vehicles call every EVEN km
 - UP vehicles call every ODD km
6. 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 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.
7. 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 2 km long.
 - A vehicle more than 2 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".
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.

Participating Committee Members: