

FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #1

DRIVING ON FOREST ROADS

These procedures apply to all forest roads in the North Island
Central Coast Resource District

DRIVE DEFENSIVELY – EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Known Hazards

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| 1. Excessive Speed | 6. Extreme dust, fog, or smoky conditions |
| 2. Failure to follow traffic control procedures | 7. High traffic volumes (industrial and public) |
| 3. Passing other vehicles on narrow roads | 8. Soft shoulders |
| 4. Freezing rain, snow and avalanche paths | 9. Reduced traction with road surface |
| 5. Public use and awareness | 10. Flooding, wildlife and low sun |

1. All road users have equal rights for the use of the road and work cooperatively with other users.
2. Drivers and vehicles must be fully licensed and insured as appropriate (see [Off-Road Vehicle Management Framework](#)).
3. All traffic must drive on the right-hand side of the road.
4. Drivers shall slow down for oncoming traffic, when passing a stopped vehicle or when meeting road maintenance equipment.
5. Yield to loaded vehicles but do not assume that you will be yielded to when loaded. All vehicles will yield to sensitive traffic (school bus, ambulance, wide/long loads, etc).
6. Vehicles or equipment over 11' 6" (3.5 metres) wide must be escorted by a radio equipped vehicle with headlights and safety flashers on (see FRP #3 Low-bedding/Wide loads).
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. All drivers and passengers must wear seatbelts. Seatbelts save lives!
9. There must be no loose articles in the vehicle that could become potential projectiles in a sudden stop. Such items must be stowed away or tied down.
10. All accidents, “near misses” and safety concerns/hazards must be reported within 24 hours to the appropriate authority.
11. 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 utilized and other road users informed. If parking in a turnout, ensure you leave room for other vehicles to still use it.
12. Slower vehicles should yield to faster vehicles when it is safe to do so. Never pass any vehicle without receiving the “OK”. The lead vehicle is responsible for slowing down, providing room and advising the passing vehicle when it is safe to pass.
13. Speed travelled on the road should be such that the vehicle can stop in half the distance they can see because the other half belongs to the oncoming vehicle.

Follow the “3 C’s”:

Courtesy

Common Sense

Concentration