

# RADIO CALLING FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE

These procedures are the minimum standard that applies to all forest roads within the Okanagan Shuswap Forest District that are maintained for industrial use.

## DRIVE DEFENSIVELY – ROADS ARE RADIO ASSISTED NOT RADIO CONTROLLED

### Known Hazards

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| 1. Losing track of your location            | 2. Not following calling procedures |
| 3. Losing track of other vehicles location  | 4. Unnecessary radio chatter        |
| 5. Meeting oncoming vehicle without a radio | 6. Using the wrong frequency        |
| 7. Walking over" other calls                | 8. Being distracted                 |

1. Call order is ROAD NAME, KM, DIRECTION (up and down) AND VEHICLE TYPE
2. **“Up”** is defined as increasing numbers; **“Down”** is defined as decreasing numbers.
3. Where a radio frequency is posted on a forest road and unless, a sign indicates otherwise, radio users call:
  - a When entering a new road system
  - b At posted “must call” signs
  - c Every 2 kilometres or every kilometre when inbound or adjoining traffic is approaching within 5 kilometres. – need to address wording
  - d Every 3-5 kilometres if no oncoming traffic.
  - e Whenever there is a road frequency/channel change, or when leaving a road
  - f Whenever you are stopping and parking on the road, and again when you resume
  - g Let others know when you encounter a vehicle traveling without a radio (ie No radio, road name, km, direction)
  - h Anticipate oncoming traffic
4. Convoy calling
  - a The lead vehicle is responsible for calling for all vehicles in the convoy (and number of vehicles).
  - b It is the responsibility of the vehicle joining or leaving the convoy to inform and to receive confirmation from the lead vehicle.
  - c Convoys can be no more than 1 km long.
  - d A vehicle more than 1 km behind the lead vehicle is no longer part of that convoy and must call their own position.
5. Never pass any vehicle without notifying them on the radio and receiving the “OK”. The lead vehicle is responsible for slowing down, providing room and advising the passing vehicle when it is safe to pass
6. Avoid distractions while monitoring the road channel;
  - a Radio use is restricted to calling Km’s and important messages.
  - b Avoid noise distractions i.e. AM/FM radios, phones, music players, passengers
  - c Stay on designated road channel at all times while traveling.
  - d Pull over when using alternate radio channels, phones etc.

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