

Ministry of Forests

ROAD RESTRICTIONS NOTICE #4 May 18, 2023

for the Prince George Natural Resource District (including Robson Valley)

This notice becomes effective Sunday May 21, 2023, at 10:00pm, at which time it supersedes Road Restrictions Notice #3 Amendment #1 dated April 24, 2023.

All Forest Service Roads in the Prince George Natural Resource District (including Robson Valley):

Effective Sunday May 21, 2023, at 10:00pm:

Nights 10:00pm - 10:00am: 70% Highway Legal Axle Loading.

Days 10:00am – 10:00pm: 70% Highway Legal Axle Loading.

Effective Sunday May 28, 2023, at 10:00pm:

All seasonal road restrictions are rescinded. Permanent or temporary road closures remain in effect.

Use of the FSR's for the following is not restricted:

- Road maintenance activities.
- Industrial equipment lowbedding (maximum 100% Highway Legal Axle Loading, and must only be done in most favorable road conditions).
- Tree planting activities.
- Grocery, fuel, and other essential deliveries to communities.
- Camp resumption activities (maximum 100% Highway Legal Axle Loading, and must only be done in most favorable road conditions).

Road users must monitor roads for damage. If any subgrade damage occurs, activity must <u>cease immediately</u>.

Restrictions subject to change on short notice.

The District will monitor road conditions and may change restrictions immediately.

The road restrictions are established to limit the use of heavy loads on FSRs during periods when the road surface and subgrade are susceptible to damage. Road users are reminded of their obligations under Section 10 of the Forest Service Road Use Regulations:

Damage to roads

- **10** (1) A person must not use a forest service road or operate or cause to be operated a motor vehicle or other equipment on it in a manner that damages the forest service road.
- (2) If damage results to a forest service road as a result of a contravention of subsection (1), the district manager may, in addition to any other remedy available at law, order the person who committed that breach to pay to the government the reasonable costs of the repair.

Road users should anticipate road restrictions of up to 50 percent of legal highway axle loading. If damage continues, the District Manager will consider closing the FSR to industrial traffic. For more detailed information on MOTI load restrictions, please visit the MOTI webpage.

MOTI-Load Restrictions.

Exemptions may be considered for specific sections of FSRs that are pre-determined to have all-season load bearing characteristics. Applications for such exemptions must be applied for in writing early to the District Manager, and associated with pre-considered operational strategies and rational of how damage will be prevented and/or incurred damage will be mitigated. The District Manager may require a professional sign-off of all road use, repair plans and final mitigation.

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