

# LOW-BEDDING/WIDE LOADS

FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #QRUC-3

## Quesnel Road Users Committee

**These procedures apply to all forest roads within the Quesnel Forest District. Remember, roads are radio assisted not radio controlled. Drive accordingly.**

### **DRIVE DEFENSIVELY – EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED**

#### Known Hazards

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| 1. Restricting the road width for other users.   | 5. Overhead power lines.         |
| 2. Blocking the road when loading and unloading. | 6. Soft shoulders.               |
| 3. Meeting other traffic unexpectedly.           | 7. Sideswiping other vehicles.   |
| 4. Load shifting while travelling.               | 8. Hitting a bridge with a load. |

1. All low-bed and wide load (Low-bed) and escort vehicle drivers must be familiar with the Driving Forest Roads (QRUC-1) and Radio Calling (QRUC-2) Forest Road Procedures.
2. Whenever practical, Low-bed moves should be conducted during times of reduced traffic volumes.
3. When loading or unloading equipment on a haul road, safety triangles, warning signs or flag people must be in place to warn drivers travelling from both directions.
4. Low-bed decks should be kept free of loose objects.
5. All loads must be secured before moving the low-bed.
6. Equipment must never be loaded sideways on the trailer.
7. All road damage (surface, structures or signage) caused by lowbeds are the responsibility to repair of such damage, by the road maintenance/use agreement holder which the lowbed was operating under.
8. The following procedures apply to all low-bed moves wider than 10'6" (3.2 meters), outside of an active cut block;
  - a. Loads less than 11'6" wide (3.5 meters)
    - i. Low-bed equipped with either amber rotating lamps or strobes.
    - ii. Headlights and taillights on.
    - iii. Wide load banner or sign.
    - iv. Side marking flags for daylight moves, side marking lights for night moves.
  - b. Loads more than 11'6" wide (3.5 meters)
    - i. All of the requirements from 8(a) above plus;
    - ii. An escort vehicle travelling a sufficient distance in front of the low-bed as to provide ample warning to both the low-bed driver and the oncoming vehicle.
    - iii. The escort vehicle must be equipped and utilize the following;
      - a. Either appropriate roof-mounted warning sign or two flashing amber lights.
      - b. 2-way radio on the designated road channel.
      - c. Travel a distance of greater than 100 m and less than 500 m in front of oversize vehicle.
    - iv. Must identify themselves as a Wide Load on the radio, (e.g. "wide load Down 225").
    - v. Must call all Up and Down km, as per QRUC-2 Radio Calling Procedure.

**Follow the "3 C's" Courtesy Common Sense Concentration**

Participating committee members:

