

FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #2

RADIO CALLING

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Sea to Sky Natural Resource District

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These procedures apply to all forest roads in the Sea to Sky District

DRIVE DEFENSIVELY – EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Known Hazards

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| 1. Losing track of your location | 6. Unnecessary radio chatter |
| 2. Losing track of other vehicles location | 7. Using the wrong frequency |
| 3. Meeting oncoming vehicle without a radio | 8. "Walking over" other calls |
| 4. Not following calling procedures | 9. Being distracted |
| 5. Unknown local landmarks | 10. Faulty equipment, poor reception/transmission |

1. The terms "**Empty** or **Up**" have the same meaning, defined as increasing numbers.
2. The terms "**Loaded** or **Down**" have the same meaning, defined as decreasing numbers.
3. Preferred road call is: **Road name** followed by the **kilometre** position then "**Up**" or "**Down**". (e.g. Daisy Lake ... 2 km ... Up). Please note: although "Empty" or "Loaded" are considered acceptable terms, the goal is to transition towards using "Up and Down" as the new standard.
4. Road calling protocol loaded vehicles:
 - Sensitive traffic (school bus, ambulance, wide/long loads, etc.) must call every kilometre regardless of direction of travel.
5. Road calling protocol all other vehicles, regardless of direction of travel:
 - Must call every kilometre when within four kilometres of oncoming radio assisted traffic;
 - As a minimum, shall call every five kilometres;
 - As a courtesy, identify themselves: pick-up, low-bed, fuel truck, grader, etc. (i.e. "pick-up... Daisy Lake...2 km... Up").
6. Must call situations for both empty and loaded 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;
 - A vehicle more than 1 km behind the convoy 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 and confirmation of the location".
9. Avoid distractions while monitoring the road channel:
 - No unnecessary radio chatter;
 - Avoid noise distractions i.e. AM/FM radios, cell phones, music players, passengers;
 - Stay on designated road channel at all times while traveling.
10. Radio use is restricted to calling kilometres and short messages. If calling on the radio and not using the road channel, pull over.

Follow the "3 C's":

Courtesy

Common Sense

Concentration