

## Low-bedding/Wide loads FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #3

(May 1, 2010 – Skeena Stikine (Bulkley) Road Safety Management Committee)

These procedures apply to all forest roads in the Skeena Stikine (Bulkley) 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 while loading or unloading. | 6. Soft shoulders.             |
| 3. Meeting other traffic unexpectedly.           | 7. Sideswiping other vehicles. |
| 4. Load shifting while traveling.                | 8. Hitting a bridge with load. |

1. All low-bed and wide load (Low-bed) and escort vehicle drivers must be familiar with the following Forest Road Procedures (FRP); Driving Forest Roads (FRP#1) and Radio Calling (FRP#2).
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 traveling 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 be loaded within the legal requirements of the road permit.
7. The following procedures apply to all low-bed moves
  - i. Headlights and taillights on.
  - ii. Wide load banner or sign as required.
  - iii. Side marking flags for daylight moves, side marking lights for night moves.
  - iv. Must identify themselves as a Wide Load on the radio, i.e. “wide load **DOWN 225**”
8. Oversized loads must be assessed for road and structure limitations and approved by road owner if applicable.

Follow the “3 C’s”:

Courtesy

Common Sense

Concentration

Participating committee members;



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