

## **LOW-BEDDING/WIDE LOADS** **FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #3**

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These procedures apply to all forest roads in the FSJ Forest District.

These procedures do not apply to roads regulated by the Ministry of Transportation

**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 Driving Forest Roads (FRP#1) and Radio Calling (FRP#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 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 never be loaded sideways on the trailer.
7. 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.
    - v. Must identify themselves as a Wide Load on the radio, i.e. "wide load Down 225"
  - b) Loads more than 11'6" wide (3.5 meters):
    - i. All of the requirements from 7 (a) above plus;
    - ii. An escort vehicle traveling 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 equipped with the following;
      - a. Either amber rotating lamp or strobe light (temporary mount acceptable).
      - b. 2-way radio on the designated road channel.
    - iv. Must identify themselves as a Wide Load on the radio, i.e. "wide load Down 927km"
    - v. Must call every EVEN km both directions and Must Calls signs.