

DRIVING RESOURCE ROADS FOREST ROAD PROCEDURE #1

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These procedures apply to all forest roads in the Vanderhoof Forest District

Remember, roads are radio assisted; not radio controlled. Drive accordingly.

DRIVE DEFENSIVELY – EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Known Hazards

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| 1. Meeting traffic that aren't calling their location | 5. Reduced visibility from extreme dust, fog, or smoke |
| 2. Industrial traffic not complying with established procedures | 6. Passing other vehicles on narrow roads |
| 3. Excessive Speed | 7. High traffic volumes |
| 4. Freezing rain or snow (reduced traction) | 8. Soft shoulders |

1. All drivers must be licensed, adequately trained, and certificated for the vehicle being driven.
2. All traffic must drive on the right-hand side of the road.
3. Drivers shall slow down for oncoming traffic, when passing a stopped vehicle or when meeting road maintenance equipment.
4. All "Up" direction traffic will allow all "down" direction traffic the unobstructed clearance to pass safely.
5. Vehicles or equipment over 11' 6" (3.5 meter) wide must be escorted by a radio equipped vehicle with headlights and safety flashers on (see Procedure #3).
6. Drive at a safe speed with headlights on. Be aware of road conditions and drive accordingly. Obey all posted speed limits and other road signs.
7. All drivers and passengers must wear seatbelts. Seatbelts save lives!
8. There must be no loose articles in the vehicle cab that could become potential projectiles the event of a sudden stop. Such items must be stowed away or tied down.
9. All accidents and "near misses" must be reported within 48 hours to the appropriate supervisor and the primary road user contact person.
10. Vehicles must not stop on haul roads except at a safe passing point or a turn out. In case of a breakdown, flares or reflectors must be utilized and other road users informed. If parking in a turnout, pull to the front end of the pullout to leave room for other vehicles.
11. Never pass any vehicle without notifying them on the radio, and receiving confirmation that it is safe to do so. The lead vehicle is responsible for slowing down, providing room and advising the passing vehicle when they can proceed.
12. All trucks over 5,500kg GVW must be equipped with the following safety equipment:
 - PPE (hardhat, hi-vis vest, boots, protective eyeglasses)
 - Personal first aid kit
 - Roadside flares/triangles
 - Load flags
 - Tire chains (during winter)
 - Sufficient/suitable hardware to secure load being carried
 - Axe or Pulaski
 - Shovel
 - Two way radio with resource road channels
 - Working Fire extinguisher(s)
13. All industrial vehicles must be equipped with a functional two way radio with resource road channels required for the road systems travelled (only one two way radio permitted in trucks)
14. Rotating beacons, where fitted and required, must be used.

