

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

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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

Potential Hazards

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| 1. Restricting the road width for other users | 6. Soft shoulders |
| 2. Blocking the road while loading or unloading | 7. Sideswiping other vehicles |
| 3. Meeting other traffic unexpectedly | 8. Damaging bridge component |
| 4. Load shifting while traveling | 9. Limited load restrictions
(height, width and weight) |
| 5. Overhead power lines | |

1. All low-bed and oversized load, and escort vehicle drivers must be familiar with the Driving Resource Roads (Procedure #1) and Radio Calling Protocol (Procedure #2).
2. Whenever practical, vehicles wider than 11' 6" should be conducted during times of reduced traffic volumes.
3. When loading or unloading equipment on a haul road, safety precautions must be made such as installation of safety triangles, warning signs or flag-people must be in place to warn drivers traveling from both directions.
4. All decks must be kept free of loose objects.
5. All loads must be secured prior to moving the vehicle unit.
6. Equipment must never be loaded sideways on the trailer.
7. The following procedures apply to all over sized loads and low-bed moves wider than 10'6" (3.2 meters), outside of an active worksite:
 - a. **Loads less than 11' 6" wide (3.5 meters);**
 - i. Tractor 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 7(a) above plus;
 - ii. An escort vehicle traveling a sufficient distance in front of the tractor as to provide ample warning to both the tractor driver and the oncoming vehicle(s).
 - 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
 - v. Must call every EVEN "Up" km and every ODD "Down" km.
8. Any oversized loads must be assessed for road and structure limitations and approved by the road owner, if applicable.

