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Dear Resource Road Users:

## **DISTRICT MANAGER INFORMATION NOTICE – HAIDA GWAI**

### **RADIO COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS BEING IMPLEMENTED ON ALL RESOURCE ROADS**

This letter is to advise of pending changes to mobile radio communication protocols for resource roads in the Haida Gwaii Natural Resource District.

Standard resource road radio communications protocols are being implemented in the district following on successful outcomes of pilot projects and implementation of standardized protocols for mobile radio communications when travelling on resource roads across British Columbia. The standardized protocols consist of: standardized radio communications signage, a standard set of dedicated resource road radio channels, and standardized call procedures.

The standard resource road radio communications protocol, radio channels and signs were developed by the radio communications working group, with representatives from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD, including BC Timber Sales), Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, BC Forest Safety Council/Truck Safe and FPInnovations. The working group coordinated numerous meetings with forest licensees and truck drivers in developing the protocol.

Previously, mobile radio communications has been highly variable across the province with users required to know the unwritten local protocols. Heavy radio traffic volume caused frequent overlapping calls and interference resulting in reduced safety of radio communications systems. Truckers and other road users with mobile radios needed to reprogram their radios to gain access to local radio channels as they moved around to different work locations. The standardization of radio protocols is intended to establish a consistent approach across the province to improve upon safety when travelling on resource roads.

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Haida Gwaii is the final resource district in British Columbia to adopt the standard resource road radio communications protocol, standard bank of resource road radio channels and standard signage. The transition will begin on **Monday, November 19, 2018**. Haida Gwaii Natural Resource District is collaborating with industrial users to provide for a smooth and safe transition.

Throughout the next several months, resource roads will be reposted with the new radio channel numbers. Road radio users shall be expected to have the revised standard bank of Resource Road Radio Channels (40 channels), pre-programmed into their radios prior to November 19, 2018, for use when the posted channels are updated on individual roads. Radio shops are aware and prepared to program radios with the revised channels. **Note:** it is recommended that road users retain current radio frequencies until such time that they are no longer required.

Where posted, road users using mobile radios must use the posted channels and call protocols. All road users are reminded that resource roads are not radio controlled but that they are radio assisted and should drive safely according to the road conditions and weather.

It is recommended that all users exercise additional caution when travelling on resource roads during the transition period. This should be communicated to all affected employees and contractors.

For further information, please contact: District Engineering, Haida Gwaii Natural Resource District at 250-559-6200, or Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada at 1-800-667-3780.

The Haida Gwaii Resource Road Radio Channel Map can be viewed on the Ministry's web site at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/resource-roads/local-road-safety-information/haida-gwaii-natural-resource-district-road-safety-information>

A summary report of the pilot projects, produced by FPInnovations, as well as other information pertaining to resource road radio communications can be found by visiting: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/resource-roads/radio-communications>.

Yours truly,

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