

# Forest Service Road FSR Two Way Radio Calling Procedure for British Columbia

## B.C. Forest Service Road Radio Protocol

Drivers with a radio should call the following if a frequency is posted, unless a sign indicates otherwise:

- **when:** starting, stopping, entering or leaving a road
- **at “must call”** signs
- **every km** or every fifth (5th) km if no oncoming traffic
- **“up”** with increase or **“down”** with decrease in km signs
- in order of road name, km, up/down, number of vehicles (optional)

No call if by another driver ahead in same direction within 1 km.

## Rules of the Road

1. Use your radio as an aid to prevent accidents, but do not depend on it to save lives – nearly all forest roads are radio-assisted not radio-controlled, so not all road users have a radio. For all users without radios it is recommended that you follow empty trucks when accessing area and loaded trucks when leaving.
2. All vehicles call a minimum of five (5) kilometres. Calling frequency to be increased to 1 kilometer when traffic warrants.
3. Up vehicles call when entering road system and every 5 (five) kilometres. Calling frequency to be increased to 3 kilometers when traffic warrants.
4. Both Up and Down vehicles call when leaving road systems or pulling off for any time period.
5. Do not use road channel for any purpose other than calling kilometres or emergencies. If need to chatter then pull off road, advise other traffic and use alternate channel. Always advise traffic when back on road.
6. Be specific when calling – use kilometres and road name only not general terms like “top landing”.
7. All traffic must drive on right side of road.
8. Switch channels only when you can see road frequency change sign or you are pulled off to talk to other users.
9. Empty vehicles use designated pullouts to clear loads and allow time to sit if necessary.
10. Use headlights at all times, but point them away from oncoming traffic in dark when in a pullout.
11. Always drive according to conditions, particularly hazardous ones such as dust, snow, soft sub grade, rain storms, or areas of high non-radio assisted traffic and always adhere to speed zones.

12. Expect and prepare for the unexpected – road conditions can change without warning.  
Drive defensively.
13. Be courteous and help travelling public understand the dangers and safety rules for using industrial roads.
14. All vehicles must be equipped with appropriate safety equipment and used as conditions dictate. i.e. tire chains

Stay Safe while traveling BC's Forest Service Roads and Always use a Radio.