

# Information Bulletin

## COMMUNICATIONS ON FOREST ACCESS ROADS



Logging roads are built, used and maintained to a large degree by local logging companies. They are single-purpose roads designed and built to get heavy equipment into the bush and to get logs out. These roads are not patrolled by police, they are not paved and in some places they are not wide enough for two vehicles to pass one another.

However, these logging roads are also shared with many other groups; hunters, anglers, cottagers, etc. Snowmobile and ATV trails also cross these roads and occasionally use portions of these roads. There have always been concerns regarding near misses between logging trucks and smaller vehicles such as pickups and automobiles.

It is recommended that logging companies post a sign at the beginning of each road system stating that there is active logging in the area and which channel they are using for communications.

It is recommended that logging companies use a common channel on main haul roads and not to use your private channel until you are on your own site.

Advise others what channel your operation is using, such as SFL, MNR staff, suppliers, etc.

A suggested Communications Policy is attached. A company can certainly add or amend information to make it more specific to their operations. We encourage Licensees to distribute copies to all their staff and contractors. All vehicles (both employees and contractors) should have a copy of your Communications Policy in their vehicle regarding its use on haul roads

A combination of well posted signage, driver-to-driver communications, good road maintenance, driver speeds appropriate to the conditions and vigilant enforcement of your company policies and procedures for safety on logging roads can prevent accidents.

Safety is the responsibility of everyone!

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## P O L I C Y

In order to improve safety on all forest access roads the following policy for communications is to be followed.

- all vehicles (both employees and contractors) should have and use some type of communication device (2 way or CB radio)
- if using 2 way - monitor and broadcast Channel 144
- if using CB radio - monitor and broadcast Channel 29
- be sure to broadcast AND monitor the channel assigned to that road
- be sure to broadcast your location regularly, such as
  - upon entering the road
  - k.m. markers
  - steep hills
  - blind curves, or
  - any distinguishing landmarks
- if you are aware of a vehicle on the road that may not have a radio or may not be monitoring and broadcasting on your channel, (i.e. vehicles driven by the general public) broadcast their presence to the other vehicles so they are aware of that vehicle
- keep idle chatter to a minimum in order to leave the channel open for others to report their location
- report to North Shore Independent Forestry Association Inc. (705) 844-2587 or [nsifa@ontera.net](mailto:nsifa@ontera.net) if any of the following road signs are damaged



Thank you for your cooperation in making these roads safer for all users