



Resource Road Maintenance Guideline to be piloted through October 2018

The Resource Road Maintenance Guideline has been developed by a group of subject matter experts and stakeholders in response to an initiative from the Log Truck Technical Advisory Committee.



The purpose of the initiative is to provide industry with a guideline for implementing a road maintenance program that ensures that resource roads are maintained for safe operations. The need for a specific focus on log hauling has been identified as the configurations, weight and maneuverability of log trucks increases the risk of incident when roads are not maintained adequately to provide safe operations.

A road maintenance program should include criteria that provide for:

- Consistent road maintenance for safe log hauling activities
- Increased efficiency and production through consistent/improved cycle times
- Reduced vehicle maintenance costs
- Healthier workplace and environment (physical and mental)
- Increased lifespan of roadways and
- Responsible parties taking ownership for compliance.

The Trucking and Harvesting Advisory Group met late last month and committed to reviewing the Road Maintenance Guideline for use in their operations. Canfor has since advised that it supports the guideline and will be reviewing it with each of its divisions.

Canfor's intent is to indicate that divisions can adopt the guidelines or continue to use their own system, but that the guidelines will form the minimum standard.

You can find and download the Resource Road Maintenance Guideline at:

<http://www.bcforestsafe.org/node/3025>

2017 Log Hauler Survey Results

In the spring & fall of 2017, the BC Forest Safety Council transportation department worked with licensees across the province to put on 29 safety seminars for log haulers. These safety seminars included fatigue awareness training presented by Clinton Marquardt; Anatomy of a Roll-over; Standard of Care & Your Greatest Risk presented by Grant Aune of Advantage fleet services. Over 1400 people attended these sessions.

At each session the transportation team handed out the annual log hauler survey. This survey helps guide industry working groups in determining safety issues log haulers are facing and what safety initiatives to focus on in the year to come.

Some of the feedback from the survey included:

Safety issues concerning road conditions and maintenance, as follows:

- Road surface issues
- Road material
- Traction
- Road fit to truck configuration
- Traffic
- Dust control (visibility)
- Brushing Issues (visibility)
- Road calling procedures

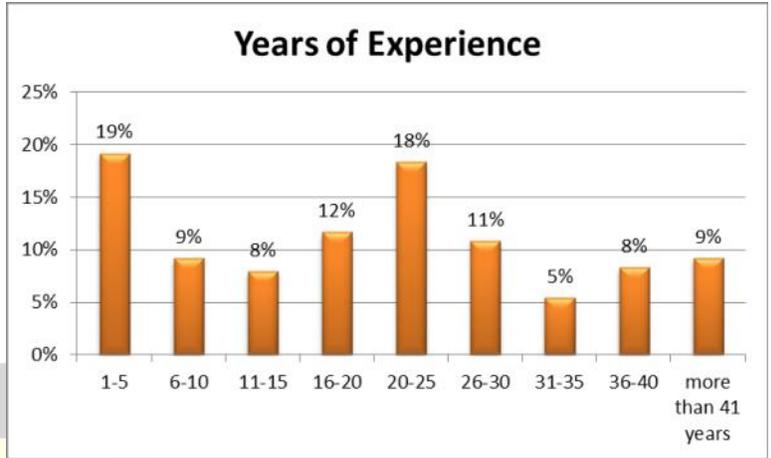
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Log Hauler Survey results Continued:

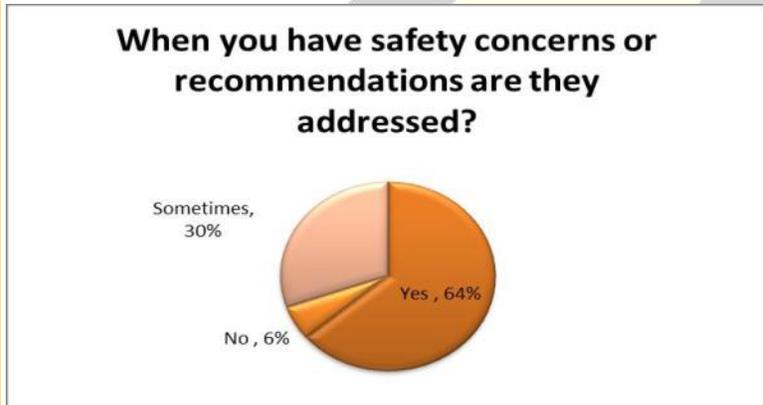
'Are there barriers to following safe work procedures?'
53% of log haulers who responded said yes.

'Do you feel that safety is a priority for the company you work for?' 76% responded high, 21% responded medium and 3% of drivers responded that safety was a low priority for the company they work for.

'Do you feel that safety is a priority for the licensee you work for?' 73% responded high, 23% responded medium and 4% of drivers responded that safety was a low priority for the licensee they work for.

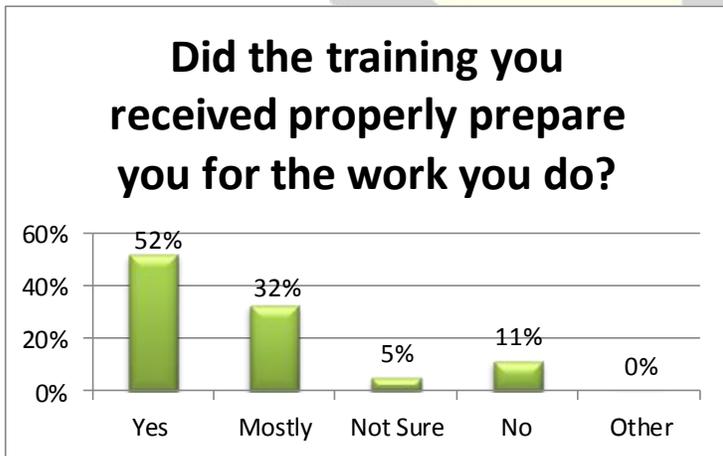


If this is a survey you would like to participate in, please email: transport@bcforestsafe.org



Drivers were asked if they feel that cycle times adversely affect their safety. 80% of drivers who responded said yes.

Other topics related to training, driver's age and experience.



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