BC **Forest Safety** Council

Crew Transport

Safety Alert Type:
Crew Transport

Location: 4900 Road

Date of Incident: 2008-02-21
Company Name: Westroad Resource Consultants

Details of Incident:

Crew in pickup was driving empty on the 500/4900 road system. The crew changed to the appropriate road channel once on the 4900 road and began calling kilometers. They called at 4938, 4940, 4942, 4944, 4946. The crew did not hear any other traffic calling so they did not call at 4948. While driving over a hill at approximately 4948.25km, the crew met a loaded logging truck traveling in the middle of the road. The loaded truck had to swerve back into his lane and the crew just managed to drive by the truck in their lane and avoid a collision.

Fortunately, when the loaded truck had to swerved abruptly, his load stayed on. Both vehicles continued in the direction they were headed.

The crew then called the truck on the radio and asked him if he could hear their radio. He said that this was the first time he had heard anybody on the radio.

The crew tested their truck radio back at the office at the end of the day and it was working fine on send and receive.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

1. Always drive forestry roads with the assumption that somebody may be coming at you in the other direction at any given time.
2. Always call road kilometers, even if you don't hear other traffic on the road.
3. Inform the client of the close call and suggest that they remind all drivers (pickups and logging trucks) on forestry roads to always call kilometers and conduct radio checks to ensure that radios are working properly.

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