BC **Forest Safety** Council

Crew Transport

Safety Alert Type:
Crew Transport

Location: Port McNeill Forest Operation

Date of Incident: 2008-03-14
Company Name: Western Forest Products

Details of Incident:

Pickup 3065 was heading up Branch W 173 in 2nd gear, traveling at approx. 20 km/h, to check on the Cat Operator.

A trainee Cat Operator was driving pickup 3835 down the hill in 3rd gear, traveling at approx. 50-60kmh, to get the grader to assist the Cat Operator with snow removal.

The 3065 was rounding an uphill left hand curve in the road (10% grade) when unexpectedly the 3835, which was carrying a full tidy tank of diesel, appeared rounding the same corner from the opposite direction.

Both drivers, who were wearing seatbelts, braked hard. Due to the short time frame/distance between the two vehicles, the 3065 was able to stop, but was not able to get completely in the clear before the 3835 collided into the front end.

There were no injuries.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

1. Drivers must always drive to the road conditions.
2. Drivers must expect the unexpected.
3. Although driving by the radio is not advocated, it is an effective tool that should be used to communicate, especially in upset conditions.

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