Close calls emphasize the importance of proper radio and hauling procedures

Location: Leo Creek Forest Service Road (near Fort St. James)

Date: August 24, 2016

Details of Incident: A close call was reported at 46 km Leo Creek Forest Service Road (FSR). Two loaded trucks were travelling down and two empties and a pick up were travelling up and they met at 46 km. There are sharp curves, poor sight lines and a single lane bridge at this section of the road.

The investigation indicates that loaded calling procedures were taking place but it was unclear as to the number of loaded trucks. The first loaded truck went past the 3 empties in a pull-out and then the empties started up the FSR and had a close call with the second loaded logging truck. All vehicles were on the proper radio channel and were able to clear but it was a close call.

Over the last month there has been an increased effort by all users of the Leo Creek FSR to enforce proper radio and hauling procedures. This has been a joint effort that has had a positive impact on the overall safety of the road network. Following radio and haul road procedures are critical components of safe operations.

We must always drive to the conditions and drive as if there is someone on every corner/pinch point – not all road users have a radio.

Learnings & Suggestions:

- Follow the Driving Forest Roads & Radio Procedures.
- Drive at a safe speed with headlights and taillights on. Be aware of the road conditions, drive accordingly, and obey all posted speed limits and road signs, including “Must Call” signs.
- Area roads are “Radio Assisted and Not Radio Controlled” You must drive thinking that you could meet someone around every corner or pinch point!

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