



New Radio Use and Road Calling Procedures Video Provides Viewers with Correct Way to Use Radios on Resource Roads

The latest resource road video released in early August showcases the correct use of radio calling procedures on resource and forest service roads. Resource roads are busier than ever with industry and recreational users driving on these roads all across BC. Incidents continue to occur causing great concern for many forestry, oil and gas, government and other users.

This 7.5-minute [Radio Use and Road Calling Procedures](#) video provides a step-by-step overview of the correct use of radio procedures and details communications protocols between vehicles on resource and forest service roads to support safe passage. This video is the second in the series of Resource Road Safety videos targeted at a broad audience of viewers from industry to the general public.

The narrative transitions between professional log truck drivers providing insight on how to drive these roads, to forestry company representatives providing coaching on safe calling procedures and the narrator giving step-by-step instructions to aid road users in understanding the protocols required to reach their destination safely.

The video was produced by the BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) in partnership with Mosaic Forest Management, Interfor, Gorman Bros, the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and professional off-road driver training company, Overland Training Canada, as a collective message to the public and industry to ensure resource road users understand and follow resource road safety rules.

Travelling on resource roads can pose various risks and though there may not be active logging in the area, other industrial users such as oil & mining exploration, silviculture and forest management may be using these roads. All resource road users should exercise caution and expect the unexpected.

View the [Radio Use and Road Calling Procedures](#) video on YouTube.

Learn More - Resource Road Safety Resources

[Resource Road Orientation Video – Work Here, Play Here, Stay Safe Here](#)

[BCFSC Resource Road Safety](#)

[Government of BC – Resource Road Safety Information](#)

[OverlandTraining Canada](#) 🇨🇦

Industry Focus on Molly Failure and Trailer Hoists

Several unrelated incidents have resulted in an Industry focus on mollies and trailer hoists. Thankfully, no injuries have occurred related to these incidents but there is significant risk of serious injury.

Licensees throughout the province are collaborating to determine key steps to reducing trailer hoist failures within their operations while they work with log hauling

contractors and drivers to better understand the risk of molly failures.

Through the Trucking and Harvesting Advisory Group members, BCFSC recently distributed a [molly survey](#) to capture driver's perspective on the current status of molly failures and receive feedback and input on maintenance and inspections. 🇨🇦



Okanagan College Professional Industry Driver Program

The Okanagan College Campus in Vernon is the newest location to offer the Professional Industry Driver Program. The program is funded through the Project Based Labour Marketing Training program and will incorporate ICBC's new Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) program.

The training program is comprised of:

- 10 weeks of MELT
- One week of employability and occupational skills
- Four weeks of mentorship with an Industry partner
- Nine weeks of work experience
- Two weeks of follow-up support to transition into employment

The program started on August 30th with eight students. Industry partners participated in an afternoon 'meet and greet' with students. The mentor program is scheduled to start on November 15th. Although there are challenges with winter conditions, the opportunity for students to have in-cab supervision and ongoing assessment of conditions by a mentor has significant advantages. Mentors are given full discretion to evaluate each student's ability to drive and may determine that a student is not ready to operate the unit based on the conditions on a given day.

Similar programs are being discussed with Northern Lights College (Chetwynd) and Thompson River University (Kamloops).

The resources used for the Industry Driver theory and mentor portion of the program are available to Contractors and Licensees from industry for use within their operations. Learn more about the **[BC Forest Safety Council Professional Industry Driver Program](#)** or contact transport.admin@bcforestsafe.org. 📧

