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# SAFETY ALERT

## Collision

### Description of the Event:

- Driver was driving back to Mackenzie after working in Reynolds valley. Driver was following a loaded logging truck. Road conditions were dry on a well-maintained road.
- The logging truck was kicking up a lot of dust, creating poor visibility. The slight breeze failed to clear the dust clouds. Driver was calling kms and following at an appropriate distance and safe speed. The logging truck stopped, on a straight section, to check his wrappers, which created a large, thick dust cloud. The logging truck was blocking the travel portion (right-hand side) while stopped.
- Driver did not hear the log truck call that he was stopped to check the wrappers. Driver had to perform an evasive action which resulted in the driver striking the rear of the logging truck trailer.
- No injuries were sustained; property damage was incurred.

### Contributing Factors:

- Poor visibility
- Dusty, dry road conditions
- Inadequate assessment of risks
- Inadequate communications

### Suggested Actions:

- Drive to the conditions
- Expect the unexpected
- Always monitor radio communications
- Use headlights when visibility is poor
- When visibility is severely impaired, pull over and stop in a safe location until conditions improve



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