



INDUSTRY

SAFETY ALERT

Recreational users need to plan ahead and be cautious when travelling on BC's resource roads

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Location: Resource Roads throughout British Columbia

Hunting season is underway and autumn is prime camping season too. So, anyone going out in the woods for recreation must consider their personal safety and the safety of others.

Resource roads are not built to the same standard as highways and may not have signs identifying hazards or barriers at dangerous or steep road sections. Members of the public using resource roads must be cautious!

At the same time, industry road users should be aware of recreational traffic on resource roads.

Recreational road users such as hunters and campers may not have radios to monitor traffic so radio equipped users might have to call kms for them, or notify others of the location of the recreational traffic.

Also watch out for ATVs using resource roads as they are not as visible as regular traffic and can appear unexpectedly.



Tips for Recreational Users of Resource Roads:

ALWAYS HAVE A PLAN AND BE PREPARED. Weather can change very quickly; vehicles can break down; people get lost; first aid emergencies can happen at any time. Make sure you know where you're going, and what facilities and emergency services are available nearby.

Make note of the emergency numbers for your area, as 9-1-1 does not work in all areas of the province – particularly remote regions.



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COMPLETE A TRAVEL PLAN AND PROVIDE IT TO A DEPENDABLE PERSON. Identify where you are going and when to expect your return. Work together with that person to develop an action plan in case you do not return home at the planned time.

If you make any changes to your trip plan, make sure you let them know!

If you are lost or stranded, stay with your vehicle; it will provide shelter until help arrives. Often, it is easier for rescuers to find a vehicle than an individual in the woods. Check out the [BC Search and Rescue Association website](#) for more tips and links.

Common hazards you will need to consider:

- High traffic volumes with heavy and sometimes oversized industrial vehicles
- Poor visibility due to smoke, dust, or fog
- Passing or being passed on narrow roads
- Changing road surface conditions caused by heavy rain, freezing rain or snow
- Other vehicle operators failing to follow traffic control procedures
- Wildlife and other unmarked hazards.

Additional Information and Resources:

Download a copy of the BCFSC brochure, "[Resource Road User Safety Guide](#)" (note: this guide provides basic information for travellers on BC resource roads. It does not contain maps or area specific information such as radio frequencies or road closures. It should not be considered a replacement for proper trip planning or training for driving on resource roads.)

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

[BCFSC's Resource Road Safety web page](#)

