



SAFETY ALERT & BULLETIN OF THE MONTH

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Safe Travel on Resource Roads

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Earlier this year, a serious collision occurred on Vancouver Island.

WorkSafeBC Incident Description: *A crew cab and an empty off-highway log transporter (fat truck) collided head on while travelling on a resource road. The driver of the log transporter was not injured. The two workers in the crew cab were both injured.*

Driving on resource roads requires concentration and good judgement to get to your destination safely. Consider these safe driving strategies:

Radio Use and Resource Road Driving Tips

- Ensure you know and follow the rules of the road and have the appropriate radio channels before travelling.
- Don't rely too much on your radio. Expect to meet vehicles that are not calling their location and drive on your side of the road, especially when going around corners.
- Finding pullouts and clearing oncoming traffic requires you to know your location, where the next two to three oncoming vehicles are and do a mental calculation to determine where you are going to meet. Be cautious and pull over early to leave yourself a safety buffer.
- Don't be intimidated with using the radio for safety specific messages. It's OK to ask questions if you are unsure of radio procedures or if you didn't quite understand a transmission.
- Listen attentively to radio calls. Turn off music, don't chat with other people in the vehicle and ask passengers to remain quiet. Better yet, ask passengers to help you listen for the km calls.
- Don't speed or feel pressured to drive faster than you're comfortable with, even if vehicles are lined up behind you. Find a safe area with good visibility to pull over and allow other vehicles to pass so you can continue at a safe speed.
- When passing vehicles make sure it is safe to do so. It is critical that you are aware of the location of oncoming vehicles, and you are passing in an area with good visibility.





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BCFSC Latest News & Resources

[September Forest Safety News](#) – fall edition.

[Online Training for Forest Supervisors](#) – There are six online Forest Supervisor training courses that are available for free. [Check out this website to learn more.](#)

[Video: Human Factors Workshop: Systems Approach to Preventing Struck by Incidents](#) – Learn more about preventing incidents between mobile equipment and workers on foot.

[Operator Safety Training Fact Sheet](#) – The Wood Pellets Association of Canada (WPAC) and BCFSC have launched an industry-wide initiative that delivers a comprehensive digital e-learning safety training program for plant operators and supervisors across companies. Learn more by reading the Fact Sheet.



BCFSC Training:

Upcoming Classroom Training

October 11 - 12 | [Forest Supervisor Due Diligence – Vernon](#)

This two-day classroom workshop will equip supervisors with knowledge of their legal responsibilities and how to prove due diligence.

October 13 | [Basic Incident Investigation – Vernon](#)

This course provides a basic understanding of the methods, tools, and processes needed to conduct an incident investigation.

October 17 - 20 | [Falling Supervisor – Nelson](#)

Participants will learn the roles and responsibilities of a falling supervisor and will become familiar with processes used by a falling supervisor to support their due diligence.

October 18 - 19 | [Forest Supervisor Due Diligence – Cranbrook](#)

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October 20 | [Basic Incident Investigation – Cranbrook](#)

This course provides a basic understanding of the methods, tools, and processes needed to conduct an incident investigation.

October 25 | [Forest Supervisor Communication – Campbell River](#)

This one-day classroom workshop will help supervisors and managers improve their communication skills at work.

October 26 | [Forest Supervisor Leadership and Professionalism – Campbell River](#)

This one-day classroom workshop will help participants understand their strengths and weaknesses, and to recognize how their personal style impacts the workers they supervise.

Refer to the [Training section of our website](#) for more information on upcoming classroom training and costs.

Online Training

Worker Assessment and Training

Each forestry occupation requires different knowledge and skillsets to perform the job at hand. BCFSC worked with industry to develop competency-based standards, training, and assessment tools to help employers evaluate workers and complete on-the-job training.

Check out our [FREE online training and assessment forms](#) for Basic Forest Workers, Yarding, Mechanized Harvesting and Road Building.

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