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SAFETY ALERT

Watch for water bars when driving on resource roads

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Details: A Forest Tech was leaving a block and driving on a deactivated forestry road with water bars (see images on page 2). Although driving at a normal speed, they didn't notice one water bar and hit it hard with the pickup truck. The vehicle started to run rough afterwards.

Learnings & Suggestions:

- Don't become complacent when driving in the bush and always expect the unexpected, especially on an unfamiliar road.
- Drive at a safe and appropriate speed for the road. Ensure you are well-rested and aware of your surroundings.
- Secure all cargo so there are no loose items in the cab that can potentially become projectiles.
- If you strike a water bar or any other significant object pull over and inspect the vehicle.
- Use [RADAR](#) when working in the field.

This information shared by Gorman Bros. Lumber Ltd, Westbank



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Images of water bars on a deactivated resource road

