



INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

Hunters and “Corona” Campers need to use caution and planning when travelling on Resource Roads

Location: Resource Roads throughout British Columbia

Date: September 2020



Resource roads are constructed to develop, serve and protect B.C.'s natural resources. Used primarily by industrial vehicles, they also provide access for recreational users.

Hunting season starts in September, so anyone who is going to be out in the woods this season must consider their personal safety and the safety of others out on resource roads. And, with the Corona virus present, many people are looking to “escape” to an isolated area in BC’s back country.

Industry road users should be aware of increased recreational traffic on resource roads during this time of year. Often, recreational road users will not have radios to monitor traffic so radio equipped users may have to call Kms for them or notify others of the location of the recreational traffic.

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



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Resource roads are not built to the same standard as highways and might not have signs identifying hazards or barriers at dangerous or steep road sections. Resource road users must be cautious!

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 are going, what facilities and emergency services are available nearby. Make note of the emergency numbers for your area. 9-1-1 does not work in all areas of the province – particularly remote regions.

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 that 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 brochure, “Resource Road User Safety Guide” from the BCFSC web site. [Click here](#). *(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](#)

[Resource Road Light Truck Driver Training](#)

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