



BC Forest Safety Council
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FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

Rod and Doug Webber Logging

Hazard Alert

Location: McNulty Forest Road, Summerland BC

Date of Hazard Ob: Sept.28 2009

Details of Hazard: Several logging contractors were moving onto the same road system. Logging traffic was anticipated to increase. The local Ministry of Highways maintenance contractor was responsible for the 0-12 km section of the road. This portion of the road has several narrow sections that have a history of close calls/unexpected meetings between maintenance vehicles and logging trucks.

At the Sept safety meeting the truckers suggested contacting the highways contractor and request they install the road frequency on the plows and grader.

A hazard observation was forwarded to the Licensee's Road Committee who organized the installation. The Licensee had already recognized the potential problem and had organized radios for private vehicles driving school children from the area to the bus stop. Installation of the frequency in highway maintenance vehicles was completed prior to the increase in logging traffic.

Good communication and the existence of an active safety committee minimized the risk associated with this hazard.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

Always consider all the potential road users when doing the road assessments. Document and forward all suggestions and concerns to supervisors.

For more information, please call:

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