



Crew Talk

Drive Wise - Winterize!

Date of talk: _____

Description :

- Winter driving conditions are hazardous, by properly maintaining your vehicle, and checking the function of:
- Brakes - Properly adjusted to prevent pulling to one side.
- Tires - Check all tires for ample tread and correct pressure.
- Engine oil - Switch to a lightweight oil.
- Cooling system - Antifreeze should be renewed every 2 years.
- Windshield wipers - Use winter wipers and anti-freeze fluid.
- Lights - Ensure all lights are working and aimed correctly.
- Battery - Check battery to ensure reliability in colder weather.



Contributing Factors:

- Check the weather forecast and road conditions.
- Take warm clothes for the weather, drive fully dressed.
- If you are going on a trip, notify people at both ends of your route if possible, and your estimated times of departure and arrival.
- Clean ice and snow off of all windows, exterior lights, vents, roof and hood to maximize visibility.
- Ensure your fuel tank is at least half full at all times.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

- Slow down and increase your following distance: It takes much longer to stop on a slippery road.
- See and be seen: Drive with headlights on at all times, in a snowfall, use low beams.
- If you get stranded: If you are stuck or your vehicle breaks down in cold weather; call for assistance, stay with the vehicle, ensure tailpipe is clear to prevent carbon monoxide build-up inside the vehicle.
- Beware of road conditions such as snow and black ice and avoid using cruise control.

Discussions / Follow-up Actions:

Names of Attendees:		

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Date of Submission: October, 2009	Case #: 4 2009-10
Title of Hazard Alert: Compact Icy Snow Patches on Road	

Location of Incident:

Northern B.C

Date of Incident:

March 7, 2009

Details of Incident:

Two researchers were driving back to town in a rented 4X4 pickup after spending the day in the field. The highway they were traveling on had sections of icy compact snow interspersed with areas of bare pavement. Driving conditions were compounded by strong gusty winds. At about 6:30 PM a combination of weather and road conditions caused the driver to momentarily lose control of the vehicle. The rear end of the vehicle struck a snow bank on the road shoulder causing the vehicle to come to a stop. Neither researcher was injured; however a rear body section of the truck was damaged. The damage was not severe and the researchers were able to continue their trip.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

1. Be very aware of road/weather conditions and drive accordingly.
2. Drive very cautiously on compact snow. Slowing down is critical.
3. Be aware of driver fatigue and take preventative actions.



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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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FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

Close Call/Serious Incident

Location: 11.5km Copper Forest Service Road, Kalum Forest District

Date of Incident: November 18, 2009

Details of Incident:

A loaded logging truck rolled over the bank at 11.5km on the Copper Forest Service Road. The truck spun out on a hill @ 11.5km and the trailer slid towards the downhill side (outside of road) and tipped over the bank, causing the truck to roll with it.

The road at the time was in a winter driving condition. The driver of the truck had removed the tire chains a few kilometers up the Copper FSR and did not have them on at the time of the roll over.

The driver of the truck was not injured in the incident.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

- Driver should have put tire chains back on before starting to drive up the hill

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Ken Innicki Developments Ltd Close Call/Serious Incident

Location: 2026 km Big Creek, B.C.

Date of Incident: Friday, December 04, 2009

Details of Incident: Driver swerved to miss a deer, which caused the pick-up to go into a slide and end up in the ditch. The Deer was avoided. The driver and passenger were not injured. The incident resulted in a loss of pick-up use due to a damaged tire and steering box.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

Although it is hard to predict the actions of wildlife, driving slower may have saved the vehicle from going into a slide and hitting the ditch. It is always a good idea to look ahead as far as possible when traveling on bush roads to spot wildlife as early as possible.

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