



SAFETY MEMORANDUM

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TO:	All Users of DMI Roads with Current Road Use Agreements
CC:	DMI Scales, Harvesting, Chipping & Hauling Contractors, Forest Resources Supervisors, Logging & Chip Truck Drivers
RE:	Safety Reminders for Winter Haul
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COMMENTS:

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

With the advent of the winter season, traffic on DMI roads is expected to increase significantly. As such, DMI would like to remind all users of the road of some key safety requirements.

Tire Chains:

This is a reminder to all truck drivers that tire chains must be carried on all trucks. Drivers need to continually assess road conditions and place tire chains on trucks under adverse weather or road conditions. DMI is committed to conducting regular road maintenance of haul roads to ensure safe travel by all road users, but truck drivers must be aware that tire chains may be required at certain times throughout the winter season.

Radio Use Guidelines

Please ensure that all road users follow the Radio Call Procedures/Rules of the Road. With the onset of winter driving conditions it's critical that all road users call their km's. For consistency, "LOADED" means any traffic headed out from an active hauling area toward public access. "EMPTY" means any traffic headed into an active hauling area off public access. Identifying yourself as "loaded" or "empty" will indicate your direction of travel. Empty traffic is relying on the loaded traffic to call their km's so empties can either clear the loaded traffic, or slow down in preparation to meet the loaded traffic. In addition to this, some other key reminders are:

- Use your radio as an aid to prevent accidents, but do not depend on it to save lives. Although the many forestry roads are radio-controlled or radio assisted, not all road users have a radio or are using it.
- All vehicles need to call km's at an appropriate interval, unless you are positive the vehicle in front of you is calling for you.
- Listen for the location of other vehicles on the road and adjust driving behaviour accordingly.
- Call your location at intervals and in situations appropriate to the road. Consider:
 - Volume of traffic. Heavy traffic volume necessitates an increased frequency of calling your location.
 - Bends, Curves, Hills and other 'blind spots' along the road.
 - Announcing any stoppages and the duration, as well as subsequent starts.
 - Indicating your approach to a bridge.
- Indicate when you are clear of the road.





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- Switch channels only when you can see the road frequency change sign.
- Loaded Log/Chip trucks have the right of way.
- Observe proper radio use protocols. Radio communication should be kept to a minimum unless you have urgent information beneficial to all traffic. Absolutely no visiting/chatter or foul language tolerated on the road channel. Remember to utilize English when on DMI controlled roads.

Driving to the Road Conditions:

- Weather and road conditions can change quickly on area logging roads and highways. Please adjust your driving behaviors and slow down when adverse road and weather conditions exist.
- Use headlights at all times.
- Always drive according to conditions.
- Expect and prepare for the unexpected. Road conditions can change without warning.
- The maximum speed limit on un-posted roads is 80 km/hr.
- Only pass road maintenance equipment when it is safe to do so.
- Slow down to 50 km/hr when passing road maintenance equipment. Ensure the equipment operator is aware that you are passing.
- Passing loaded log/chip trucks is not permitted.
- Do not park on any bridge or in the centre of any roadway or on any road curve.
- All traffic must drive on the right side of the road.
- Obey and observe all signs, postings and notices

Let's all get home safely this haul season, someone expects and depends on you to walk through the door everyday.

REMEMBER: UNSAFE IS UNACCEPTABLE!

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