



Forestry TruckSafe Project Overview

Provincial Radio Standards Project

The working group for this project consists of BCTS, Ministry of Forests, Industry Canada, FERIC, and Forestry TruckSafe. The group is setting standards for use of 2-way radios in BC's forests, including frequency assignments, calling procedures, signage, and public education. Two pilots are currently underway. Full implementation is set for 2010 and will be the biggest, single visible change on resource roads in decades.

Steep Slopes Standard Operating Procedures and Risk Assessment Project

Involves participants from licensees, engineers and truckers from industry around the province, WorkSafeBC, BCTS, MoFR, FERIC and Forestry TruckSafe. The group has already developed an SOP and Risk Assessment tool for off-highway trucks for slopes steeper than 21%. In the fall of 2008, we will begin a similar process to develop the same tool for highway trucks and expect to have it completed spring 2009.

Log Truck Driver Endorsement Project

A subject matter expert group of log truckers from all over the province is developing the DACUM and competency requirements for safe log hauling. This project began in 2007, and is expected to move through a continuum as follows: DACUM development, log truck driver assessment tool development, negotiations with ICBC to add to Class 1 license requirements and insurance reduction, development of implementation plan, training of assessors and implementation.

Class 1 Commercial Driving Standard Project

Forestry TruckSafe is an active participant with the BC Trucking Association and driver training schools across the province to develop a standard for Class 1 Commercial Licensing and training curriculum, as well as standards for instructors. A pilot project has been approved by the Industrial Training Authority (ITA), and begins in January 2009. After the pilot has been evaluated, the standard will be put to ICBC to become part of their driver training policy. Then the group will be negotiating with ICBC to add a legal endorsement to Class 1 drivers licenses.

Worker Wellness Project

A working group made up of safety or HR managers from Enform, Northern Health, Vancouver Island Health, the BC Trucking Safety Council, the BC Council on Substance Abuse, the United Steelworkers, WorkSafeBC and the BC Forest Safety Council meets quarterly to review and develop ideas for promoting worker wellness, looking at issues such as substance use, fitness for work,

fatigue and stress. This past summer Forestry TruckSafe secured a summer student through Services Canada funding, a 3rd year nursing student who is gathering info on best practices, effective programs, and developing a fitness and exercise plan for sedentary workers, such as machine and truck operators.

Sharing the Road Campaign

A commercial radio campaign that reaches 1.1 million listeners across the province with road safety messages. Funding is co-sponsored by various private enterprises, the Wildlife-Vehicle Crash Avoidance program, radio networks, and government ministries, such as Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Forests, wherever outside funding can be located. Messages range from safe driving and weather tips, to information on crashes and high risk situations.

RoadHealth

A coalition of agencies and regulators with mandates to reduce road crashes, including RCMP, ICBC, CVSE, Northern Health, the BC Coroner's Service, BC Ambulance Service, WorkSafeBC, Ministry of Forests and Range, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Forestry TruckSafe. This group collaborates on road safety campaigns, infrastructure improvements, issues, communication and public education, and administers a small community road safety granting program. Forestry TruckSafe Director MaryAnne Arcand is the coordinator of this coalition.

Road Safety Management Groups

Forestry TruckSafe acts as a facilitator of road safety groups where multiple parties are using the same road network and needs to work together to address issues. Examples of major RSMG's begun and facilitated by TruckSafe are the Ojay Group, out of Tumbler Ridge, which comprises 63 oil companies, 3 coal companies, guide-outfitters and 2 forest licensees, and the Bamfield Road Safety Association, which deals with a community and a First Nation situated at the end of an industrial road, and the conflicts between residents and industry in terms of road use and maintenance.

First Nations Community Transportation Safety Project

In partnership with the Prince George Nechako Aboriginal Education and Training Association, Forestry TruckSafe will provides material and presentations to 17 First Nations communities around driving safety, and help facilitate bringing parties together to share the costs and vision of providing driver training on reserve.