



# RUMBLINGS

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## CVSE Makes Changes to ABS and Slack Adjuster Requirements

As they committed they would do, on **December 31<sup>st</sup>**, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE) released two circulars – one regarding Anti-Lock Braking Systems and the other regarding Air Brake Slack Adjusters.

**Circular #08-11** changes Motor Vehicle Inspection criteria such that vehicles that have Anti-Lock Brake components that do not meet inspection criteria or do not function as OEM AND that are operated primarily on industrial roads of forest service roads may pass the provincial Commercial Vehicle Inspection (CVIP).

**Circular #07-11** amends a previous circular (#03-10), and allows that air brake equipped vehicles that operate primarily on industrial roads or forest service roads may pass the provincial mechanical inspection with **manual slack adjusters**.

In both cases, it's up to the Designated Inspection Facility Operator and the Authorized Inspector to determine the primary use of the vehicle. These favorable developments are the result of considerable dialogue between BC log haulers and CVSE, and should ease the burdens of wrenching time and maintenance dollars that truckers have had to spend to maintain equipment that seemed inadequate to keep up with the demands of rugged BC logging roads.

## Natural Resource Road Act Update

Faced with very pressing timelines, NRRRA Phase 2 Working Groups are thinking and working hard on key issues raised during the Phase 1 public and industry consultation process. The 14 Working Groups include wide representation from industries, agencies and organizations that have a stake in the future direction of BC resource roads. Groups are discussing issues such as the elements of an effective safety framework, how to balance rights to use resource roads with the authority to restrict, the attributes of a fair and efficient cost-sharing mechanism, adopting standards, and how to integrate industry, commercial interests and public access management needs.

Each group is developing a draft report that defines and describes aspects of the issue, identifies viable options / possible solutions, and provides an analysis of each one (advantages and disadvantages, cost and benefits). Draft reports will be reviewed by Ministry leads who will in turn prepare information / decision notes for consideration by Ministry executive (e.g. Cabinet or Executive) so they can make timely decisions on key policy directions that will then guide the drafting of proposed NRRRA legislation.

The central issues involved in a wholesale re-working of resource road legislation are closely linked to one another - adjustments aimed at improving one aspect of current policy or operations has consequences for others. For example, selecting the safety framework could have significant implications for what might work with respect to balancing rights and authorities. Similarly, determining and describing exactly which "roads" are captured (or excluded) in the new legislation will have implications for the suite of construction and maintenance standards that would be appropriate to apply. And because the 450,000 km of resource roads in BC are currently administered under several pieces of legislation, each having different processes, rights and obligations, capturing *all* resource roads in one streamlined Act is, indeed, an ambitious opportunity. Correctly identifying, understanding and managing those linkages and relationships will be essential to building recommendations that help decision-makers *make the right call*, and contribute to drafting successful legislation – clear, consistent processes that work – safely – for resource road users.



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## Resource Road Radio Pilot Survey



If you have been working in the areas where the Resource Road Radio Channel Pilot has been taking place, FP Innovations will be seeking your opinion and input via a web-based survey. BC Forest Safety Council will provide assistance to FP Innovations by sending a quick e-mail note and the link to the survey, to clients in the South Peace, Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast areas.



## BC Natural Resource Forum



January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> marked the 9<sup>th</sup> annual BC Natural Resource Forum in Prince George. Hosted by Pat Bell, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation, the event's theme was "2020 North – A Clear Vision for the Next Decade". Hundreds of participants – delegates, industry leaders, business and government representatives – listened to presentations and participated in discussions around the opportunities, and challenges, on the horizon for northern BC resource people, communities and businesses that will be involved in that growth.

One presentation summarized the next decade starting with the \$2.9 billion in capital investment currently underway in northern BC and looked forward to another \$62 billion in the years to come, of which they were confident \$34 billion has a "high to very high likelihood" of occurring over the next 10 years. Due to rapid growth of urban middle-class populations in India, China and other Southeast Asian countries, and because those consumers are increasingly conscious of the merits of wood as an environmentally sound building material, the demand for forest products from British Columbia is soaring. Speakers acknowledged the essential contributions that northern BC people, land and resources make to BC and Canadian economic engines, declaring that "things are looking up for northern BC".



## Northern BC Man Challenge



Northern Health recently went live with its new website, "Northern BC Man Challenge". Check it out at <http://men.northernhealth.ca/Home.aspx>. You'll find plenty of interesting information and ideas for guys ranging from practical healthy eating tips and recipes to active living programs to videos to the **Beer Module**.

## Upcoming Events

Western Silvicultural Contractors' Association AGM  
Association of BC Forest Professionals AGM  
Oregon Logging Conference  
Interior Logging Association

February 1 - 3  
February 22 – 24  
February 23-25  
May 10 – 12

Kamloops, BC  
Victoria, BC  
Eugene, Oregon  
Vernon, BC

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