

# Staying Safe on Resource Roads

Forestry roads—also known as resource roads—are active, industrial-use roads that support forest operations and in many cases, offer public access to remote areas on Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast. These roads are not maintained to the same standard as public highways and may pose safety risks for unfamiliar drivers.

Whether you're accessing the backcountry for recreation or traveling through forestry areas, it's important to understand how to share the road safely and responsibly.

### What to Expect on Resource Roads

- **Industrial Traffic Right of Way:** Logging trucks and heavy equipment have the right-of-way at all times. Public users must yield and pull over safely to allow large vehicles to pass.
- **Radio-Controlled Roads:** Many roads use two-way radios for traffic management. Road signs will indicate radio frequency. Follow the posted road use procedures.
- **Limited Maintenance:** Roads may be rough, steep or affected by weather. Maintenance is done for industrial use, not public access.
- **Active Work Zones:** Operations may cause delays or temporary closures. Obey all signage and personnel instructions.
- **Speed:** Obey posted speed limits. Drive slowly and with caution.

### Road Information Updates

When public access is critically impacted by forestry operations or maintenance activities, we share updates on our social media channels:

- [facebook.com/westernforestproducts](https://facebook.com/westernforestproducts) and
- [x.com/WFPCcompany](https://x.com/WFPCcompany).

For complete and current road information, please refer to the following official resources:

#### DriveBC:

[drivebc.ca](https://drivebc.ca) – For highways and major routes

#### Emergency Info BC:

[emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca](https://emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca) – For wildfire and natural hazard alerts



## Important Safety Tips

- **Use a radio if you have one** and know the road frequency.
- Drive with headlights and taillights on **at all times**.
- **Yield** to logging trucks and other industrial vehicles.
- Always **keep to the right**, and expect traffic around blind corners.
- **Do not stop** in active work areas, on narrow roads or on bridges.
- **Respect instructions** from flaggers or forestry personnel and all posted signage.
- **Plan for limited cell service** and variable conditions.
- **Follow signage and do not proceed through gated areas.** These are gated for public safety.
- Always be prepared—bring maps, emergency supplies and let someone know your route.



### Disclaimer

The information we share is for public safety awareness only and is not comprehensive and thus there may be events or circumstances existing on these roads that we do not identify, and which could pose a threat to people and/or their property. Sharing road information does not imply any responsibility on behalf of the company for road construction, maintenance or conditions, nor does it guarantee road accessibility. Users of these roads understand that these are resource roads, that certain risks are involved in the use of resource roads, that the company accepts no responsibility or liability in association with such use, and that users must be prepared for all conditions.



#### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

We encourage all road users to plan ahead, respect signage, and stay informed.

