

## Unstable road edge during spring melt

**Location:** BC interior resource roads

**Date:** Spring 2017

**Details of Incident:** With spring arriving, the banks of snow on the resource road's edge melt and saturate the road. To remove these slumping banks of snow the grader operator uses the wing blades to move the snow away from the road.

By doing this the road may appear wider than it really is.

In the mornings, this false road surface may be frozen and vehicles drive on it leaving tracks. Later in the day when it warms up, this false road surface becomes a hazard when vehicles drive on it and fall through.

### **Recommended Preventative Actions:**

- Ask grader operators to angle the snow down the bank
- Know your road - if you need a place to stop use an existing plowed pullout.

### **For more information**

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