

SAFETY ALERT

Medical Treatment

June, 26th, 2017

Potential Hazards

- Poor visibility due to dusty dry conditions.
- Poor radio transmission (i.e., “blind spot”).
 - It is suspected that RR channels have caused transmission to become even less clear in this area.
- A windrow of gravel in the center of the road.
- No signage warning traffic the presence of heavy machinery operating nearby.
- Complacency during shift change as drivers do not expect other traffic during the end of the day when road is not as busy with active hauling.

Preventative Actions

- Vehicles must follow the “Rules of the Road” and clear traffic as required to allow unimpeded travel.
 - In certain conditions such as poor visibility, narrow roads, dusty conditions this may require stopping in a pullout and waiting.
- Vehicles must call all required KMs as per the radio calling procedures, including all “MUST CALL” signs in areas that have limited transmission.
- Always post required signage if temporarily blocking or working on the road (e.g., “Grader Working”).
- Only pass a grader or slower vehicles when there is a clear line of sight and it’s safe to do so.

Incident Summary

- A loaded gravel truck met an empty pickup on a logging road in dusty conditions with poor visibility.
- The gravel truck had just passed a grader and was travelling in the middle of the road to avoid the windrow that a grader had just created.
- The pickup truck swerved to avoid a collision and ended up rolling over into the ditch.
- The pickup sustained major damage and the driver of the pickup ended up breaking his thumb, while the passenger suffered a sore back.
- Neither vehicle involved in the incident heard the other call their location; this location is known to have very poor radio transmission.



SAFETY COMES FIRST

...and it starts with the person you see in the mirror.

