

Forest Industry Safety Alert

Risks with changing Resource Road Radio Frequency signs

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Details: Many resource roads have now been assigned standard resource road (RR) radio frequencies and signage will be in place to notify road users if these RR channels are in use.

Prior to starting work on these roads, make sure all vehicles involved have the correct channels installed. The RR channels are available to all mobile radio users, and can be obtained through commercial radio shops - provided the road users have a radio licence with the RR Appendix. These licences are issued by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED).

Avoid changing the radio frequencies already assigned to a resource road. Changing the frequency from the assigned RR channel can lead to confusion and the potential for vehicles on the road to be on 2 different channels.

If there is a reason why the radio frequency must be changed (example - too much radio traffic on the assigned frequency), here is the link to the procedure to get the channel changed:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/natural-resource-use/resource-roads/channelassignmentchgeproceduredec7-2015draft.pdf>



For more information regarding the RR channels or communication protocols contact:

- 1) A MFLNRO District Engineer within your area via Service BC 1-800-663-7867 or
- 2) The BC Forest Safety Council's Transportation Safety Program 1-877-741-1060.

(Sample graphics of signage on resource roads) →



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