

ALPINE ROAD WINTER DRIVING  
TIPS FOR SHARING THE ROAD WITH LOGGING TRUCKS  
And SNOW PLOWING EQUIPMENT

- ALWAYS drive like there are loaded logging trucks on the road
- ALWAYS drive at a speed that allows stopping in half the sight distance
- Four wheel drive allows you GO but STOPPING is same as two wheel drive
- The best tool for STOPPING is TIRE CHAINS, They will be required for loaded trucks on snow but others should also consider using them
- Uphill traffic has the right of way but USE COMMON SENSE
- Use a CB radio to listen for and contact trucks and other traffic
  - o Radio channel # will be posted on Alpine at highway
  - o Mile markers will be posted on Alpine
  - o Example of how to use CB when leaving the highway – Call on radio “Blue SUV up the Alpine from Highway” If there is a truck or other vehicle on lower part of road they should respond “Loaded truck at MP 1” Uphill traffic technically has Right of Way but knowing the road and the situation the Blue SUV should respond – “Blue SUV stopped at Highway”
  - o Another Example – “Blue SUV up the Alpine from the Highway” You get no response. Proceed with caution and when you get to Sign for MP 1 call again on the CB radio “Blue SUV up the Alpine at Mile 1”. Again no response. Proceed with caution and when you get to sign for MP 2 call again on CB radio. “Blue SUV up the Alpine at Mile 2. This time you get a response “Loaded truck at MP 4 The smart thing to do is find a turnout and call on CB radio “Blue SUV stopped at Mile 2 and half “
  - o Another example -“Blue SUV up Alpine from Highway”. Response is “End loader at MP 2”. Proceed slowly until you meet the end loader. Wait for him to pull to side and stop and then pass carefully. (Same would apply to road grader)
  - o Same idea if you are going down hill. “Silver SUV down the Alpine from the parking lot” or “Green pickup down the Alpine from the Inn”
  - o Logging trucks should be following the same procedures and taking advantage of safe places to stop.
- Following log trucks to assist with safe travel on Alpine
  - o When there are lots of trucks running wait at Highway or at winter parking lot for a truck to come along that is going in your direction.
  - o Pull in behind the truck and follow at a SAFE STOPPING DISTANCE
  - o This is a good technique to use if you don’t have a CB radio or if you do have one you can listen to the trucks talk and get a better idea how to use the radio

There is no substitute for going SLOW and looking for opportunities to COOPERATE with ALL other drivers and equipment operators.