

## **Blockade Protocols**

**In situations where you encounter protesters blockading roads, please take the following steps:**

1. Stay calm and do not be aggressive in your actions or communications. Do not try to “run” the blockade.

**If you are safely able to do so:**

2. Photograph and video the location. Any vehicle, structure or gate that is blocking the road should be photographed. Record or write down any license plate numbers or distinguishing features of vehicles.
3. If the protesters are open to a conversation with you, ask, “Are you preventing me from using the road? I want to understand why you are preventing me from using the road? Do you represent any organization? Can you share your name and where you are from?” Photograph or video this interaction, if it can be done safely.
4. Take notes of the interaction directly after it is over. Note the location, the individuals (with numbers, descriptions or identities, if known, license plates, etc.), and the content of any conversations. Also note any impacts of being prevented from accessing the area and the number of people affected by the blockade.
5. On a map, mark the location of the blockade and the location of the activities prevented from being undertaken.
6. Contact the BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) Office @ 1-888-881-2293 and let us know what is happening.
7. File a complaint with the local RCMP and Conservation Officer Service. It is imperative that blockades are reported to the RCMP and COS to make sure there is a formal record of complaint.
8. Provide BCWF with copies of documents which describe how your legal rights are being interfered with such as permits, grants, licenses, contracts, including copies of documents.