

FATALITY ALERT

– PRELIMINARY INFORMATION --

BCFSC # 2015-02-11 Fatality

On February 11th, a log truck driver was fatally injured on the Alaska Highway at Mile 64. RCMP report that the 24 year-old man died in the crash involving two logging trucks. The early information indicates that one logging truck was slowing down and was rear-ended by the second logging truck. The driver of the second truck succumbed to his injuries on scene.

Poor visibility and winter road conditions may have played a role in the incident.

This is the first direct harvesting fatality¹ of 2015. Our condolences go out to the family and co-workers of the deceased worker.

The RCMP and the Coroner's Service are investigating this incident and the results will be released as soon as possible.

February 5, 2015 associated fatality²

Another fatal incident occurred on Feb 5th on Highway 16 near Fraser Lake. A pickup, tanker truck and logging truck were involved in a collision when the pickup attempted to pass during poor winter conditions. The driver of the pickup truck was fatally injured in the collision.

Although the details of these incidents are still unknown, take the time to review the following driving safety information:

1) Video: Winter Driving Best Practices for Professional Truck Drivers

<http://www.safetydriven.ca/resource/winter-driving/#prettyPhoto>

2) WorkSafeBC Incident Investigation – Logging truck plunged off bridge, crushing driver

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/Topics/AccidentInvestigations/IR-Transportation.asp>

3) Road Safety At Work Week – March 2 to 6

<http://roadsafetyatwork.ca/road-safety-at-work-week/overview/>

1 Direct harvesting fatalities are incidents where a worker in the logging, log transportation or silviculture industries is fatally injured at work.

2 Associated harvesting fatalities involve people who do not directly work in our industry, but died as a result of an incident related to the industry.