

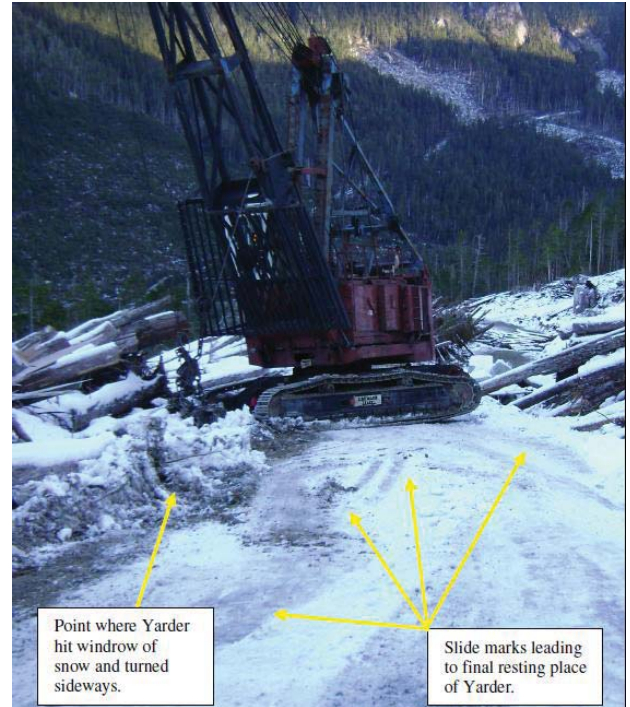


# Crew Talk

**Grapple Yarder Slides on Road** Date of talk: \_\_\_\_\_

## Description :

The crew was walking a Madill 044 Grapple Yarder down the road to get off a hill. The 044 was walked 500m down hill and around a switchback with no problems. As it broke over another hill,(15% grade) it slid 39 ft. The crew stopped and reassessed the situation and came to the conclusion that it would be OK to carry on. The 044 continued for 6 ft before it started to slide again, 40 ft towards the outside of the road and hit a windrow of snow and turned sideways; then continued to slide 51 more feet before coming to a stop sideways, half on the road and half in the windrow of snow.\*



## Contributing Factors:

Frozen road.

Inadequate assessment of risk.

\*Source: WFP

## Recommended Preventative Actions:

Ensure the risk assessment for similar activities adequately addresses the situation.

Ensure there is a clear expectation that the supervisor is to be contacted after warning signs of a serious upset condition is encountered (in this case the initial slide of 39').

## Discussions / Follow-up Actions:

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Names of Attendees:		



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## **FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT**

### **Close Call/Serious Incident**

**Location:** Big Mouth Creek, Br 25.2

**Date of Incident:** Sept 29, 2008

**Details of Incident:** 525 grapple skidder and a 330 log loader were helping a 122 grapple yarder land a large cedar tree from an uphill skid. The tree was partially bucked in the middle by the spotter/hooker. When both the skidder and the log loader were pulling on the tree it broke at the saw cut. The butt end of the tree came forward violently. Two slabs hit the lexan back window of the skidder, broke the window and entered the cab coming close to hitting the operator in the back. The skidder operator was not hurt but shaken up.

**Recommended Preventative Actions:** The partial cut tree caused the tree to break resulting in uncontrolled action. If a log is to be cut off the tree it should be cut right through – partial cuts are unacceptable and can produce results that are unpredictable when skidding, loading or sorting.

**Instruct all buckers and fallers to complete cuts when bucking logs. Sliver wood holding is acceptable on landings, root wads and steep falling areas.**

**For more information, please call: Doug Brown at 250-265-4642**



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## **FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT**

### **Close Call/Serious Incident**

**Location: 2500 Road 8Km- West of Quesnel**

**Date of Incident: Dec 18 2008**

**Details of Incident: An operator stopped his machine on approximately a 5% slope. The operator was cleaning the windows a light wind came up and blew the man door shut. The man door is very heavy and just missed his arm and hand and the operator almost fell off the catwalk.**

#### **Recommended Preventative Actions:**

1. Position machine so that gravity is holding door open.
2. Check door open latch to make sure it is functioning properly.
3. Shut the man door as soon as you get out.
4. Don't let door swing open to help prevent damaging door latch.
5. Report malfunctioning door latch immediately so it can be repaired.

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## **FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT**

### **Potential Serious Incident**

**Location:** Hawthorne Road 250

**Date of Incident:** March 9, 2009

**Details of Incident:**

A Madill 3800C Log Loader was piling brush adjacent to roadside. The machine was breaking debris with the live heel while walking in reverse (cab facing in direction of travel and idlers facing in direction of travel). A tree top popped up at the bottom of the windshield and came through the window (smashing it) and pushed on the travel lever causing the machine to continue to move forward into the top. Finally, the top popped off the travel lever allowing the machine to stop.

**Recommended Preventative Actions:**

1. Ensure intended travel path is clear of obstructions or potential jill-pokes prior to moving machine. Consider backing the machine up to allow proper visibility of the area directly below the cab and main boom cylinders and fix any potential hazards
2. Avoid travelling while breaking or piling debris directly in front of the machines intended path.

**For more information, please call:** Mike Bowater @ (250) 723-3911



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## **FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT**

### **Close Call/Serious Incident**

**Location: Horsefly Area**

**Date of Incident: Nov 30/2009**

**Details of Incident: Loading ATV onto deck, Ramp and tires cold wet and slippery. ATV lost traction and spun out. Repeated action with same result. Third time tires got traction on deck and ATV**

**Recommended Preventative Actions: Clean ramp of snow and ice. Reduce grade of Ramp. Wear Helmet when loading.**

**For more information, please call: Lee Walters/LW Contracting 250-296-4216**