

Safety Bulletin

Post/For Information

Switching to Orange Danger Tree Ribbon



Background: British Columbia Wildfire Service has recently implemented a change in the flagging tape colours used to mark danger trees. Effective immediately, Orange Danger Tree ribbon will replace Yellow Danger Tree ribbon for marking identified danger trees.

Safety Issue: Previously, both No Work Zones and danger trees had been marked with yellow flagging, which led to confusion. This created a safety concern, as workers would have to walk close to the marked area in order to distinguish

between the two different types of yellow ribbon being used.

Steps Taken: Moving forward, Yellow No Work Zone ribbon will be used to mark No Work Zones and Orange Danger Tree ribbon will be used to mark danger trees. This change has been made to create a safer work environment.

When using the new danger tree marking procedures, think of a traffic light:

✓ Orange – Danger

✓ Yellow – Caution

✓ Green – Safe



During the transition to using Orange Danger Tree ribbon, both colours may be used on incidents. **It is vital that the colour that is being used is documented and communicated to all workers on the incident.**

For more information on danger tree marking protocols and documentation, refer to the *Wildland Fire Safety Module* course manual (page 36) or *FS502B Wildland Fire Safety Module Field Cards*.