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BC Timber Sales

External Safety Bulletin

This bulletin is intended to highlight current and/or emerging safety issues and provide additional safety information to BC Timber Sales forest sector clients (agreement holders and contractors).

COVID-19

The Provincial Health Officer (PHO) Order for Industrial Camps dated April 23, 2020, applies to workers in the forest and other sectors where an employer is providing worker accommodation. The order applies to accommodation (camps, motels, hotels, tents and areas where workers congregate), transportation of workers and worksites, and it requires employers to:

- have an Infection Prevention Control Protocol (IPCP);
- post and communicate the IPCP;
- have a COVID-19 co-ordinator;
- arrange for an inspection of accommodation, transport, worksite;
- monitor workers daily for symptoms and keep a record; and
- care for sick workers, etc.



The PHO Order designates BCTS staff as “Provincial Infection Prevention and Control Officers” and delegates the authority to inspect the PHO Order requirements on BCTS Contracts and TSLs to BCTS staff.

For Forest sector COVID-19 information/resources, see the BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) [COVID-19 Resources](#).

Steep Slope Layout Planning

Layout personnel and forest technicians are being encouraged to communicate and collaborate with harvesting crews. Hazard identification in the early phases can go a long way toward improving the overall operation and the safety of the fallers. Learn more here:

- [Layout Planning: A Focus on Faller Safety \(WorkSafeBC\)](#)
- [BCTS Steep Slope Guide for Ground-Based Equipment](#)



Steep Slope Logging Operations

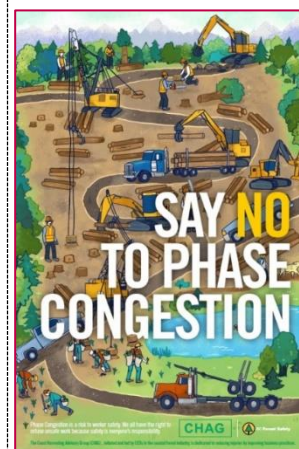
FPIInnovations has released the second update for Best Management Practices for Winch-Assist Equipment. WorkSafeBC continues to focus on steep slope logging as part of the Forestry High Risk Strategy. Links to documents, video presentations, and other resources below:

- [FPIInnovations Winch-Assist Harvesting Best Practices v2.0\(BCFSC\)](#)
- [Steep Slope Logging Resource Package \(BCFSC\)](#)
- [Forestry Steep Slope Logging Checklist \(WorkSafeBC\)](#)

Phase Congestion

The term “phase congestion” means a situation where different logging phases operating simultaneously in a single worksite become bunched up, overcrowded or jammed (aka congested) in a manner which compromises the safe and efficient operation of the work being performed. Below are links to some tools to help understand and prevent “phase congestion” on your worksite:

- [Phase Management \(BCFSC\)](#)
- [Licensee/owners: Are you planning and conducting your forestry operation to prevent phase congestion? \(WorkSafeBC\)](#)



Emergency Response Planning

Are you prepared for emergencies? Remote forestry worksites can pose barriers to first aid and medical treatment. Emergency Response Planning continues to be an industry-wide focus. If you have a plan, practice it, and look for learning opportunities. Here are some resources available for both drills and emergency response planning:

- [Guide to Effective Emergency Drills for Forestry Operators \(Jordan Tesluk\)](#)
- [Air Evacuation in Forestry Operations \(WorkSafeBC\)](#)
- [Every Minute Counts: Emergency Response Planning in Forestry \(WorkSafeBC\)](#)



Logging Truck Rollover and Seat Belt Use

MYTH

"I don't need a seat belt when I'm travelling at low speeds or going on a short trip."

TRUTH

- ❖ 80% of all crashes occur at speeds less than 65 km/hr.
- ❖ 75% of crashes occur within 50 km of home.
- ❖ Since 2005, 80% of BC forestry fatalities in pickups/crummies were on resource roads.
- ❖ Since 2005, 50% of BC logging truck fatalities were on resource roads.
- ❖ The impact from a 50 km/hr crash is like falling head first from a three-story building.
- ❖ 73% of passengers ejected during impact suffer a fatality.

For more information, see the BC Forest Safety Council's Trucking Advisor Group safety bulletins: www.bcforestsafes.org/node/3157

Fatigue Management – Log Hauling / Safe Driving

"Fatigue reduces a person's ability to work safely and effectively."

- ✓ Encourage/support healthy lifestyle—good nutrition, exercise and sleep—avoid caffeine 5 to 8 hrs before bed.
- ✓ Allow for work-related breaks (recuperation, napping or physical activity).
- ✓ Optimize your sleep opportunities and participate in programs to improve sleep.
- ✓ Participate in fatigue awareness and management workshops and workplace systems.

For more information on fatigue management best practices see

- [Managing Fatigue TAG Bulletin \(BCFSC\)](#)
- [The dangers of fatigue in the workplace \(WorkSafeBC\)](#)

Worksite Signage (BCTS provided worksite signage)

- ✓ Post worksite signage at visible locations.
- ✓ Ensure contact information is complete and updated.
- ✓ Utilize appropriate RR & loading radio frequency channels.
- ✓ Avoid using private frequencies for road use/onsite safety communication.

Active Worksite
BEFORE ENTERING All persons MUST contact the owner or supervisor for safety briefing
TSU/CONTRACT # _____
SITE OPERATOR/CONTRACTOR: _____
PRIME CONTRACTOR: _____
SUPERVISOR: _____
CONTACT INFO: _____
ONSITE/LOADING CHANNEL: _____
This Site is Subject to: BC TIMBER SALES Environmental Management System
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<small>All Workers MUST conform to the BC Timber Sales Environmental Management System</small>