



## SAFETY MEMO

To: Harvesting Contractors, Private Wood  
Suppliers, Harvesting Supervisors,  
Logging Truck Drivers

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# SAFETY HAZARD ALERT

On May 31, 2006 the following near miss was reported from one of our Woodlands staff.

Employee was traveling loaded in a pickup on the WAR 400 Mainline and approached an active logging block. A skidder exited the block in reverse onto the 400 Road without stopping or checking for possible traffic traveling on the mainline. Employee had to slam on brakes to avoid hitting skidder. Brush cover along the mainline limited the skidder operators vision of traffic travelling on the mainline. It was apparent by the amount of tracks on the mainline that the operator had been doing this a number of times. Active logging signs were in place on the 400 Road.

This incident had the potential to result in a very serious accident between pickup and skidder.

After further investigation, the following recommendations have been made to prevent a similar incident from occurring again:

- Logging equipment must avoid unnecessary entry onto a mainline while logging.
- Logging equipment must stop and look both ways before entry onto road systems.
- Contractors need to remove brush along road and ditches so logging equipment operators can see traffic on the road, and vehicles can see active logging equipment working within cutblocks.
- Contractors must prework employees of the hazards of working on a mainline.
- Active logging signs complete with radio frequency must be in place.

Please review this hazard alert with all employees working in forest industry.

Prince George Woodlands Safety Committee