

Major Study into the Management of Dangerous Trees Shared with the Forest Sector

In the late fall of 2005 one of Western Forest Product's (WFP) certified contract fallers was fatally injured while attempting to fall a snag. In addition to this tragic incident, a veteran certified faller was severely injured when he was struck on the head by a snag fracturing a vertebra in his neck.

In response to these two incidents WFP put together a group of experienced individuals to explore ways to protect workers from exposure to dangerous trees. The Snag Team (TEAM) as it became known reviewed a number of issues and presented their findings and recommendations to WFP's senior management in late July. In September they presented this information to a group of industry representatives at a seminar sponsored by the BC Forest Safety Council and FERIC.

The work of the TEAM was extensive, thorough and resulted in seventeen (17) recommendations, many of which reach beyond the boundaries of individual companies. Going forward, the Council in cooperation with FERIC and WFP will ensure that sector wide recommendations are addressed.

Please follow the link to view the entire Report on the Management of Dangerous Trees. Note: the document is in pdf format.

- [Management of Dangerous Trees. Findings and Recommendations of the Snag Team](#)

