BC **Forest Safety** Council

Worker Bulletins

Safety Alert Type:
Workers

Location: Okanagan / general

Date of Incident: 2008-01-01
Details of Incident:

Raised as a potential hazard during a regular safety meeting. Once it was raised, a number of individuals mentioned previous experiences with the high pressure flow of water through culverts that have just been opened.

During high run off and the combination of plugged culverts the force that water flows through culverts once the opening has been cleared can be immense. Individuals cleaning out the mouth of the culverts must be extra cautious and ensure that they are in a secure spot before removing debris.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

Ensure that you have a secure and safe spot for your feet when cleaning out debris. It might be stating the obvious, but do not stand in the water at the mouth of the culvert while removing the blockage and/or debris.

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