BC **Forest Safety** Council

Mechanical Harvesting

Safety Alert Type:
Mechanical Harvesting

Location: Echo Lake, Campbell River

Date of Incident: 2008-04-07
Company Name: Thibault Logging Ltd. /Critical Site Logging Inc.

Details of Incident:

Hand faller was working with the operator of a Volvo 210 Excavator falling tree along power lines. When they were in the process of falling a cedar the Volvo operator had to reach out further because of the swampy area. The tree was limb heavy, it twisted in the hold of the Volvo on the way down causing the Volvo track to sink slightly. The top of the tree struck the power line bending over the insulator.

Conditions: Ground condition was swampy.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

Soft swampy ground was found to be a contributing factor. In communication with BC Hydro and Worksafe it was recommended that the use of an arborist in future swampy areas where there is a risk of the machine track sinking or losing control be implemented in procedures. Workers to discuss any concerns regarding leaning trees with supervisor and call onsite arborist if necessary.

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