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Other Alerts

Safety Alert Type:
Other

Location: Strousse Lake Road, Riske Creek Area, West of Williams Lake

Date of Incident: 2008-01-17
Company Name: Kennedy Forest & Safety Consultant

Details of Incident:

In the early morning hours of January 17, 2008, two equipment operators were fueling up a decking machine on a roadside ground based harvesting show. The pickup carrying the fuel pulled in close to the decking machine to transfer fuel. When the fuel transfer was completed, the decking machine was started up to begin working. While the pickup driver was standing beside his truck, the decking machine operator began to move the boom. A large chunk of frozen ice was on the top of the boom and when the equipment operator swung the boom, a large ice chunk fell off the boom and narrowly missed the worker standing beside the pick up truck.

It was dark when the incident occurred and it had snowed on and off the week prior to this and warmer weather had caused the ice to form on the boom the day before.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

When harvesting operations occur during winter months, equipment operators should be aware and observe logging equipment for snow and ice build up on the higher points of the equipment. Care should be taken when working near equipment and make sure fuel trucks or service trucks are a safe distance from equipment before the equipment is moved.

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