BC **Forest Safety** Council

Log Hauling

Safety Alert Type:
Log Hauling

Location: Soatwoon Lake on Vancouver Island

Date of Incident: 2008-04-15
Company Name: K&D Contracting Ltd.

Details of Incident:

Road crew was in an end haul situation, utilizing two rock trucks. One of the trucks was pulled off the road, waiting in a turnout for the other truck to pass. The driver of the parked truck was completing some of his paperwork and although had noticed the other truck further up the road was not watching as the distance between the two trucks closed. The loaded truck was full with end haul materials as well as a large stump, with one of the lateral roots of the stump sticking out of the rock truck box quite far. The driver was not aware of this protruding root. Upon passing the parked truck, the root struck the parked truck's mirror, pushing it into the driver window and smashing it. The concussion from the impact broke the passenger window as well, as both windows had been rolled up. The driver of the parked truck was showered with broken glass resulting in numerous small cuts to both his face and left hand. The driver of the struck rock truck was cleaned up, crew held an on-site investigation.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

- Drivers to be aware of the characteristics of their loads,
- Drivers to travel at safe speed as determined by road conditions, limitations of the trucks, driver's experience, and load characteristics.
- Drivers to keep volume level of music radios low so not to negatively impact driver's ability to hear company communications.
- All employees to ensure, "Mind On Task."

More Information Contact Details:

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