BC **Forest Safety** Council
Unsafe is Unacceptable

FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

Close Call

Location: Block B11, Mooyah Bay, BC.

Date of Incident: May 5, 2009

Details of Incident: When the helicopter was dropping off the crew to the block, it was noticed at the last minute that the helipad they were about to land on had partially collapsed. The helicopter got close to the helipad but did not land. The crew was then dropped off at a different location. The helicopter had dropped a crew off earlier that day to the helipad and the damage is likely to have occurred during the last take-off from the pad.

Recommended Preventative Actions: Be aware of wooden helipads' eventual degradation and that a visual check from the air may not be sufficient in assessing stability of helipads. Doing a check-over of each helipad each time it is used and reporting any issues to supervisors is recommended. Also reporting any helipads that are known to be in an unsafe condition for landing should be taken off maps and discussed at safety meetings.

For more information, please call:

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