



BC Forest Safety Council
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FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

Potential Serious Incident

Location: Hawthorne Road 250

Date of Incident: March 9, 2009

Details of Incident:

A Madill 3800C Log Loader was piling brush adjacent to roadside. The machine was breaking debris with the live heel while walking in reverse (cab facing in direction of travel and idlers facing in direction of travel). A tree top popped up at the bottom of the windshield and came through the window (smashing it) and pushed on the travel lever causing the machine to continue to move forward into the top. Finally, the top popped off the travel lever allowing the machine to stop.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

1. Ensure intended travel path is clear of obstructions or potential jill-pokes prior to moving machine. Consider backing the machine up to allow proper visibility of the area directly below the cab and main boom cylinders and fix any potential hazards
2. Avoid travelling while breaking or piling debris directly in front of the machines intended path.

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