



Grapple Yarder Slides on Road Date of talk: _____

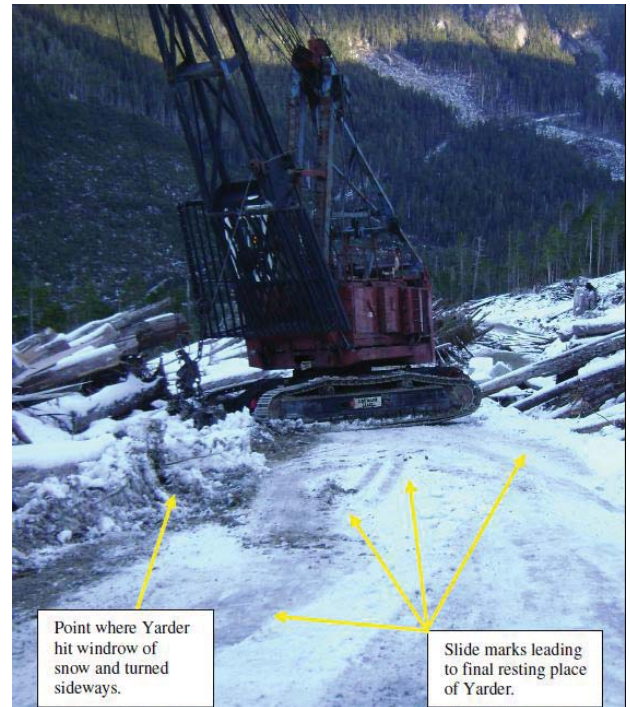
Description :

The crew was walking a Madill 044 Grapple Yarder down the road to get off a hill. The 044 was walked 500m down hill and around a switchback with no problems. As it broke over another hill,(15% grade) it slid 39 ft. The crew stopped and reassessed the situation and came to the conclusion that it would be OK to carry on. The 044 continued for 6 ft before it started to slide again, 40 ft towards the outside of the road and hit a windrow of snow and turned sideways; then continued to slide 51 more feet before coming to a stop sideways, half on the road and half in the windrow of snow.*

Contributing Factors:

Frozen road.

Inadequate assessment of risk.



Point where Yarder hit windrow of snow and turned sideways.

Slide marks leading to final resting place of Yarder.

*Source: WFP

Recommended Preventative Actions:

Ensure the risk assessment for similar activities adequately addresses the situation.

Ensure there is a clear expectation that the supervisor is to be contacted after warning signs of a serious upset condition is encountered (in this case the initial slide of 39').

Discussions / Follow-up Actions:

Names of Attendees:		