



TAG

# SAFETY ALERT

## Rollover on Forest Service Road

### Description of the Event:

The shoulder of the road gave way when a loaded log truck moved over to make room for a non-radio controlled motorcyclist he met on a Forest Service Road.

The truck rolled to its side and came to rest on the passenger side against a tree. The trailer rolled completely over, spilling the load. The driver's left hand and leg were pinned between the steering wheel, dash and door. He and the motorcyclist managed to free both his hand and leg. The truck driver cut his left index finger which required first aid treatment.

The driver was wearing his seatbelt. He was travelling approximately 35 km/hr. His injuries would have been much more severe had he not been wearing his seatbelt.



### Contributing Factors

- **Inadequate warning systems.** Active hauling signs were not posted on the Forest Service Road, the motorcyclist may have been more cautious if they were aware of the active log hauling.
- **Failure to identify a hazard.** The truck driver did not realize the shoulders were soft due to a wet spring.
- **Inadequate change management.** The driver was more experienced in hauling yard-to-yard transfer loads and was fairly new to bush driving.

### Suggested Actions

- Post active hauling signs as soon as possible at the beginning of active haul roads.
- Post similar signs on roads with high recreational use.
- Ensure all hazards are reviewed with employees prior to them beginning work on a new work site and before a significant change in the employee's duties.



**BC Forest Safety**

Safety is good business

[Click here](#) to access this safety alert from our website.

BCFSC welcomes all incident or near-miss submissions. If you have an incident you'd like to share or would like to subscribe to the **TAG Safety Alert** [click here](#). BCFSC will review and remove all identifying information to protect your privacy.

Connect With Us: [bcforestsafe.org](http://bcforestsafe.org) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [YouTube](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Instagram](#)

Disclaimer: TAG Alerts are voluntarily submitted by workers or companies. We encourage the sharing of information that can help improve safety for all workers. The BC Forest Safety Council is not responsible for accuracy of content.



BC Forest Safety

Main Office: 420 Albert Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9L 1N2  
Central BC: 2666 Queensway, Prince George, BC, V2L 1N2  
Toll Free: 1.877.741.1060 | [bcforestsafe.org](http://bcforestsafe.org)