

# **FATALITY ALERT**

## **– PRELIMINARY INFORMATION –**

**BCFSC #2022-04-06**

On April 6, 2022, a helicopter conducting cedar salvage operations went down near Sayward. The pilot sustained fatal injuries.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of the deceased and our sympathies to all those affected by this incident.

This incident is under investigation and details are still to be determined.

**This is the third forestry-related helicopter incident to occur since October 2021.**

If you work with aircraft as part of your forestry operations, take this opportunity to meet with your air/helicopter service providers to discuss safety, the hazards related to air operations and steps to help improve safety practices.

**Here are some suggestions for safety topics to review:**

1. Pre-flight planning
2. Weather – go/no-go trip decisions
3. Communications – Pre-flight briefing, flight tracking, radio frequencies and hand signals
4. Passenger safety – approaching, boarding and disembarking the helicopter
5. Heli-pads and landing locations
6. Long-line operations
7. Emergency response to remote sites

**Resources:**

- 1) [Helicopter Long Line Safety Alert](#)
- 2) [2021 Helicopter Logging Fatality Alert](#)
- 3) [Safe Work Practices for Helicopter Operations in the Forest Industry](#)