



SAFETY ALERT & BULLETIN OF THE MONTH

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Log Hauling and Public Safety

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Recently there have been serious incidents involving log hauling operations and the public. In one incident, a log truck lost its load while turning onto an on-ramp. The load struck and fatality injured a man who was beside the highway.

During the summer, more passenger and recreational vehicles are on highways and resource roads. Review the information below and consider how to improve the safety of your operations, drivers and other road users.

Safety Information:

- No two loads of logs are the same and this will affect the center of gravity and stability of the load. Give yourself a margin of error to prevent rollovers by slowing down, following best practices for load securement and maintaining your truck and trailer.



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- With increased traffic, it's important to reduce speed and exercise more patience and care when driving. Be prepared for inexperienced road users and unexpected events on the road.
- We all get complacent from time to time. Now is a good time to review and commit to following safe work procedures. Most procedures are in place because of a past serious incident - follow them closely to avoid similar incidents.
- Take a close look at the areas on your truck and trailer(s) that may not receive regular maintenance such as bolster and scale pad bolts.
- Don't rely on the radio to know the location of all traffic on resource roads. Recreational users may not have radios or be familiar with the rules of the road.

Resources:

- [Log Truck Rollover Prevention Information](#)
- [Video: Standard of Care – It Saves to be Safe](#)
- [Alert: Maintenance of Bolster and Scale Pad Bolts](#)

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BCFSC Latest News & Resources

BCFSC FIRS Lite App – The **BCFSC FIRS App** or **Forest Industry Reporting System** is a FREE resource available to all BCFSC Members. The first stage of the **BCFSC FIRS App** is a **lite version** and is now live and ready to use. It allows companies to submit and track incident reporting by submitting answers to five simple questions and uploading supporting photos into the record. It also includes a Supervisor's Queue allowing supervisors, safety professionals, and company owners to review submitted records and extract important information from the report such as the severity or nature of a reported injury.

The new lite version is available through the App store for Android and iOS devices. Simply go to the App store on your device and search for BCFSC FIRS to download the FREE App. To access the BCFSC FIRS Quick Add App, you will require a FIRS account. For security purposes, BCFSC will need to confirm your SAFE Certified Company first by emailing your registration request to FIRS@bcforestsafe.org. Registrations will be reviewed by BCFSC and once approved, your account will be established. An invitation email will be sent to your inbox where you can then set up your FIRS account with your registration details.

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Check out our [FREE online training and assessment forms](#) for Basic Forest Workers, Yarding, Mechanized Harvesting and Road Building.



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