



INDUSTRY

# SAFETY ALERT

## Driver Distraction Sends Logging Truck Over Embankment

**Location:** Near Boston Bar, BC

**Date:** March 10, 2023

**Details:** It was approximately 3:15 a.m. when an empty logging truck drove over an embankment located around 2km on the Uztlius Forest Service Road.

Miraculously, the trailer reach caught a tree as it laid over, and that tree held the truck up (see photo on page 2). Otherwise, the outcome could have resulted in extremely serious or possibly fatal injuries.

Fortunately, the driver emerged from the incident unharmed, and the truck was essentially undamaged.

A preliminary investigation determined three main causes that lead to the incident:

- 1) Distracted driving (the driver admits to reaching down to change the music).
- 2) Speed (Although there was no ice or snow and the road conditions were dry, the driver admitted driving faster than he should have which resulted in the inability to correct the error).
- 3) Fit for Work (the driver admits being overtired due to lack of sleep the night before).

**Learnings & Suggestions:** Road conditions in the area are currently very challenging. This Forest Service Road has little to no room for error on it in the best of conditions. Right now, operations are encountering heavy snow days and freeze / thaw days resulting in very muddy or very icy conditions.

“We cannot stress the importance enough, how serious, and quickly an accident can happen with any one of the conditions above aren’t followed correctly,” said a company representative.

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