FATALITY ALERT
– PRELIMINARY INFORMATION –

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A log truck driver was fatally injured in February when the truck left the road and struck a rock outcrop. The driver was ejected from the cab. The RCMP and Coroners Service are currently investigating this incident.

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

This is the first harvesting fatality in 2026.

This incident is under investigation and details are still to be determined. Contributing factors to the incident are not available during an ongoing investigation.

Consider the following safety points:

Seatbelts should always be worn when operating logging trucks. Seatbelts keep drivers properly positioned in the cab, where they are best protected and able to maintain stability and control of the vehicle.

Long hauls and extended work hours contribute to fatigue and inattention. Drivers are encouraged to develop a personal plan to stay alert while driving. Taking regular breaks, maintaining proper nutrition, and practicing good sleep habits at home or camp all help support alertness and focus behind the wheel.

Weather and road conditions can change significantly throughout a shift. Roads can range from muddy, slippery logging roads to dry, high-speed highways. Whatever the conditions, slowing down and allowing extra reaction time and braking distance are key safe-driving practices.

Become familiar with wildlife hot spots along your haul routes. Log truck drivers often travel during peak wildlife activity periods at dawn and dusk. Reduce speed in these areas and during these times so you have sufficient time to react and avoid animals that may suddenly enter the roadway.

Resources:

Video – Log Truck Rollover and Seat Belt Safety

Fatigue Management Resources