

SAFETY ALERT

Hazard

July 9, 2017

Potential Hazards

- Risk of being struck by lightning when exposed or working in the open.
- Being trapped without an evacuation plan when lightning strikes ignite a wildfire.

Preventative Actions

- Monitor weather and make suitable plans when lightning is forecasted.
- Have a plan in place for lightning storms, which should include evacuation and identified shelter locations.
- Suspend activities at first sign of thunder & allow sufficient time to get to shelter.
 - Safe shelters include:
 - Pickup truck with windows fully up.
 - Under mature forest canopy with uniform tree heights; or if necessary
 - Low ground (i.e., ditches or under clumps of bushes).
- Wait a minimum 30min from the last lightning strike or thunder clap before resuming work if required to work in the open.
- When thunder is heard, **AVOID** solitary trees, water, open fields, small rain/sun shelters/gazebos, and using the telephone or touching appliances. (Portable radios & cell phones are safe to use.)

Incident Summary

- A storm developed at the end of the day while workers were walking out of the block.
- The storm came up quickly and included high winds, rain, hail, thunder and lightning.
- The crew was walking out in the open on a built road without any standing timber around them.



SAFETY COMES FIRST

...and it starts with the person you see in the mirror.

