

SAFETY ALERT

Forestry Harvesting Operations

The importance of keeping your rig clean: Log truck inspection reveals bunk mount failures that were “hidden” under road grime

Location: Campbell River, BC

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Details: Fearless Contracting self-load truck was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident involving a log truck from another company which had lost its load.

While recovering the load, the driver noted that the cause of the accident seemed to be a weld failure on the bunk mount pad and reported this to his supervisor.

Mechanics were instructed to thoroughly inspect all trucks and in the process found one with a cracked weld developing on the mounting bracket.

Learnings & Suggestions:

- Thorough daily inspections by drivers supported by mechanical inspections are critical to ensure safe operation of a log truck
- Regular washing is essential to reveal potential failures.

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