

Forest Industry Safety Alert

Grizzly Bear Attack

Location: Draney Inlet (Central Coast) about 100 km north of Port Hardy

Date: March 22, 2017

Details of Close Call / Serious Incident:

A worker was engineering for a helicopter harvesting cutblock when a grizzly bear attacked him.

Another worker was nearby and came to his aid, using bear spray to deter the bear. The worker was later airlifted to hospital to have his injuries treated.

Learnings and Suggestions:

- All field personnel should carry bear spray
- Personnel must check the integrity and expiry of their bear spray
- Send seasonal alerts for bear activity eg. when hibernation ends; during berry season
- For helicopter development, map out the most accessible evacuation route.

For more information on this submitted alert:

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