

# SAFETY ALERT

## Trailer Loader

**Incident Date:** January 15, 2019

**Location:** Port Angeles

**Incident Type:** Near Miss / Damage

**Job Position:** Log Truck Driver



### Summary:

A truck driver was loading his trailer at the trailer loader. The current setup requires drivers to use foot pedals and a pike pole to maneuver the trailer into position. The trailer got hung up on the stakes causing the hitch to swing down and contact the cab; the driver was unable to stop this action as he could not remove his foot from the down switch before the damage occurred, in addition to the actuator intermittently sticking. Upon further investigation, there was mud buildup near the foot pedal actuator that was causing intermittent sticking. The driver was wearing appropriate hiking boots. The resulting damage was a broken windshield, broken fiberglass on cab and a bent deflector.

### Key Learnings and Recommendations:

- All lifting equipment should be appropriately inspected and maintained.
- A monthly cleaning preventative maintenance (PM) will be created to ensure housekeeping standards are kept.
- The foot pedal toe cap will be raised by a ½ inch.
- Stay clear of the bite - never get under elevated loads.

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