



INDUSTRY

SAFETY ALERT

Faller pinned by root wad

Date of Incident: August 2024

Details: A faller was involved in a serious incident while working in blowdown conditions. During the task of opening up a work area, the worker made a cut on a 20-inch balsam blowdown and attempted to cut the root wad, which did not drop as expected.

Moving 25 feet away, he then felled an 18-inch hemlock, parallel to the root wad, in an effort to dislodge it - however, it remained stationary.

The faller then approached and stood behind the root wad when it suddenly dropped, pinning his leg. His falling partner freed him by cutting a small root.

Safety Reminder:

- Working around root wads and blowdown requires vigilance and adherence to established safety protocols.
- Workers must always ensure the root wad remains stable and avoid placing themselves in vulnerable positions.
- Machine assistance should be used where necessary to avoid unnecessary risks.

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