



INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

Hoe Chucker Tip Over

Date: November 2024

Location: Sugar Lake, BC

Details: While hoe chucking timber on a steep slope (55-60%), one of the machine's tracks slipped on shallow rock concealed by the topsoil.

This caused the other track to catch on a stump, turning the machine before it tipped over onto its side. The machine was walking down the slope on the same path it had travelled without incident going up the hill.

The worker was uninjured and the machine undamaged.

Learnings / Suggestions:

- Steep slope plans are to be completed for each block and should be site-specific for the block that the equipment is working in.
- Build and use trails if required on steep slopes.
- The tether for this machine was not in use at the time. If available, a tether/winch should be used while working on steep slopes.
- Complacency? The operator has done this work before, and may have developed a false sense of security and confidence.
- Fatigue? The incident happened later in the week after working long days out of camp.
- During the mobile equipment inspection ensure there are no loose objects in the cab of equipment (i.e. - toolbox, hand tools, lunchbox, thermos, etc.) Look at seat belts, guarding, cab protection and escape hatches.
- Emergency Response Plans (ERPs) and drills should include equipment rollover incidents which can be very challenging in remote and less accessible locations.



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