Hazard Brief
Logging

Skyline Hazard Complacency

Today, most cable logging in Washington is done using a motorized carriage and standing skyline. Younger rigging crew members may have never worked around “shotgun logging” with a skyline that is slacked up and down throughout the day. Crews that get used to a skyline that stays in the air except during road changes might forget that it can still come crashing down!

Complacency about skyline hazards can lead to risky behavior, such as:
• Crossing the skyline when the turn is going in
• Setting chokers under the skyline
• Standing too close to the skyline to pick their next turns while a turn is going in

Train rigging crews on skyline hazards
Ensure everyone follows “in the clear” policy
Speak up if you see risky behavior
Teach crews how to safely pick turns, preset chokers, and remain in the clear

Requirements:
• 54-577(4) Employees must be in the clear of logs, root wads, chunks, hazardous trees, rolling material and rigging before the go-ahead signal is given and must stay in the clear until all rigging movement has stopped.
• 54-577(6) All employees must remain away from rigging that is stopped at a hang-up, until the rigging has been slacked to reduce the hazard.
• 54-577(7) Chokers must not be hooked or unhooked until all rigging is stopped completely.