



## Chaser Ground Skidding Safety & Health Program Training Guide Supplement

Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

*The following is a supplement to company specific training, other training aids, and the applicable provisions of the Division Seven Forest Activities Code that apply to the job title listed above.*

- Only authorized employees will be permitted to operate any company equipment or power tools.
- As a Chaser on a Ground Skidding Side you have an important role in the overall production and safety of the operation. In order for your job to be done safely you will need to know how you as the Chaser will interact with the rest of the employees and machinery on the job site. If you are inexperienced you may be asked to read the AOL Training Guide Supplements regarding the other jobs being performed on the job site.
- If supervising or directing the work activities of one or more employees the AOL Supervisors Training Guide Supplement should be completed.
- You will work closely with the Skidding Machine Operator(s), Loader Operator, possibly a De-Limber Operator, and others. Any questions or concerns you have about safety at the landing should be discussed with the operator(s). Bring any further questions or concerns to the attention of company management.
- Your safety and the safety of your fellow employees may be greatly determined by your ability to pay attention. Point out any hazards or safety concerns you have as you see them. Be attentive on the job site. Drug and/or alcohol abuse will not be tolerated, nor will horseplay.
- A supply of bright orange "Hazard Identification Ribbon" is kept on the landing for marking hazards. If you see hazard ribbon marking something on the landing it means that a hazardous condition exists, such as a pinch point.
- Loaders, de-limbers, or other equipment capable of rotating can create pinch points. Tools, saws, and all other supplies must not be stored on or near a machine capable of rotating. Whenever a person on the ground wants to approach a machine capable of rotating, they must establish communication with the operator and wait for a signal that it is all clear to approach.
- All loggers not protected by a cab or canopy are required to wear a brightly colored hard hat or upper body cover such as a safety vest. Hard hats provide much needed protection, so keep yours in top shape. Do not position yourself under overhead hazards. Stay out from underneath suspended log truck trailers.

- You will have brush, slick bark, limbs, and logs on the ground as part of your work environment to deal with. Caulk boots in good condition will be essential. Even with caulk boots slips and falls will be a prime concern. Move cautiously and avoid jumping and running.
- On a landing be aware that where you locate yourself is very important to your safety. Position yourself where the equipment operators will be able to see you clearly. Become familiar with the blind spots of different equipment on the landing by sitting in the operating position.
- Do Not** operate any equipment until management has instructed and authorized you to do so.
- The arrival of Skidding Machines on the landing and all other movement of logs on the landing present a hazard to anyone working on the ground. You need to be aware of logs, debris, or other items on the ground that if struck by another log or machine might cause injury. Do not hesitate to get an operator's attention and have something on the landing moved to a safe place. Good communication between you and the equipment operators is vital.
- When a Skidding Machine arrives on the landing chokers are not to be unhooked until the skidding machine is stopped and the skidding line is slack. At no time should you place yourself beneath a suspended log while unhooking chokers. You need to be in the clear of the chokers, before the operator pulls the chokers free of the logs.
- Always wear gloves when handling chokers or other line. Be careful not to get a jagger when pulling a "Cats Ass" out of a drum line. Get in the habit of using your legs and arms when pulling line, not just your back.
- Log decks must be stable before you attempt to get on them to work. Keep out from below an unstable deck, and advise the equipment operator(s) when you feel logs in a deck are not secure and need straightening up by a machine.
- Landings are the most active areas on a logging operation. You must be familiar with all the hand signals needed to direct the movements of logging machines and log trucks on the landing. If you have a question about the hand signals being used, ask your supervisor or an operator.
- You will likely be helping splice and cut line. Whenever line is being cut, the person doing the cutting must wear eye protection. There are no exceptions for any type of line cutting device. Know where the eye protection is kept when it is not being used, and use it when cutting line.
- Where you store tools, saws, and other supplies is important not only to your safety, but to the safety of others. Store your tools, saws, and other supplies where they will not be in the path of persons walking, or where persons retrieving these items would be placing themselves in danger.
- Tool maintenance and repair is the responsibility of all employees. Broken tools need to be fixed, discarded, or removed from service to be repaired as appropriate. Report any broken tool to your supervisor.
- Chain saws being used must be equipped with a working chain brake if the saw was manufactured with one. Employees operating chain saws must protect themselves from chain saw cuts by wearing leg protection. Keep your leg protection in good condition, and replace it when it gets worn out.

- Be careful to avoid kickbacks when operating chain saws. Position yourself so that you have stable footing. Do not try to operate a chain saw from an awkward position, and do not try to hold a chain saw over your head and operate it. Always wear the appropriate hearing protection when operating a chain saw.
  
- No employee should enter the area alongside a truck during the loading process. Before the logs are above the stakes and before they are secured, an employee must wait until communication has been established with the Loader Operator and Log Truck Driver and they both have given the all clear. Securing the load with binders and wrappers is extremely hazardous, and the primary responsibility of the driver.
  
- Never hitch a ride on any part of a Skidding Machine or Log Truck. The only person on a Skidding Machine should be the operator sitting in the operator's position. No riders should be on a Log Truck unless they are sitting in a seat provided for that purpose.
  
- Medical services and First Aid. The Emergency Evacuation Information for the job site must be posted at the work site after one-day duration. Also check and make sure this information is available whenever the operation moves to a new location. Emergency Evacuation Information must include both land directions to the job site, and the Township-Range and section numbers. All employees need to know the emergency evacuation radio/telephone procedure, and verify that they fully understand it.
  
- A well stocked first aid kit, blanket and stretcher must be on the job site at all times. Know the location of these supplies and contact your supervisor if there are any questions.
  
- Secondary containers of chemicals (paints, saw gas, diesel, motor oil, etc.) must be labeled as to their contents. Maintain the labeling or marking procedures, and encourage the other employees to do the same

Employee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Trainer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_