

SAFETY ALERT!!

Load out/Landing book-ends

We had a recent incident in Glenbervie Forest that could have resulted in a serious injury. One of our roading contractors while carrying out post-harvest works was about to assess a load out that he was to do final silt controls on. He parked his truck on the creek side of the road clear of logging traffic. He then got out of his ute and was walking towards the load out when he fell into a deep hole, badly twisting his left leg.

On further inspection he found three more holes and quickly realised they were bookend holes. All within 2 meters of the road edge. Bookend holes are created by pushing log poles into the ground so that logs can be stacked better and to also sort different grades. This is a hazard which could lead to a serious injury for forestry workers or the general public and could have easily resulted in a LTI.



Post incident: If bookends are used in any harvesting operation they are to be immediately cut flush with the ground by a processor on harvesting crew leaving/finishing in area.