

**Oregon OSHA  
Forest Activities Advisory Committee  
December 8, 2016  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Steve Aulerich  
Tom Bozicevic  
Kyle Couch  
Mark Dvorscak

Jim Gahlsdorf  
Rod Huffman  
Larry Kirkpatrick  
Tyson Losli

Dan Lundy  
Peggy Munsell  
Bruce Skurdahl  
Teri Watson

**Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.**

**The group introduced themselves.**

Peggy Munsell, Manager of Standards & Technical Resources, announced to the committee that she will be retiring from Oregon OSHA, and that this will be her last FAAC meeting. Scheduled speakers could not attend the meeting due to inclement weather.

**The group approved the June 9, 2016 meeting minutes.**

Group approved the September 8 minutes (with addition to note – 5/16 EIPS does not meet the 15,000 lb. breaking strength requirement).

**Continuing business:**

**Securing loads –**

Tom shared video clips he recorded of pulp logs being unloaded from mule trailers with a log handler. The safe removal of wrappers issue is more complicated for short logs due to the narrow width between the stakes. The issue was tabled for further discussion.

**Tethered logging variance update –**

No new variances to report.

**Program directive for tethered logging –**

A copy of the new program directive for tethered logging ([A-298](#)) was handed out and discussed with the committee. The directive describes the policies and procedures for implementing a Local Emphasis Program (LEP) to identify and ensure tethered logging operations comply with steep slope requirements under 437-007-0935 (Operation of Ground Skidding Machines and Vehicles), stability limits specified by machine manufacturers(if any), or the provisions within an approved and active research variance. The directive applies to all statewide tethered logging operations subject to Oregon OSHA jurisdiction, and includes the general provisions employers with variances must follow that were recommended by the committee.

The committee discussed an event where a tethered machine was using a stump as a directional aide when the tether line came off the stump, resulting in the machine rolling over.

**Factor of safety for wire rope –**

A committee member handed out a completed wire rope table that provides design tension values to be used for a non-mandatory appendix to Division 7. A note will be added to reference the sources of the information.

**New business:**

**Manufacturer requirements when operating ATVs (437-007-0570) –**

Due to the inherent hazards associated with operating ATVs, Oregon OSHA would like to see users wear head protection. 437-007-0565 requires that vehicle operators be “knowledgeable” of the manufacturer’s recommendations for operation, maintenance, safe work practices, and operating procedures. Committee members indicated that operators may not want to carry a hard hat and a helmet. The committee discussed training and ATV permits. Tom will pull injury data for the committee to review for the next meeting.

**Quarterly Overnight Hospitalizations & Fatalities Report (Q1FY2017):**

The committee discussed the two fatalities and three hospitalizations reported to Oregon OSHA since the previous meeting. Oregon OSHA had no jurisdiction on one of the fatalities.

**Roundtable:**

- Can we use the ‘tail tree’ table as a guide for single tree supports? We don’t have single tree support guidance? *The question is under consideration.*
- Can we get someone out on a stretcher on a skyline? There are instances where that is the best method of extraction. The folding stretchers (which meet code) are worthless (a lot of work and you run the risk of more injuries). Perhaps we need basket stretchers? *This is an ongoing discussion item for rulemaking. We will change the rule to make it more clear what would be appropriate or needed.*
- Teri Watson with Oregon OSHA notified the committee that the new mobile app on machine anchors, by Oregon State University, is available online. The app provides an estimate of what the machine anchor capacity, and is not something to rely upon exclusively. *Tom will send everyone a link for the app in apple store.*

**Meeting ended at 11:06**

**Next Meeting**

When: Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Associated Oregon Loggers Office, 2015 Madrona Ave SE, Salem, OR 97302