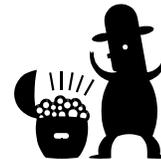


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TWO IDAHO LOGGERS ON VERGE OF STRIKING IT RICH!!! (well, maybe)



After finding a gold pan on the strip he was falling, Ed demonstrates to Cebe how they are going to use it to claim their fortune. Ed is pretty sure that the holes in the bottom of the pan were caused by all the gold that had been swirled around. Cebe was not altogether sold on that notion and thought by putting logs in the deck for Henderson, the checks may be a little more frequent than the glitter from Ed's pan!

With the dust as deep as their boot tops and the heat almost unbearable, watching loggers like Cebe and Ed work so hard day after day, keep a sense of humor and do it all SAFELY reminds us of the special breed of people you loggers are. It is an honor to be associated with all of you!

CEBE ROMERO (left) and **ED (GOLD PAN) COOPER** work for Henderson Logging. **Cebe** is the head rigger for the yarder and Ed does the falling.

LACKING PRO LOGGER CREDITS AT THE END OF THE YEAR?

We have been tossing around the idea of having a few safety meetings around the state this fall and would like to hear back from you logger types to see if it is worth trying. We know that you are still busy logging at that time of the year so we thought we could hold them "locally" for your convenience. They would be directed toward the contractors, covering topics such as (these are still under negotiation) *political issues effecting the timber industry, accident and fatality review, how accidents effect your insurance costs and using your safety plan to solve safety problems.*

These meetings will be a cooperative effort of the Associated Logging Contractors (ALC) and the Idaho Logging Safety guys. We are thinking maybe Friday evenings (barbecue) or Saturday mornings (breakfast), in any case Shawn Keogh, executive director of the ALC will be doing the cooking! (cont. on page 2)

PRO LOGGER CREDITS (cont)

These meetings will be for all contractors, ALC members or not. Obviously our goal is to pass along safety information that will help your company but we also realize many loggers need a few extra Pro Logger credits to finish out the year, so maybe we are getting two birds with one stone. Please call the ALC office or let one of us safety guys know what you think.

Also, if you need a safety plan for your company let us know beforehand. Hopefully the meeting will be a perfect time to go over them.

If nothing else we get to watch Shawn burn, whoops, I mean cook some cheeseburgers!!!



**JOB SITE SPECIFIC
LOGGING EMERGENCY PLAN**

Emergency # **State Comm 1-800-632-8000**
Or **1-208-846-7610**

For Job: **Placer Ridge Timber Sale**

Employers Name: **Paul Bunyan Logging**

Call Back Telephone #: **208-111-1111**

Company Radio Frequency: **None Available**

Location where you must go to operate Phone or Radio:
At the Bottom of the E Road

GPS Longitude: **N 46 Degrees 28 Minutes 52 Seconds**

GPS Latitude: **W 115 Degrees 53 Minutes 52 Seconds**

Directions by Road System: **From Weippe go north on Highway 11 for 3.2 miles to the 22 MM and turn left on Hjalmar Johnson Rd. Go west 1.5 miles. Turn right on Upper Fords Creek Rd. Go 1.7 miles and turn right on Placer/Olson Rd. Go north 3.8 miles. Turn right on Placer Creek Rd. Go 1.3 miles and you are at the timber sale area**

Helicopter Landing Area: **GPS Readings above**

Other Emergency Numbers: **FIRE/SHERIFF 911**



AARON REED, forester for **BENNETT LUMBER** in Grangeville, checks the readings on his GPS unit to make sure the information on the job site plan for one of their logging jobs is correct. It is hard for the loggers to keep up with this information as they move from job to job, so the efforts by Bennett's foresters is greatly appreciated.

Aaron did make a good point by suggesting that he thought the loggers still should make out their own site plan, "just in case I forget to"!

We did have a couple of accidents this
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IF YOU PUT A LOGGER IN CHARGE OF STRAIGHTENING OUT THE WORLD, I GUARANTEE IT WOULD BE DONE BY 4:30 FRIDAY AFTERNOON!!!



Ed had a bunch of welding to do on the bottom side of this lowboy so...."I just turned the dang thing over. You can do a better job of welding and you aren't under the thing so it is just safer all around!"

When I asked how he turned it over, he said he just grabbed it and flipped it on its backside. I assumed he meant he did it with the log loader sitting close by, but if you've ever shook hands with Ed, I am not so sure he needed the loader!!!

The common sense of loggers will never cease to amaze me.

ED MAKI is the mechanic for **KENNY WELLER LOGGING**

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING?

By Galen Hamilton

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I guess I don't need to tell you loggers that it has been quite a summer so far, and not all good. As you will see on the next couple of pages we did have two fatalities already this year. Needless to say both were very sad situations. The one young fellow had just started in the woods and was doing a real good job. The crew reported he was catching on real quick and was working his tail off during this training period. The other fatality was also a young, hard working logger, and this one had quite a bit of experience in the woods. Our hearts and prayers go out to both of those families.

We also heard about a few accidents and medical emergencies that loggers had around the state. The only reason I bring these up is to congratulate the logging crews on how they handled the situations.

Another item I know I don't need to tell you loggers about is the shortage of workers there are to pick from. The number one question we safety guys get asked is if we know of anybody wanting a job. I recently had conversations with two different people that worked in industries not associated with timber. They both had the same story as you loggers, they just can't find any help at all. I keep hearing about the unemployed people on the news, but I sure as heck don't know where they live. If I find out maybe we could send a couple of crummies to pick them up! This also pushes you loggers into hiring people without much, or any experience. What used to take a day or two to train someone may now take a week or better. And then, as one logger recently said, "the gol dang golly whopper quits"!

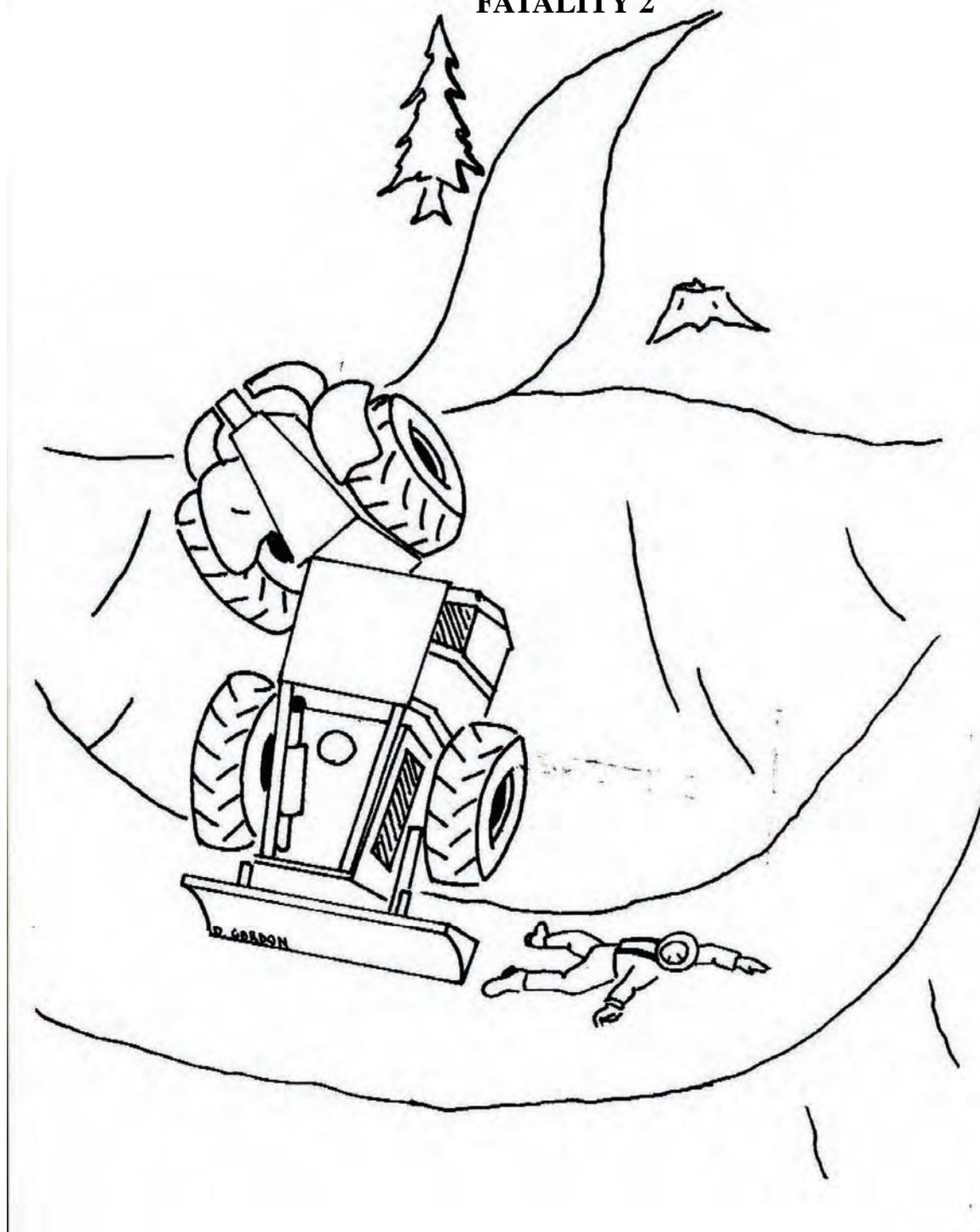
I know it all takes time so you loggers will be glad to hear I am still working on that special 31 hour day just for you lumberjacks! Anything I can do to help out.

LOG SAFE

FATALITY 1



A HOOKER WAS FATALY INJURED WHEN HE WAS STRUCK IN THE BACK BY TONGS BEING TOSSED BY A SKIDDING JAMMER. EVEN THOUGH HE WAS NEW TO THE JOB AND STILL IN TRAINING, HE HAD BEEN DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB AND KEEPING OUT OF THE WAY AT A SAFE DISTANCE. WHY HE WANDERED OUT TO WHERE THE TONGS WERE BEING TOSSED, WE WILL NEVER KNOW

FATALITY 2

A YOUNG LOGGER DOING THE FALLING ON A JOB TOOK AN OPPORTUNITY TO OPERATE THE RUBBER TIRE SKIDDER. THE SKIDDER FAILED TO MAKE THE CORNER FROM THE SKID TRAIL TO THE ROAD, INSTEAD GOING OFF THE CUT BANK. THE SKIDDER LANDED ON ITS BLADE IN THE ROAD, EJECTING THE LOGGER.

DUKE SHAWVER LOGGING MAKES EXTRA EFFORT TOWARD SAFETY

By Cliff Osborne

Shawver and his crew seem to spend most of their time logging blow down, salvage or picking up a corner somewhere that might have been a little too tough for the last guy through. Whatever the case, Duke says that the normal safety precautions a logger usually take aren't quite enough most days. Many of these "specialty" strips have several hidden surprises waiting for him and his men.

Right now Duke has one cat crew going but thinks he probably will have to put one more crew to work to get things done. He also has a line machine for those steep patches they run into.

For what they are sometimes put up against, Shawver and his guys do a darn good job and they do it SAFELY. Way to go SHAWVER LOGGING!!!



RON CANDLER (left) drives the log truck and DUKE SHAWVER operates the slide boom and loads the logs.



BOB GAUTHIER (left) operates the skid cat and RICK RYLE does the falling, and both do a dang good job!



TOM WIENGART HAS A DOZER FULL OF EXPERIENCE TO SHARE

For more years than sometimes he likes to think about Tom has been logging in the woods of North Idaho, and doing it safely along the way. He works for his brother Dave and does whatever needs doing at that particular time. Since Tom has done every job there is to do in the woods he is quite a source of information to the rest of the crew, especially when it comes to safety concerns. We are not saying Tom has seen it all, but like a lot of those "seasoned" loggers out there, he has seen most of it!



RICK PETTIT (left) stands next to **STEVE KEYS** out on Rick's logging job. Steve is our boss out of the Meridian office and was in Coeur d'Alene for some meetings, so Don drug him out to several logging jobs. What Steve had to say at the end of the day talking about the loggers he met: **"I can't believe what a great bunch of people you (safety guys) get to work with"!**

PETTIT LOGGING USES BONUS TO SOLVE SAFETY ISSUES

We all know that getting the crew to comply with some of the safety rules can sometimes seem like a never ending battle. We think Rick, along with his wife Cindy, has come up with an idea that sure does seem to be working. At the end of the year they give each logger on the crew a **"SAFETY BONUS"** for a certain amount. Throughout the year however, if a fellow is caught not wearing his hard hat, chaps, eye protection, etc., or maybe not wrapping up as soon as he should, Pettit knocks off a few bucks from the bonus. Rick and Cindy have also expanded that to maintenance on the equipment.

Rick says having a good crew is the key. "They know I am not hiding around the end of the loader trying to catch them doing something wrong. They are professionals and realize it is part of doing business. I think the crew appreciates our effort toward a safe operation. Either that or they are all scared of Cindy"!

Job Site Plan (cont)

summer where the **"Description by Road System"** was a tad hazy. This led to some confusion for the people coming to help and added to their response time. In neither case did it effect the outcome of the rescue, BUT **COULD HAVE!**

As Aaron said, "It is so hard to keep up with all the paperwork and so on, but this **JOB SITE PLAN** is something that needs to be done. Thanks to the **Bennett Foresters!**



LOGGING ACCIDENTS

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We had two reported loggers get into physical trouble this summer because of the heat. The crews treated them like the rule book says, but in one case the logger became very ill ending up in the hospital and then quite a lengthy time in re-hab.

#2

A hooker received significant injuries to his ribs and back when he was struck by a flying chunk. A small white fir went under a downfall while the other logs in the drag went over the top. The choker pinched the small log in two but somehow a chunk of it flew out from the drag. The hooker was safely out of the way (he really was a long ways away from the drag) and was watching close. He tried to dive behind a stump, but was a little late. The crew **REALLY** did a good job handling this accident and the hooker will recover fully.

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