Skidding/Yarding

Getting the timber to the loading area safely requires good communication and safe work practices. Next to felling, skidding is the most dangerous part of a logging operation.

Skidding Hazards

punctures.

- Rollovers.

- Moving equipment.
- Moving and rolling logs.
- Cable releases.
- Cable related cuts and

Skidding Safety Requirements

- Chokers must be hooked and unhooked from uphill side of log end. (unless log is securely chocked)

- Each worker must be in the clear, and the yarding machine operator must have clearly received and understood the signal to move the line.

- Winching must be done within stability limits of machine.

- Each yarded tree must be placed in a spot that doesn't cause a hazard.

Skidding Check List

❏ Are chokers hooked and unhooked from the uphill side of the log end?

❏ Are workers on foot within clear view of the skidder operators?

❏ Are operators waiting for the signal before moving the line?

❏ Is winching being done within the stability limits of the machine?

❏ Are cable handlers wearing gloves?

❏ Are operators wearing their seat belts?

❏ Are yarded trees being placed in a spot that doesn't cause a hazard?