

Overview of proposed amendments to

Part 26: Forestry operations **Section 26.11, Dangerous trees**

Sections 26.11 (6) (b) and 26.11 (7) (c) mandate that no work will be done within reach of a dangerous tree if wind speeds exceed 20km/h. These sections are proposed to be amended to refer to a wind speed of 40km/h as stated in the Wildlife Danger Tree Assessors' ("WDTA") training course which is approved by the Workers' Compensation Board and recognized by the BC Wildlife Tree Committee. It is also proposed that 26.11 (6) (b) and 26.11 (7) (c) be made consistent with existing practices, that no work will be done within "the hazard area of a dangerous tree", instead of "within reach of the tree".

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Part 26: FORESTRY OPERATIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Dangerous trees** **26.11**
- (1) If work in a forestry operation will expose a worker to a dangerous tree, the tree must be removed.
 - (2) Trees that will interfere with rig-up, the movement of lines and equipment, or that could be pushed or pulled into the work area must be removed.
 - (3) Saplings over 6 m (20 ft) tall, in an area where cable logging is being done, must be removed before yarding commences.
 - (4) If it is not practicable to comply with subsection (3), such as during partial cutting operations, alternative work methods or procedures which minimize the risk to workers may be used, and the work must be directed by a supervisor who has, as far as practicable, controlled the danger to any worker.
 - (5) Any dangerous tree, regardless of height, located within an active hand falling or cable logging operation must not interfere with safe falling or yarding practices, and if it does interfere, it must be removed.
 - (6) A dangerous tree in a forestry operation may be left standing during operations other than construction or harvesting if
 - (a) no significant ground vibrations are likely to be produced,
 - (b) no work will be done within ~~reach~~ **the hazard area** of ~~the a~~ **dangerous** tree when wind speed exceeds ~~20~~**40** km/h (~~42~~**24** mph), and
 - (c) a tree assessor who has completed a training program acceptable to the Board determines that the tree will not be dangerous to workers during the planned activity.
 - (7) If tree planting is to be done in an area that has more than 500 dangerous trees per hectare, the Board may approve a request to work without removing all the dangerous trees if, before work commences,
 - (a) a representative sample of the dangerous trees is assessed by a tree assessor who has completed a training program acceptable to the Board,
 - (b) any findings of the assessment as to the removal of dangerous trees or other trees are implemented, and
 - (c) no silviculture is done within ~~reach~~ **the hazard area** of **a** dangerous trees when wind speed exceeds ~~20~~**40** km/h (~~42~~**24** mph).

Explanatory note

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