

# SAFETY ALERT



## OVERHEAD HAZARDS

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### Background

Overhead hazards in field is a major risk when working in the bush, as highlighted by a recent high potential incident. In January a machine moving along a snig track was struck by a tree limb that unexpectedly fell down and hit the front windscreen of the machine cracking the windscreen. Fortunately, there were no injuries, but under different circumstances, this incident could have been catastrophic.

This incident highlights the importance of always looking up and being aware of hazards in the workplace.

### Control Measures

- Hazard inspection of the worksite prior to the commencement of any work
- Regular site inspections to ensure identified risks on the site are being managed and any new risks are being identified
- Exclusion zones around any visible widow makers not able to be removed.

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