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HUNTING/LOGGING SAFETY COOPERATION

Safety: hunting

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INTRODUCTION: With deer hunting season approaching, a number of activities are starting in the woods. It is important to maintain a safe workplace on active logging jobs. Logging crews need to be aware of this increase in activities and be sure to stay on the lookout for hunt club members traveling to and from their hunting areas. Members of the hunt clubs also need to be aware of the hazards surrounding logging operations and to avoid these potential hazards.



Fig. 1: Hazards for hunt club members to be aware of include congested road access . . .



Fig. 2: . . . and logging machines such as delimitators.

OPERATION: Safe work procedures for loggers and landowners to enforce with hunt club members:

- Stay at least 300 feet from cutting machine.
- Stay at least 300 feet from delimitator.
- Stay at least 2 tree-lengths away from loader.
- Stay at least 2 tree-lengths, or 100 feet, from skidder in operation.
- Avoid active logging haul routes if at all possible. If travel on active logging haul roads is necessary, do it *with caution*, watching for loaded or unloaded log trucks. (Try to inform the logging crew foreman and truck drivers when you are coming in and out of an area by means of an active logging road.)
- No persons or hunt club members are to be present at logging operations without the permission of the logging crew, and they must conform to the visitor and Personal Protective Equipment policy.

- Do not hunt in close proximity to any harvesting operation while the logging crew is working. Hunt on blocks/tracts away from the active logging site or after the crew has left for the day.

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