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Mr. Elton Tanner  
BC Forest Safety Council

Dear Sir,

As an active Faller and board member of the Western Fallers Association, I have watched and welcomed the evolving Forest Safety Council. I have enclosed photos of a man made hazard that must be eliminated from our worksite if our goal of reducing injury and death are to be realized. This is just one example of irresponsible road building that we find where ever we work. I'll not waste time explaining as I know the council is well aware. We all know it is simply a matter of Money before men.

When industry has the balls to take responsibility and place safety first on its priority list then we will have taken a huge step foreword in meeting our goal. To me, for industry to take responsibility, means acknowledging that the problem we face is a corporate one far more than it is a workforce problem. The attitude adjustment must start at the top. Industry must develop a conscience and if that is not possible then "someone" or "some council" must take on that role.

Sloppy road building is only one example—there are many more. The council has held many meetings and made much talk. Now let me and all the others who so impatiently wait' see some action. Thank you.

Barry Hawes C.F.

cc. Western Fallers Association

