

This incident occurred in Marlborough with a woodlot crew. The operator was in the machine shovelling non-cable assist. The slope was about 30 degrees.

Although we do not know all of the investigative findings with discussions with others who operate machines on slopes and cable assist these were the thoughts and information they provided to prevent this from occurring.

- Because the operator was wearing a seatbelt and in a proper built cab he was not injured.
- During cable assist operations the machine swivel/ring takes a large amount of stress and strain as the machine is very stable on the tracks but the machine is taking a lot of weight on the boom and cab.
- Most contractors I talked to have daily check for cracks and broken or loose bolts on the swivel.
- Machines inspections are finding cracks that require welding to repair on a regular frequency.

Please take the time to inspect and ensure your machines are maintained in a safe condition.



This Event occurred mid-July 2019