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2358.6 – Saw Operations

Sawing projects and activities must be conducted by qualified sawyers (FSM 2358). Crew leaders will review the JHA/RA with sawyers and other affected personnel for each sawing project or activity before work commences (FSH 6709.11, sec. 21.14). Daily discuss how to accomplish the project or activity with the sawyers and others involved. Hold periodic tailgate safety sessions that include all personnel involved in or affected by the project.

1. Sawyers must be alert and able to conduct sawing operations commensurate with their certification level (FSM 2358).
2. All sawyers should work in a position or location that is within the sight or hearing of another sawyer or other employee involved in the sawing operation. When situations arise when a sawyer must work alone, such as incidental work to remove a tree blocking a roadway, the sawyer shall:
 - a. Evaluate the situation to ensure the benefits of the operation outweigh the risk;
 - b. Establish two-way communication with a dispatcher, a supervisor, or another Forest Service employee before commencing work;
 - c. Report how long it will take to do the work;
 - d. Report when the work commences;
 - e. Provide an update if work takes longer than expected; and
 - f. Report when the work is complete.
3. All work must terminate and each employee shall move to a place of safety when environmental conditions, such as but not limited to, electrical storms, strong winds which may affect the fall of a tree, heavy rain or snow, extreme cold, dense fog, fires, mudslides, and darkness, create a hazard for the employee in the performance of the job (29 CFR 1910.266(d)(5)).