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As we leave the Christmas season behind, we move into what used to be the month we could look forward to as a time of frozen ground. As I remember from my younger days the strong cold of January had a propensity to stick around for a while. On cold winter mornings the can of ether, to get things started, was reached for as quick as a hot cup of coffee. Not dwelling on the past, we at Timber Safe want to start off the new year emphasizing the importance of safety on your job, once again. Looking back on the years this program has been running we have been part of your operation in many ways but the most important to us is to continue to have an impact in keeping your workers as well as owners safe and a better understanding of what OSHA requires. We will continue that as we move through 2025! Please feel free to contact us with any safety questions or concerns. We are happy to help! I received a phone call a few months back about an incident on a job. The owner explained how they were cutting large trees with a hotsaw. As he moved up the hill, he would hit the front side and as he moved down the hill hit the backside, guiding the tree where it needed to go. Thinking all the trees were on the ground, they started on

some maintenance with the skidder on one side and the cutter on the other. What they did not realize was one tree was left, already cut most of the way through. You can imagine what happened next. The tree did not have enough wood to hold it up and a gust of wind blew it over. The tree came down in between the two machines with only slight damage to the skidder. All the workers were able to get out of the way when they heard the tree start to crack. The bottom line is as you keep up with production not to let the any of the details slip your mind. We work in a business that is always based on production, as we have to keep the wolves at bay each month. Let us remember to keep what is most important in the fore front of our mind each day!

Stay Safe - Pat

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