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**MRC response to news of Trespassers at Jackson State Demonstration Forest, Soda Gulch Timber Sale**

Active logging operations can be very dangerous. There are established safe operating practices designed to keep people safe when working on or around active logging. One practice is to limit the number of people on a job at any given time, and to know exactly how many and where the workers are operating. Additionally, whenever anyone approaches an active timber operation there are procedures for safely entering the operation and alerting those already working.

At some point recently, trespassers approached, unannounced, a timber faller while he was working his saw. He was unaware and was surprised by the trespassers. Furthermore, while trying to alert his co-worker to the unsafe presence of trespassers he was injured. The details of his injury are under investigation.

Out of an abundance of caution and in the interest of safety for the timber workers and the trespassers, MRC hired licensed and bonded Safety Specialists to observe and alert anyone, authorized or not, who enters the active timber operation. The Safety Specialists are unarmed. They are simply filming and alerting trespassers to the active operations. Additionally, if the trespassers approach the workers, the Safety Specialist is trained to safely alert the worker to the presence of trespassers.