

12. Struck by Tree

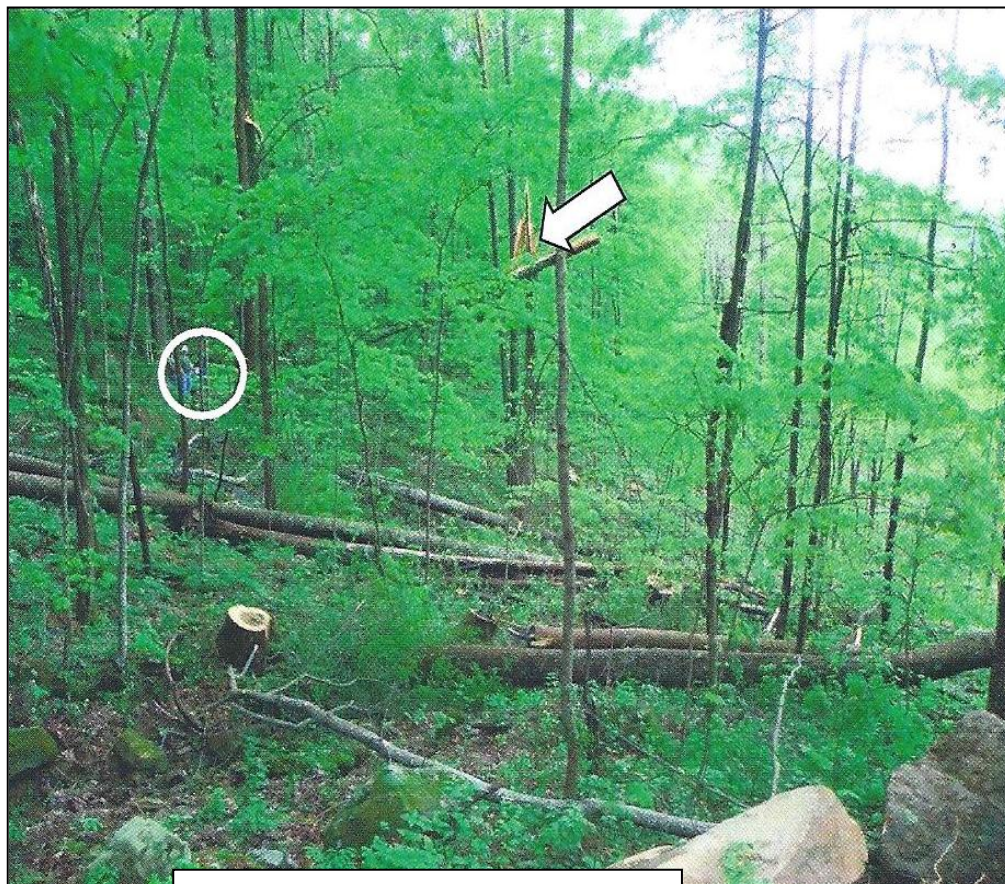
A **60-year-old** tree feller was fatally injured when he was struck by a tree during a manual felling process. The victim was working in the woods on a mountain side felling trees with a chainsaw. He finished a back cut on a 70-foot poplar tree, and the tree fell downhill striking a basswood tree of similar size about 35 feet away. The basswood tree was bent to the ground when struck by the poplar tree. The bent basswood tree then snapped back uphill toward the victim and struck him in the head. The head injury was fatal to the victim.

Citation(s) as Originally Issued

Additional citations were issued not related to the fatality.

Citation 1

Item 1 1910.266(d)(1)(vii)(B)	Face protection was not worn where there was a potential for facial injury.
Item 2 1910.266(h)(1)(ix)	Domino felling of trees was allowed.
Item 3 1910.266(h)(2)(i)	The retreat path did not extend diagonally away from the expected felling line and once the back cut had been made the feller did not immediately move to a safe distance away from the tree on the retreat path.
Item 4 1910.266(i)97)(i)	The employer did not assure that each employee, including supervisors, received first-aid and CPR training.



Circle = where the victim was found
Arrow = Tree that struck the victim