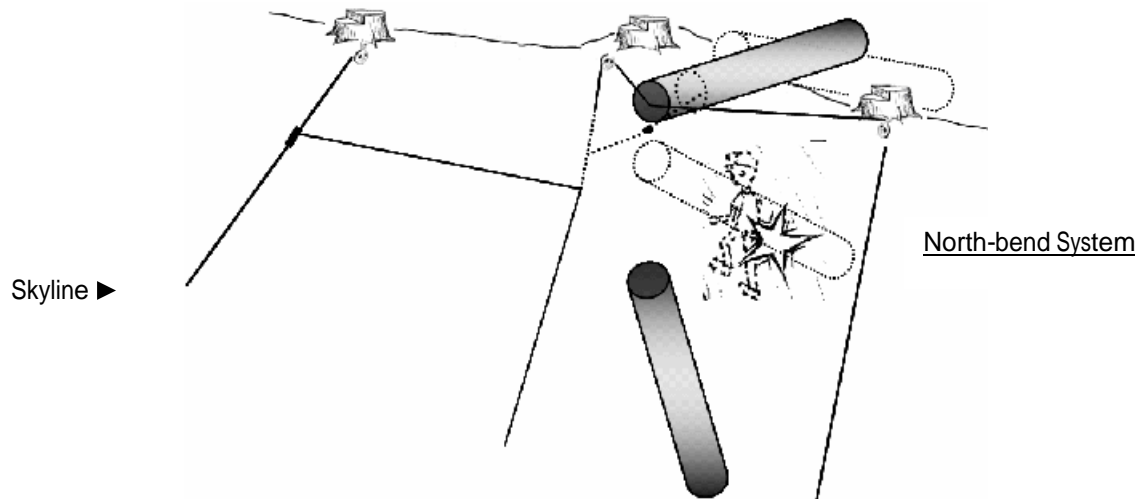


Breaker-out Caught by Rolling Log!



November 2009: An edge tree fell outside the ropes and was too large to pull back so the pruned length (3.2m³) was bucked ready for extraction. The backline block was not tripped. As the lines took the weight the log slid forward and the log-butt hooked the tail-rope, between the blocks. The Breaker-out slacked and stopped all ropes and, moving to the [downhill side](#), attempted to release the rope from the log. The [unstable log](#) rolled over the top of him dislocating his hip and bruising his liver. Terrain was very steep (52 degrees).

What can we learn from this incident?

- Although qualified, the Breaker-out made a decision [not to trip the backline block](#) which resulted in the binding. He then put himself into the [wrong position \(downhill side\) of an unstable log](#) while attempting to free the ropes.
- See Approved COP p. 90 (5) and the BPG Cable Logging p. 17 and 18.