JOB DESCRIPTION

| **TITLE** | SKIDDER OPERATOR | | |
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| **Reports To** | [Insert Title] | | |

**Job Purpose**

The Skidder Operator is responsible for safely operating cable or grapple skidders to transport felled trees from logging sites to processing areas. This role ensures that operations align with [Organization Name]'s standards for safety and environmental stewardship.

The ideal candidate will possess strong equipment operation skills and a thorough understanding of terrain, weather conditions, and logging processes. They are a dependable team member with a commitment to precision and efficiency.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

Overall Responsibilities:

* Operate cable or grapple skidders to move felled trees to designated areas.
* Conduct pre- and post-operation inspections of equipment to ensure safety and functionality.
* Assess site conditions, including terrain and weather, to plan operations effectively.
* Maintain, adjust, and perform minor repairs on skidders and other equipment.
* Follow all safety protocols, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).
* Collaborate with team members to rotate tasks such as chain saw operations as required.
* Report delays, equipment malfunctions, or safety concerns promptly to supervisors.
* Perform other forestry-related tasks as assigned.

**Qualifications**

* High school diploma or equivalent general education degree.
* Experience as a logging or forestry machine operator.
* Certification in chain saw operation and maintenance preferred.
* Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) and first aid certifications required.
* Familiarity with forest worker programs or provincial certifications is an asset.
* Previous experience working outdoors an asset.

**Core Competencies**

* Strong operational skills with machinery and equipment.
* Proficient in troubleshooting and preventive maintenance.
* High attention to details.
* Safety-conscious.
* Team-oriented with excellent collaboration skills.
* Adaptable to changing work conditions.
* Able to work independently.

**Working Conditions**

* Work schedule is [insert hours, time, and days, e.g., 36 hours per week 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Fridays].
* Primarily outdoor work with exposure to variable weather and terrain conditions.
* Use of hazardous machinery, tools, and materials requiring adherence to strict safety protocols.
* Physically demanding work involving standing, bending, and lifting heavy materials up to XX pounds.
* May require extended hours and rotating schedules.
* Personal protective equipment required on work sites.