

## SKIDDING TRACKS AT WOOD HARVESTING

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### Abstract

Skidding tracks provide to maintain activity and service of forestry. They are very important that forest is renewed with intensive. Skidding tracks go into forest and enable to remove logged timber out forest. They are generally two patterns: Branching pattern and parallel pattern. This study was conducted to investigate skidding tracks' importance, aim and patterns at wood harvesting. In addition, how skidding track is minimum reduced wood products, soil and environment emphasize at planning of skidding tracks. Consequently, branching pattern and parallel pattern skidding patterns' advantages and disadvantages indicates at wood products harvesting. Parallel pattern damages lesser than branching pattern environment that was found. Wood products should be skid uphill on water supplies regions. Besides, they could skid downhill on the other regions. Before harvesting, planning of skidding tracks could provide quick production and minimum reduced environment.

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