

## 648 E John Deere Skidder Repair Manual

Describes a project undertaken to examine the performance of feller-bunchers, grapple skidders, roadside delimiters, and slashers operating in overmature aspen stands in central Alberta. The project aimed at providing the forest industry with information for projecting productivities and costs of harvesting overmature aspen stands. The investigators measured machine productivity in aspen stands of different characteristics, as well as fibre losses from excessive butt rot, upper stem defects, and conversion of tree-length stems into 2.6-metre logs. The field data provided input for determining operating cost and projected machine productivity as functions of tree size or skidding distance. The report also discusses the impact on cost of harvesting decaying stands.

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