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| **Company Information** | | | | |
| **Company:** | | | **Workplace Location:** | |
| **Prepared by:** | | | **Date:** | |
| **TASK** | **HAZARD** | **LEVEL OF RISK** | | **CONTROL METHOD** |
| **Digging Bare Root Trees** | Pinch points, crush injuries | **Moderate** | | While working with the bare root digging machine ensure all workers know required safe work procedures for equipment include safe set backs from moving parts and proper equipment guarding is in place. |
| Slip, Trip fall on uneven, slippery ground | **Moderate** | | Ensure workers are wearing appropriate footwear. Avoid bare root digging duties on extremely wet days or after long periods of rain whenever possible. |
| MSI from bent over operations | **Moderate** | | Ensure workers have training for appropriate posture and techniques for stacking of trees on the ground. Minimize the number of trees being lifted at one time and keep loads close to your body while lifting and stacking. Do not continually keep the same posture for long lengths time – stand up straight, rest and stretch between stacking trees. |
| **Loading Bare Root Trees onto Pallets (Trailers)** | MSI from lifting operations | **High** | | Workers need to utilize proper lifting techniques including holding load close to the body, lifting with their knees and knowing when to take a break or ask for assistance. Whenever possible, minimize the heights required for loads to be lifted to and the distance of carrying the load. |
| Slip, Trip & Fall | **High** | | Appropriate footwear is required, along with minimizing the distance of carrying the trees. Fields are uneven, slippery and will have trenches everywhere from freshly dug bare root trees. When possible, have pallets or trailers directly adjacent to area where trees are lifted from. |
| Hit, Crush and Pinch from Tractor Trailer | **Moderate** | | Ensure tractor operator pulling trailer is aware of safe operating procedures and keeps good contact with crew to ensure trailer is not moved while trees are being loaded to avoid injuries to workers. |
| **Other Recommendations:** | | | | |

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