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HANDY HITCH GRADER-MOUNTED ROLLER USED IN CANADIAN FORESTRY OPERATIONS

A large Canadian forestry company has diversified commercial activities throughout North America and amongst the biggest is their forestry division with over 3,000,000 ha under management.

Road crews with the Company have found the Handy Hitch roller is the ideal grader-mounted roller for finishing rehabilitated forestry roads. As one of the most progressive forestry operators in the world they know that it makes sense to use locally crushed rock compacted using the Handy Hitch roller on their remote logging roads.

Anecdotally, it is assumed by many foresters that trucks alone will adequately compact a road but the problem is all trucks tend to follow each other and so even if compaction was adequate, it would only be down the wheel tracks while the rest of the road remains uncompacted.

The Handy Hitch allows for good compaction on remote forest or rural roads, utilising existing graders. The cost and logistical complexities of hauling standard compaction equipment to remote areas can be significant but using the Handy Hitch roller makes it possible to work on small remote sections of road at greatly reduced cost.

In Australia, the Handy Hitch roller is manufactured and distributed locally by Broons. Company Director, Stuart Bowes, said: "The Broons Handy Hitch PP-2285 can be used in both forward and reverse direction and is easily raised and lowered on the run. There are two choices for attaching the Handy Hitch - either directly to the back of a grader or to the ripper attachment. Either way it's very easy."

"It's independent walking beam arrangement means the compactor tyres are always on the road surface for a smooth finish, and the unique side shift operation means the operator can compact right to the edge of the gutter without fear of damaging the grader and it's very manoeuvrable on narrow roads," Stuart concluded.

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