

Speeding semi-truck driver cited in crash, Highway 58 closed for hours

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CRESCENT LAKE, Ore. -- A semi-truck and trailer driver from California was cited for careless driving after he lost control on Highway 58 near Crescent Lake Sunday night, crashed into a snow bank, jack-knifed, overturned, then slid down the highway before it stopped, blocking all lanes of traffic for near six hours.

The driver of this semi-truck and trailer was cited when he allegedly was traveling too fast for road conditions and crashed, blocking Highway 58 near Crescent Lake, Oregon for six hours - OSP photo Oregon State Police (OSP) Trooper Joe Smith said the non-injury crash occurred about 8 p.m., March 2, when Salvador Rivera, 34, was traveling westbound, down an icy hill and approaching a curve at an "excessive" rate of speed for the conditions.

Rivera was cited for careless driving, a news release stated.

“The driver was wearing safety restraints, and there was no oncoming traffic” otherwise this could have been more serious than it was,” Trooper Smith said.

The highway was reopened about six hours later, OSP said.

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