

Four injured in Highway 30 multi-vehicle collision

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COLUMBIA COUNTY, Ore. -- Four Washington State residents received non-life threatening injuries Thursday afternoon in a three-vehicle crash on Highway 30 near the intersection with Lindberg Road in Columbia County, police reported. According to Oregon State Police (OSP) Trooper Justin Oxenrider, about 3:40 p.m. on March 13, Judith Ann Davidson, 64, was traveling west on Highway 30 in a 2000 Ford Contour when she stopped in the left lane to turn left onto Lindberg Road.

Poor visibility due to rain and heavy road spray likely contributed to a multi-vehicle crash on Highway 30 that injured four persons - OSP photo. A logging truck was behind Davidson, also traveling in the far left lane as he passed another commercial truck, before he changed into the right westbound lane after he passed, Oxenrider reported.

The driver following the logging truck, 59-year old Judy Ensworth, was unable to see due to rain and heavy road spray and crashed her 2005 Chrysler PT into the rear of Davidson's car as the logging truck left her lane of travel.

The impact pushed Davidson's Ford into the oncoming lane of traffic where it was struck by a 2006 Honda Accord driven by 37-year old Kimberly Joy Walker, OSP said.

Walker sustained the most severe injuries and was flown by LifeFlight helicopter to Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland. The other three involved persons were taken to other hospitals with minor injuries, troopers stated in a news release.

The highway was closed for about three hours, troopers said, and the investigation is continuing.

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