

Lumber truck flips, blocks Hwy. 26 near Madras for hours

by Richard Burton

A driver escaped injury Tuesday morning when his semi-truck pulling two trailers loaded with lumber flipped onto its side, blocking both lanes of Highway 26 about two miles northwest of Madras for three hours, Oregon State Police (OSP) reported.

The driver was not injured when the Freightliner truck and trailers flipped, but both lanes of Highway 26 northwest of Madras were blocked for about three hours. OSP photos.

Preliminary investigation shows that Douglas Alexander Lane, 46, of Ashcraft, British Columbia lost control when his truck, a 2003 Freightliner pulling two trailers, drifted onto the soft gravel shoulder as he was traveling east on Highway 26 near milepost 114 about 10:50 a.m.

According to the OSP news release, the truck and trailer flipped onto their sides and came to rest blocking both lanes of traffic. Traffic was rerouted around the scene for over three hours while the vehicle and its cargo were removed from the roadway.

OSP troopers from Madras and Prineville are continuing the investigation, and no citations have yet been issued.

Oregon Department of Transportation personnel and deputies with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office assisted at the scene.

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