Logging truck driver seriously injured in Highway 204 rollover crash

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A logging truck driver from Pendleton was seriously injured when he lost control of his fully loaded Peterbilt and trailer on Highway 204, which then ran off the road shoulder and overturned, spilling the load and pinning him inside the cab for over 4 Â½ hours, police reported.

Jason Scott Hall was trapped inside the cab of his logging truck for over 4 1/2 hours before fire & rescue personnel were able to extricate him. He was seriously injured, OSP reported. OSP photos Jason Scott Hall, 25, was eastbound on the highway near milepost 31 when the accident occurred about 11 a.m., July 11, Oregon State Police troopers said in a news release.

Hallâ€™s 1979 Peterbilt truck towing a trailer full of logs went across the highway and off the shoulder on the west side. The truck and trailer overturned onto the driverâ€™s side, and when the logs hit the rear of the cab Hall was trapped inside, troopers said.

Elgin and La Grande Rural Fire department personnel responded and were able to extricate Hall about 3:40 p.m. He was flown by Med Star air ambulance to a Walla Walla hospital with reportedly serious injuries.

Oregon Department of Transportation personnel closed the highway during scene investigation and cleanup, and reopened the lanes about 4 p.m.

Troopers with the La Grande Area Command office are continuing the investigation.

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