

Tenmile crash injures truck driver

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TENMILE — A Myrtle Creek man crashed the semitruck he was driving Thursday after his brakes failed on Coos Bay Wagon Road and his truck went over an embankment.

Jarod A. Wright, 28, was hauling equipment for Canyonville-based Huffman-Wright en route to Burnt Mountain Road when he lost control of the eastbound truck and was unable to negotiate a sharp curve, according to a Douglas County Sheriff's Office report.

The truck went airborne over an embankment about 7:45 a.m. and landed on a lower portion of Coos Bay Wagon Road. The road was extensively damaged from the impact and the equipment was totaled.

Wright was transported to Mercy Medical Center, then to Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland.

He was listed in serious condition this morning, according to a hospital spokesman.

Wright, the nephew of Huffman-Wright owner Roger Wright, suffered a punctured lung and two fractured ribs, but sustained no internal or head injuries, according to Huffman-Wright employee Tom Burdte.

Tenmile, Lookingglass and Winston-Dillard fire departments responded to the scene of the accident along with the sheriff's office.

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Wreckage: Remains of a semitruck and the harvester it was hauling lie scattered on Coos Bay Wagon Road Thursday morning. The semitruck was heading downhill when the brakes overheated and failed, sending the truck airborne over an embankment. The truck landed on a lower portion of the road, about 100 feet below, crashing into trees at the bottom of the embankment. JON AUSTRIA / N-R staff photo