

Forest Industry Safety Alert

Quick reaction saves pickup driver from likely head-on collision with transport truck

Location: West Kootenay region

Date: April 7, 2015

Details of Close Call / Serious Incident:

A forestry consultant left for work at 6:40 a.m., travelling west on Highway 3a in a pickup with a sled deck hauling a snow machine.

The driver was traveling on a winding section of highway, when he saw approaching in the oncoming lane a transport truck that had failed to navigate the corner.

The big rig crossed the center line and slammed into the side of the pickup truck, sending it skidding out of control along the ditch. The pickup eventually came to rest in the middle of the highway while the transport truck went into the ditch.

The driver of the transport truck was sent to hospital with an injury to his foot. The driver of the pickup was not injured. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts. Due to the quick reaction by the pickup driver to avoid a head on collision, potential serious injury or fatality may have been avoided.

The damage to the transport truck was estimated at \$10 000. The pickup, sled deck and snow machine were a total write off. The driver of the transport truck was issued a violation ticket for distracted driving.

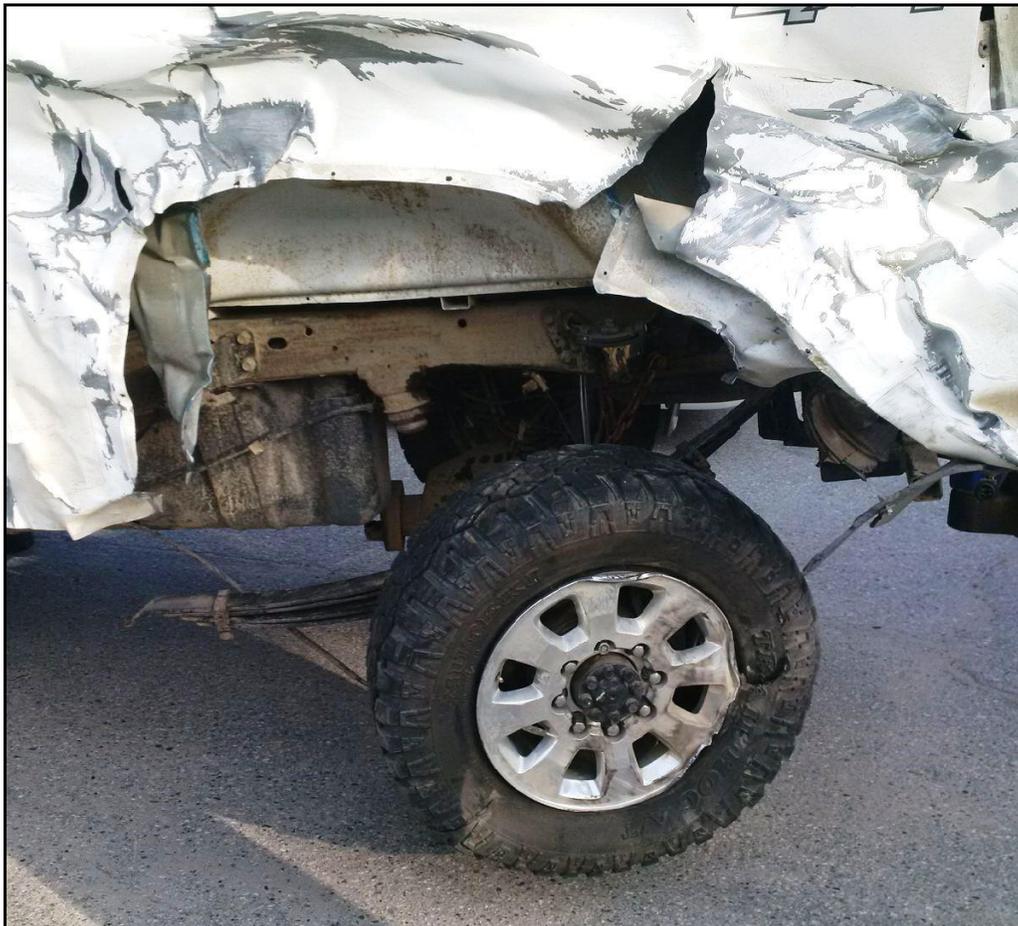
Corrective action(s) to be taken:

- Plan ahead of time to avoid distractions, including turning off the cell phone
- Complete all phone calls and text messages before you travel, or ask a passenger to place/receive calls.
- Don't multi task while behind the wheel, concentrate on your driving and watch out for other drivers



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