Hoquiam Accident Closes 109 for Several Hours Thursday

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HOQUIAM, Wash. - The Driver of the Toyota 4-runner involved in yesterday morning's accident remains in the intensive care unit at Harborview Medical Center.

eye witnesses report around 7:30 yesterday morning a 1999 Toyota 4-runner heading Westbound on State Route 109 suddenly jerked into oncoming traffic and was unsuccessful attempting to get back into it's own lane before it was sideswiped by a fully loaded log truck. According to witnesses both vehicles appeared to be traveling at about 50 miles per hour. Hoquiam's Deputy Chief of Police Jim Maloney reports the impact tore both driver's side tires off of the 4-runner, and nearly tore off the driver's side door. The 4-runner was spun around 360 degrees ejecting the driver who apparently was not wearing her seatbelt. The 48 year old Aberdeen woman was found partially under the diver's side of her vehicle, unconscious and unresponsive while being treated at the scene. She was transported to Community Hospital with severe head trauma and other injuries, later transferred to Harborview. The driver of the Log Truck, a 42 year old Hoquiam man was treated at the scene for possible neck and back injuries and transported to Community Hospital as well.

Traffic was rerouted around the collision scene for over three hours yesterday while officers investigated.