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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **BREAKING NEWS**

**RE: UPDATE #3 – INTERSTATE 80 CLOSED WEST OF LARAMIE**

### **For Immediate Release**

**Elk Mountain** – Interstate 80 remains closed at this time as Troopers attempt to piece together what occurred and what led up to a multi-vehicle crash on eastbound Interstate 80 this afternoon that has so far claimed six lives.

Members of the Wyoming Highway Patrol's Crash Investigation Team are on scene assisting local Troopers in the investigation of the multi-vehicle crash that occurred this afternoon shortly after 2:30 P.M.

The Wyoming Highway Patrol's Crash Investigation Team is a support component of the Wyoming Highway Patrol. It is made up of Troopers who have specialized training in crash reconstruction.

Troopers on scene have called in small and large tow trucks to begin the removal process of the crashed vehicles. Troopers have also requested assistance from WYDOT in the form of heavy equipment front end loaders to untangle the 20 or more vehicles in the first group of crushed vehicles.

The first group of vehicles where the fatalities occurred consists of commercial tractor trailer combination vehicles and passenger vehicles including pickups.

Troopers report the removal process is hampered due to the winter conditions that still endure. Strong storm winds continue to cause ground blizzards which limit visibility at the scene and are now causing drifting around the crashed vehicles.

An unknown number of injured victims have been transported via ground ambulances to Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie and to Carbon County Memorial Hospital in Rawlins.

Assistance from the Albany County Sheriff's Department in the form of a transport van is enroute to ferry individuals who are not injured to Laramie.

Follow-up inquiries may be directed to:  
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