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IMMEDIATE USE PRESS RELEASE

TYPE: Personal Injury Snowmobile Crash

DATE OF RELEASE: February 10, 2020

DATE AND TIME REPORTED: February 8, 2020 @ 12:21 pm

LOCATION: Snowmobile Trail 76 / W Township Rd

VICTIM:

INFORMATION: The accident involved four snowmobiles from Ohio which were traveling westbound on Kalkaska Snowmobile Trail 76 along Six Point Road approximately 1/10 mile east of West Township Rd. Snowmobile #1 crested a hill and was unable to stop before striking the front of the snowmobile trail groomer tractor which was actively grooming the trail on eastbound Trail 76. The snowmobile struck the bucket on the front of the groomer tractor and the rider was ejected from the snowmobile. Snowmobile #2 struck the bucket of the tractor as well. The driver was able to get off of his snowmobile, but was subsequently struck by a snowmobile #3 which caused him to be pinned between the two snowmobiles. Snowmobile #4 then struck the back of the third snowmobile. All four subjects were wearing helmets at the time of the crash. Three of the four subjects were transported to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City with serious, but non-life threatening injuries. The fourth subject was transported as a precaution.

Speed was a factor in the crash.

RESPONDING AGENCIES: Kalkaska Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement, Garfield Township Fire Department, Fife Lake/Springfield Fire Department, Kalkaska Township Fire Department and Kalkaska EMS.

STATUS: OPEN PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION