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Freight Train Collides with Tractor-Trailer on the Parks Highway

Anchorage- Early Saturday morning, at approximately 12:50 am, the crew aboard an Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) freight train reported colliding with a tractor-trailer at a railroad crossing near mile 276 of the Parks Highway. One lane of the Parks Highway is open while Alaska State Troopers and a Special Agent from the ARRC investigate the collision. No injuries have been reported.

The northbound train was approaching ARRC milepost 386.2, a marked rail crossing with signalization (flashing red lights), when a tractor-trailer carrying a load of lumber drove across the rails. Signalization at the crossing was working properly at the time of the incident. The train collided with the trailer after it failed to clear the crossing. Crews on scene report no spills or derailments. Damage has been sustained to both the train and tractor-trailer. The train will continue on to Fairbanks sometime this morning after an inspection and debris from the tractor-trailer have been cleared.

The Alaska Railroad Corporation is a self-sustaining, state-owned corporation that operates without state subsidy, and provides year round passenger and freight service to a number of rail belt communities from Seward to Fairbanks.