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Boulder 'likely cause' of West Highland line derailment

A boulder dislodged during a landslide has been identified as the likely cause of a freight train derailment on the West Highland line.

The section near Tulloch, between Crianlarich and Fort William, reopened on Wednesday after having been closed since the incident on 28 June.

The Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) has issued a preliminary report on the accident.

It said the locomotive hit a boulder and "ploughed down" a slope.

The engine eventually came to a stop. The driver was unhurt.

The locomotive had been pulling three empty wagons and 21 wagons carrying aluminium powder.

All the wheels of the locomotive and the first five wagons derailed.



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