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TO: ALL MEDIA OUTLETS

FROM: Lt. Brannon Jordan

DATE: 09-13-2009

RE: Fatal Four Wheeler Accident

On 09-12-2009 at about 1736 hours, Latah County Sheriff's dispatch received a report of a four wheeler accident. The location of the accident was Trail 15, 1.7 miles North of Gold Creek Road, Potlatch, Latah County, Idaho. Sheriff's Deputies, along with the Potlatch Fire Department Quick Response Unit and Moscow Paramedics, responded to the scene.

The operator of the four wheeler had been attempting to negotiate an incline when the vehicle flipped over backwards. The driver of the vehicle, James H. Hitch, 47 of Onaway, was injured and transported to Gritman Medical Center in Moscow, Idaho. The passenger, Ursula A. Hitch, 47 of Onaway, died at the scene as a result of injuries she sustained in the accident.

No other persons were injured in the accident.