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TO: ALL MEDIA OUTLETS

FROM: Lt. Brannon Jordan

DATE: 01-17-2010

RE: Accidental Firearms Discharge, Fatality, Flat Creek, Deary.

On 01-16-2010 at about 1345 hours, the Latah County Sheriff's Office dispatch was notified of an accidental shooting in the Flat Creek area, in the U of I experimental forest, Deary. Latah County Sheriff's Deputies and Emergency Medical Crews from Deary, Potlatch, and Troy responded to the scene.

Colton B. Acord, 20, a Latah County Resident, and a friend, Jacob A. Berglund, 19, Troy, had been in the Flat Creek area horn hunting (searching for antlers shed by deer and elk). Acord had a revolver with him. Berglund reported that while the two were walking, Acord pointed the revolver at his own head and pulled the trigger. The revolver discharged.

Acord died of the gunshot wound.

The Latah County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident.