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The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department is investigating a fatality accident that occurred on Forest Service Trail 800, about ¼ mile northeast of the Fourth of July Pass recreational parking area.

Preliminary investigation indicates at about 1:45 p.m. today, that four adult males were riding individual ATV's when the victim, on the lead ATV, crashed at a gate on the road that is closed to motorized vehicles. When the first deputy arrived on scene, the victim was unconscious and a short time later, his heart quit beating. CPR was begun until emergency medical personnel arrived and transported the victim. The victim was pronounced dead at Kootenai Medical Center.

The investigation is on-going. The exact cause of the accident is unknown at this time, but the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department Traffic Team is actively investigating the cause.

The identity of the 74 year old male victim will be released after the next of kin are notified. Further details of the investigation will be released as they become available.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff

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