MEDIA RELEASE

Crash Causes Power Outage And Closes E. Chilco Rd. For Extended Period Of Time

On Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at about 8:40 PM, the Kootenai County Sheriff’s Office along with Kootenai County Fire/EMS, responded to the 2400 Block of E Chilco Road, northwest of Hayden, for a single vehicle accident.

On scene, deputies discovered a 2005 Honda Pilot, occupied by three teenage females, had been travelling westbound on E Chilco Road, when it left the roadway, striking a Kootenai Electric Cooperative power pole. The crash sheared the pole, downing power lines, causing a power outage extending from the Garwood area over to Twin Lakes. The driver of the car was transported to Kootenai Health with minor injuries. One of the passengers was also transported at the request of a family member as a precautionary measure. The third passenger was not injured or transported. There is no evidence that speed or alcohol was a factor in this crash.

At this time, crews from Kootenai Electric are on scene working to replace the damaged power pole and restore power to the area, however they estimate completion time could be as late as mid morning Wednesday. Until that time, E Chilco Road is closed to all traffic. This power outage is also affecting some of the traffic lights along the Highway 95 corridor, namely Garwood Road and Lancaster Road, and motorists are advised to be cautious when travelling through this area.

Sheriff Ben Wolfinger

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