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KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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On January 30, 2011 at about 1145 A.M. the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department received a report of an injury snowmobile accident on FS Rd. 202 near the intersection of FS Rd. 434. It was reported that two subjects were injured in the accident. Kootenai County Sheriff's Recreation Safety Section and Kootenai County Search and Rescue responded to the scene. Medical personnel from Kootenai County Fire and Rescue and Coeur d' Alene Fire Department also responded.

When Sheriff Deputies arrived they contacted Brittany A. Earling a 23 year old female from Hayden and Alicia M. Hendricks a 22 year old female from Coeur d' Alene. Brittany advised she was operating the snowmobile and Alicia was a passenger on the snowmobile. Brittany was on FS. Rd 202 and had troubles negotiating a curve in the road. The snowmobile went off the roadway and struck a large tree. Both subjects were thrown from the snowmobile. Brittany sustained some injuries to her legs and struck the tree with her head. Alicia also received some injuries to her legs.

Brittany was transported from the scene to Wolf Lodge Saddle where she was air lifted to KMC by MedStar. Alicia was transported in a rescue sled from the scene to an awaiting ambulance at Fourth of July Trailhead. Neither subject's injuries appear to be life threatening.

Both riders were wearing helmets and they were part of a larger group.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department would like to remind everyone enjoying the back country to have proper safety and survival gear with them and to let other people know where you are going and when you should be returning.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff
By Sgt. Ryan Higgins
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