Two killed in Redmond ATV accident

by Cheryl McDermott

Two Redmond residents were killed Saturday afternoon when their all-terrain-vehicle (ATV) failed to round a curve and went head-first over an embankment into an empty canal on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property east of Redmond, deputies reported.

Debbie Schubert, 45, and Donnie Moody, 31, were pronounced dead at the scene by Redmond Fire and Rescue paramedics, Deschutes County Sheriffâ€™s Sgt. Joe Deluca and BLM Law Enforcement Ranger Crisafi wrote in a news release.

Shortly after 2 p.m., March 31, Sheriffâ€™s deputies, Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers, and BLM law enforcement personnel responded to a 911 report of an off-highway vehicle accident at milepost 3 on east Highway 126, they said.

Upon arrival, emergency first-aid was performed on one of the two victims.

An investigation showed Moody and Schubert were riding together on a Polaris quad (ATV) westbound when they failed to negotiate a turn onto an access road along an empty irrigation canal, the news release stated. Both riders and the ATV went over the canal embankment, landing head-first in the bottom of the canal.

Authorities said that evidence indicates neither victim was wearing a helmet. Alcohol was not considered a factor in the crash, Sgt. DeLuca wrote, adding that BLM law enforcement is continuing the investigation.

Deschutes County Sheriffâ€™s deputies, OSP troopers, Redmond Police officers, the Oregon Army National Guard, and the Redmond Fire Department provided assistance at the scene.

Sgt. DeLuca reminded citizens riding ATVs to always wear a helmet and to â€œride within their abilitiesâ€•.

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