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BURKE COUNTY INJURY CRASH UPDATE

UPDATE: February 2, 2026

Driver 1: Gregory Pharis, 54, Gooding, ID

Driver 2: Shawn Hartwick, 56, Powers Lake, ND

What: Injury Crash

Where: Highway 50, mile marker 63, west of Powers Lake

When: January 31, 2026, at 6:15 p.m. Central Time

Road Conditions: Icy

Weather Conditions: Freezing rain

Crash Involvement: Semi/Trailer vs Vehicle

Type of Crash: T-bone

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Burke County Sheriff's Office, Powers Lake Police Department, Powers Lake Ambulance, Powers Lake Fire Department

Vehicle No. 1: 2007 Kenworth Semi Truck/Trailer

Driver No. 1: Male, 54, Idaho, injured

Restraints: No seat belt in use

Charges: Under investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 1998 Chevrolet 1500

Driver No. 2: Male, 56, Powers Lake, injured

Restraints: No seat belt in use

Charges: Under investigation

NARRATIVE: On January 31, 2026, at 6:15 p.m., a 2007 Kenworth semi was traveling westbound on Highway 50 near mile marker 63, west of Powers Lake. A 1998 Chevrolet pickup traveling eastbound lost control on icy roads and crossed into the westbound lane. The Kenworth semi struck the Chevrolet pickup in a T-bone style collision on the passenger side of the pickup.

The driver of the Kenworth semi was not wearing a seat belt and sustained minor injuries. The driver was transported to Tioga Medical Center for treatment. The driver of the Chevrolet pickup was not wearing a seat belt, sustained serious injuries, and was transported to Trinity Hospital in Minot.

The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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