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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

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**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

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**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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