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Motorcycle Accident Results in One Fatality

A single vehicle accident involving a Honda Goldwing three-wheel motorcycle resulted in the death of passenger Adelheid “Heidi” Ernst, age 70, from Waukesha, Wisconsin, on Monday morning, July 2, three miles north of Leeks Marina in Grand Teton National Park. The accident occurred when driver, 73-year-old Marvin Ladely of Hot Springs, Arkansas, drifted off the side of the road for unknown reasons and lost control of his motorcycle as he pulled back onto the highway. Both riders were wearing helmets at the time of the incident.

Teton Interagency Dispatch Center received a call from the Teton County sheriff’s office at 11:32 Monday morning, reporting an accident called in by cell phone. Park rangers immediately responded to the accident location from the Colter Bay ranger station just four miles away. Ernst died at the scene; however, rangers were able to provide emergency medical care to Ladely and quickly transport him by park ambulance to St. John’s Medical Center in Jackson for treatment of his injuries.

Witnesses reported that Ladely, who was pulling a cargo trailer behind his Goldwing motorcycle, briefly drifted off the side of the road. The Goldwing motorcycle flipped over as Ladely pulled back onto the highway and both riders were thrown off the bike as it rolled.

This marks the second fatality involving a motorcycle this year in Grand Teton National Park.

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