



FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

MEDIA ALERT

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Kalispell, MT. Two Forest Service employees, believed dead in a plane crash Monday, have in fact survived. The two individuals, Jodee Hogg and Matthew Ramige, confirmed that the other three passengers who were on board died at the crash site.

After spending the night at the crash site, Hogg and Ramige hiked from the scene of the crash to Highway 2 and were found midafternoon on Wednesday and were lifeflighted to Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Jodee Hogg is reported in stable condition with a back injury and burns. Matthew Ramige has been airlifted to a Seattle hospital for burn treatment.

Further details are expected as the Flathead County Sheriff's investigation continues.