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Preliminary Mishap Notification

The following information is preliminary and subject to change

Date/Time: Monday, September 20, 2004, approximately 1530 MDT

Unit: Rocky Mountain Research Station

Location: Between Kalispell Montana and Schafer Meadows Airstrip

Aircraft: Cessna 206

Mission: Passenger Transport

Fatalities: Five

Damage: Substantial

Narrative: A chartered aircraft took off from Kalispell at approximately 1500 en route to Schafer Meadows with the pilot and 4 passengers on board. The aircraft was expected to arrive at Schafer Meadows at 1530; last contact with aircraft was at 1515. The aircraft wreckage was located yesterday afternoon and the county coroner has confirmed there were no survivors. A Chiefs Office Investigation Team is enroute.

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