

## OSP releases names of crash victims

CAVE JUNCTION — The Oregon State Police released the names of two motorists who died in a head-on crash early Friday morning on Redwood Highway.

Five people have been killed on the dangerous Josephine County stretch of the highway in the past six weeks.

Troopers said a southbound GMC Sierra pickup driven by Donald Uhler, 63, of Gold Beach veered into the northbound lane near milepost 30 and collided head-on with a Dodge Ram pickup driven by Gary Zahniser, 65, of Janesville, California.

Both men died at the scene. There were no other occupants of the vehicles.

The 5:53 a.m. crash closed the highway for several hours, requiring a detour to be set up.

It was the fourth fatal crash in 2020 on Redwood Highway, all since August. There have been a total of five casualties.

On Aug. 18, a 48-year-old man died in a rollover at the intersection of Hogue Drive

and Redwood Highway, in the Selma area.

On Sept. 15, a 38-year-old man was killed in a head-on crash near Wonder, and on Sept. 23 an 18-year-old woman died in a crash near Hayes Hill.