

Plane wreckage found in Pinenut Mountains

Updated: Feb. 7 4:35pm:

Douglas County sheriff's officials have confirmed the plane located in the Pinenut Mountains is the one belonging to Keith Jorgenson of Gardnerville.

There is one body in the plane. Identification of the remains is pending.

Updated: Feb. 7 3:35pm:

KRNV-TV in Reno is reporting aircraft wreckage was found today at 2:40pm in the Pinenut Mountains about 10 miles east of Minden. FAA says there is no confirmation yet on the fate of the pilot, who was the only person on board.

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Search crews are looking for a Gardnerville pilot who did not return with his plane to Minden on Wednesday as expected.

A red and white Cessna 172 left Minden Feb. 6 at 5pm. The plane was piloted by Keith Jorgenson, 46. He was the sole occupant of the plane.

Douglas County sheriff's deputies said Jorgenson had planned to return to the airport by dark, however he never returned. A check of surrounding airports in Carson City and Mono County revealed that Jorgenson did not land there either.

The tail number is N328SP.

Douglas County's search and rescue team has been deployed to assist. They will be using an emergency locator transmitter to search for any signals from a distress radio beacon.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*