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A two-vehicle accident at approximately 10:22 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5 resulted in two men being sent to the hospital.

The accident took place at the intersection of roads 757 and 335, three miles south and three miles west of Madrid.

Russell Lee, 52, of rural Madrid, was driving a white 1996 Chevy Lumina north on Road 335 when his vehicle collided with a 2003 Kenworth single-axel gas truck driven by Jared Book, 32, of Wauneta. Book was driving east on 757, going through the intersection when the Lee vehicle hit the rear passenger tire of the gas truck.

The impact of the collision sent the gas truck off of the road to the north, rolling twice. The car driven by Lee spun, facing west, before coming to rest.

Both men were taken to Perkins County Health Services via ambulance for injuries sustained from the accident. Lee was trapped in his vehicle and removed without the use of extraction tools. Book was not ejected or trapped and was able to leave the vehicle on his own.

Lee suffered back and spine injuries and Book chest injuries.

Lee was flown from Grant to another facility.

“The patient was flown out because he had injuries that necessitated transport to a facility for a higher level of care,” a Perkins County Health Services spokesperson said.

The truck was owned by Frenchman Valley Coop and sustained \$10,000 in damages while the Lumina owned by Lee was considered a total loss.

Lee was not issued a citation and information for a possible citation will be forwarded to the Perkins County Attorney’s office regarding Book.

The Grant and Madrid volunteer fire departments responded to the accident along with the Perkins County Sheriff’s office.

A special foam was used on the truck to contain a gasoline leak on the scene.

