

Climber airlifted from Lover's Leap



Rescue crews take an injured hiker July 7 to the Calstar helicopter. Photo/Damian Frisby

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A 26-year-old woman was knocked unconscious when she fell at Lover's Leap on Sunday.

Nour Mardini was on the Lower Buttress area of the rock structure when she dislodged a boulder the size of a picnic table and then fell about 30 feet. When the rope went tight she swung into the granite face. Mardini was rappelling with her husband on belay. According to officials, he did not see the fall.

Lake Valley firefighter Luke Anderson went over the edge to Mardini who was more than 100 feet from the top and more than 200 feet from the bottom. He was able to lower her to the awaiting ground crews. Calstar transported her to Renown Medical Center in Reno with severe head injuries.

Assisting with the July 7 rescue were El Dorado County search and rescue, U.S. Forest Service, El Dorado County Fire, and CHP with another helicopter.

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