



Injured Teen Hiker

February 22, 1976
Devil's Slide Trail, Idyllwild
1976-013

Author: Pete Carlson

At 1310 we received a call that a young girl (17) was injured when she slipped hiking down the Devil's Slide Trail. The first group of RMRU men reached Humber Park in Idyllwild at 1445. We all took light packs plus the team equipment: the wheeled litter, an air splint, a Hare traction splint, a big first aid belt, our rescue sleeping bag, and 2 radios.

About 1530 we met a doctor hiking down who had examined the injured girl. Her only injuries were a bruised hip and a broken collar bone. She was in a lot of pain so he administered a dose of Demerol for her pain. As we continued up the trail it got icier and icier and we were glad we had our crampons with us.

We reached the girl at 1600 and she was much relieved to see us. We made her a little more comfortable with extra ensolite. Her pulse was 90 and she appeared to be doing alright. As more men came up we did a six-man lift and put her in the wheeled litter. We got our packs ready and started down. With 11 RMRU men the trip down took only 1 1/2 hours.

At Humber Park was an ambulance to take the girl to the hospital. Thanks to our big wheel the trip down took only 15 minutes longer than our hike up. Then off to dinner at the Chart House thanks to Capt. Canova from the Banning Sheriff's office.

RMRU is a volunteer search and rescue team that covers Riverside County and assists other teams with search and rescue efforts in other counties. Each member purchases their own equipment and takes time off work, without compensation, to participate in search and rescue missions. Team equipment is purchased from contributions from the community. We are a non-profit organization and are funded by [donations](#) from people like you.