



Vail Lake Hoist

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While digging an irrigation trench in my backyard I got the call that we needed a person for a helicopter rescue out of Vail Lake. I quickly put down my pick ax and put on my team shirt. While in-route I spoke with Tyler and knew he was also on his way. I met with RSO aviation at the entrance to Vail Lake and we quickly set off to the scene.

It turns out that Cal Fire already had the subject loaded into their litter and were making their way by foot over to their bird on the ground. After a few circles above them it was determined that we were no longer needed. RSO aviation put me back on the ground where I met Tyler, ever eager to assist but with no place to go.

RMRU Members Involved: Eric Holden and Tyler Shumway.

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