

Madras Woman Injured in ATV Accident

by Cheryl McDermott

A Madras woman who lost control while riding a 4-wheel all terrain vehicle (ATV) in rugged terrain west of Cline Butte Sunday afternoon was injured when she fell off the vehicle and it rolled over her legs, said Deschutes County Sheriff's deputies.

Shawna Leigh Marshall-Potter, 34, and 12-weeks pregnant, was evacuated by Air Life helicopter to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend with non-life threatening injuries.

She was riding with friends on Barr Road, about three miles south of Highway 126 on BLM land west of Cline Butte, an area inaccessible by standard motor vehicles. The accident occurred about 3:15 p.m. December 17, wrote Lt. Erik Utter and Deputy Allan Borland in a news release issued by the sheriff's office.

Friends summoned aid by phoning 9-11, and because of the difficult terrain search and rescue personnel were activated to assist with two ATV teams. Redmond Fire personnel were first to arrive on scene, stabilized the victim, and requested evacuation by air. Air-Life was able to land in a nearby location and transported the victim to the hospital.

Lt. Utter said Marshall-Potter was wearing a helmet. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the cause of the crash, he added.

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