Man airlifted from motorcycle crash

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An off-duty U.S. Forest Service employee from Walden was airlifted off the top of Buffalo Pass on Monday after he was injured in a motorcycle crash.

According to the Routt County Sheriff's Office, Ich Stewart, a fire management officer with the Routt National Forest, fell off his motorcyle when he went off



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of a steep hill that Stewart and his friends were using as a jump.

The Sheriff's Office said Stewart landed on his tailbone after he fell.

The crash occurred near the

Summit Lake parking area at the top of Buffalo Pass.

A Classic Air helicopter took Stewart from the scene of the crash to the Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland.

Routt County Undersheriff Ray Birch said Stewart was conscious and breathing, and his injuries were not thought to be life threatening.

Stewart was listed in serious condition Tuesday night.

In addition to the Sheriff's Office, Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue and Routt County Search and Rescue also responded to the crash.

Stewart, 39, has been working this summer to manage the large Beaver Creek Fire, which is still burning northwest of Walden.

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drawing of Australia, a trio of girls in the corner of the room was looking at books and one young girl was sitting down with a teacher to sort through color tablets.

Montessori classrooms are known for allowing children to use uninterrupted blocks of work time to choose which projects or topics to study. There are no chalkboards or whiteboards and teachers typically don't give a lesson to an entire class, but instead teach a few students at a time who are choosing to work on a certain topic.

"We call it choice within limits," Hayes said.

Even though it was only the first day of classes at the charter school, which is housed in a large portion of the for-

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Head of Mountain Village Montessori Charter School

mer Heritage Christian School building, students were working independently at tables around the room.

"One of the things I'm struck by is how quickly children work on their own," Hayes said.

The school is at capacity for the year, with students on a waiting list, but the hallways were relatively calm Tuesday.

"It's the honeymoon phase," Hayes said.

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