

Dead tree falls, injures teenager

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS – A tree fell and injured a 16-year-old girl on private land off Routt County Road 44A on Saturday.

The girl's father told rescuers that she had been sitting on a log when a gust of wind knocked over a beetle-killed lodgepole pine, which fell on the girl, according to Routt County Search and Rescue President Darrel Levingston.

The girl received non-life threatening injuries to her back and leg.

Three Search and Rescue volunteers rescued the girl, carrying her to the county road, where she met a Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue ambulance. The ambulance transported her to UCHealth Yampa Valley



Due to the large amount of standing dead trees in the area, officials urge the public to be mindful and choose safe areas to rest away from dead trees when outdoors.

Medical Center.

Levingston reminded the public to look around for dead trees when choosing a spot to rest while recreating outdoors.

"With the amount of standing dead trees we have in our area due to the beetle kill and other events, people really need to be cautious of and be aware of their

surroundings when they're out in the woods," he said. "Sometimes, it's best just to maybe walk another 100 yards before you stop and rest to get to a safer area."



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