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Miraculous Rescue Saves Injured Quad Bike Rider

The Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter performed a winch rescue for an injured patient trapped in heavy ravines on a property in Reids Flat for over 24 hours on Thursday 12th March 2009.

The 53 year old man was injured on Wednesday 11th March when his quad bike rolled on top of him causing multiple pelvic fractures, at least one broken rib and brief loss of consciousness.

The man was unable to raise the alarm and crawled through bush land however pain and exhaustion prevented him from reaching home.

After spending the night in a ravine, he then started a fire to alert people of his whereabouts. This was seen overhead by a crop dusting plane, who then alerted the Rural Fire Service. On scene were police and fire services who called in the Snowy Hydro SouthCare helicopter shortly after 10:00am once they found the injured man near the fire.

Conditions for the Doctor and Paramedic were difficult with hot and dusty weather, rugged terrain and the fire; however all services worked well together for a successful rescue.

The man was airlifted to Canberra Hospital where he is being treated for fractures, broken bones and exposure.

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