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A sheriff’s helicopter rescued a Corona woman who was ejected from an off-road vehicle Saturday night in Piñon Hills.

At 8 p.m. July 10, San Bernardino County Fire personnel requested assistance from the Sheriff’s Aviation Division with a search and rescue. Fire dispatch the 58-year-old woman was ejected in a rollover between Highway 2 and Highway 138. Due to the remote area, fire personnel requested air support to help locate the injured rider.

The crew of 40-King-5 responded and, while en route, fire personnel located the injured woman in the hills but were unable to safely get her to medical care due to her injuries and remote location. The crews of 40-King-5 and 40-King-3 combined to effect a hoist rescue of the injured female. She was later identified as Terril Lohse.

While Deputy Doug Brimmer piloted the helicopter, Cpl. Chris Mejia hoisted Deputy Tommy Dickey with rescue gear down over 130 feet to Lohse. She was located on a steep hillside surrounded by brush and loose dirt. Deputy Dickey packaged Lohse in a rescue litter with help from fire department personnel.

Lohse was then hoisted to the helicopter and transported to a nearby landing zone. A medical helicopter was standing by to transport Lohse to a trauma center for treatment and care.