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Fall on Rock, Inadequate Belay, Inadequate Protection

Montana, Gallatin Canyon, Gallatin Tower

On September 18, Jacob van Almelo (25) was climbing the route Tigger (5.10a/b) when he fell at the crux move. His 30-foot fall resulted in several injuries. His belayer did not catch the fall, but protection pulling out may also have had something to do with the length of the fall.

The Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, Big Sky Fire Department, and Gallatin County Search and Rescue responded to the scene. Members of the Big Sky Fire Department hiked in and stabilized the climber until members of the Gallatin County Search and Rescue arrived.

Van Almelo reportedly sustained a minor laceration on his head and possible fractures on his lower legs. He was immobilized and transported by ambulance to Bozeman Deaconess Hospital by the Big Sky Fire Department. (Source: Edited from a posting on the website of KSLF.com, Bozeman News, on September 19, 2012.)

(Editor's note: Although the details are sparse, it is interesting to see a posting from a climbing area that rarely makes it into this publication.)

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