**Maine, NH rescuers help injured hiker**



RILEY TOWNSHIP, Maine -- Thirty rescuers from Maine and New Hampshire carried a Massachusetts hiker suffering from a head injury about 3 miles down a rugged backcountry trail.

Rescuers say 53-year-old William Tarkulich of Lexington, Mass., was on a day hike with friends when he slipped and fell over backward and his head hit a rock. He was brought out of the woods Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at the Notch Trail head and taken to a hospital, the Lewiston Sun Journal reported.

Maine Warden Brock Clukey said the group headed up Notch Trail for a day hike into Mahoosuc Notch on the Appalachian Trail. The notch is a narrow gully littered with boulders through which the trail passes around and under a series of cool, wet and rocky caves.

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