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BRIDGEPORT, Calif. -- A helicopter carrying five Reno, Nev., area skiers and their guide crashed, injuring the pilot and all six passengers.

The crash of the Alouette-3 chopper occurred about 10 a.m. Monday, 10 miles southwest of Bridgeport near the Nevada border.

The helicopter was used by the Toiyabe Heliski Co. to ferry skiers to the tops of nearby mountains where there are no ski lifts.

Mono County Sheriff's spokeswoman Ginger Johnston said all seven people were flown out of the mountains by two Air Force rescue helicopters to tiny Mono General Hospital in Bridgeport. Two of the injured were later helicoptered to hospitals in Reno.

The pilot and guide were identified as Richard Watson, 36, of Fort Collins, Colo., and Phillip Marx, 29, of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Marx was listed in stable condition at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno while Watson was in serious condition with a compression fracture of the spine at Washoe Medical Center in Reno.

The skiers were identified as Kenneth Swanson, 36, Al Lockett, 40, Tom Stewart, 30, and Craig Howard, 36, all of Reno, and Dennis Golden, 38, of Incline Village, Nev.

Their conditions were not immediately known.