

Fatal accident on Hwy. 50 near Kyburz

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The man who died Aug. 8 was Steven John Evans, 50, of Pollock Pines.

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A logging truck crashed into the American River near Kyburz this morning, killing the driver.

The crash was reported about 6:15am, the rig ending up partially in the water, spilling logs and fuel. The cab of the truck remained out of the river but the driver was pinned inside the wreckage, said California Highway Patrol officer Rich Wetzel.

The CHP, CalFire, El Dorado County sheriff's deputies and the coroner have responded to the scene between Kyburz and Whitehall. Also responding was the state Office of Emergency Services and the Department of Fish and Game to check on fuel leakage into the river.

Expect traffic delays on westbound Highway 50.