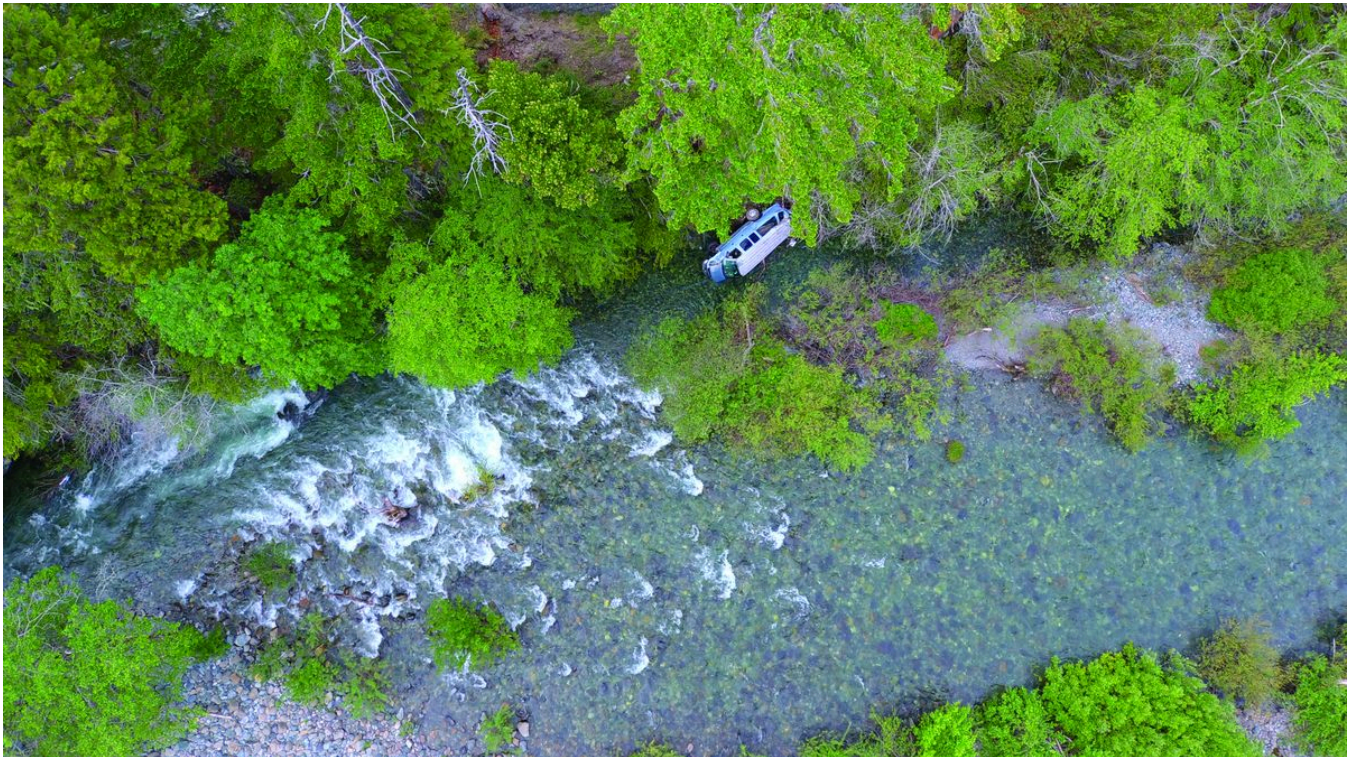


Minivan plunges 80 feet into river

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A van carrying three passengers went over the edge of Highway 199 at mile post 21 near Patrick Creek, about 10 miles north of Gasquet. The incident occurred at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 29.

The Ford Econoline van plunged 80 feet down to the Smith River, police reported. Public safety crews, including the California Highway Patrol, Gasquet Fire Department, and Cal Fire responded to the single-vehicle incident, a citizen reported.

One of the passengers was placed on a stretcher and transported to for medical attention. Only three minor injuries were reported.

The roadway was closed during the emergency response.

Drone footage of the wreck was taken by Mike Cuthbertson, a popular photographer and drone adventurer from Gasquet, who provided the TriPLICATE photos of the event