

Rescued – A Survivor's Story

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- Learned to fly in Columbia, CA (O22)
- Graduated Embry-Riddle Prescott, AZ
 - B.S. Aeronautical Science
 - Minor in Aviation Safety
- Airline Transport Pilot (ATP)
 - Gulfstream, Global, Falcon, Challenger
- CFI/CFII/MEI



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- Reposition Reno (KRNO) to Columbia (O22)
- Departed around noon
- Pre-frontal winds
270 @ 40-45 kts at 10K-12K



Cessna 402C



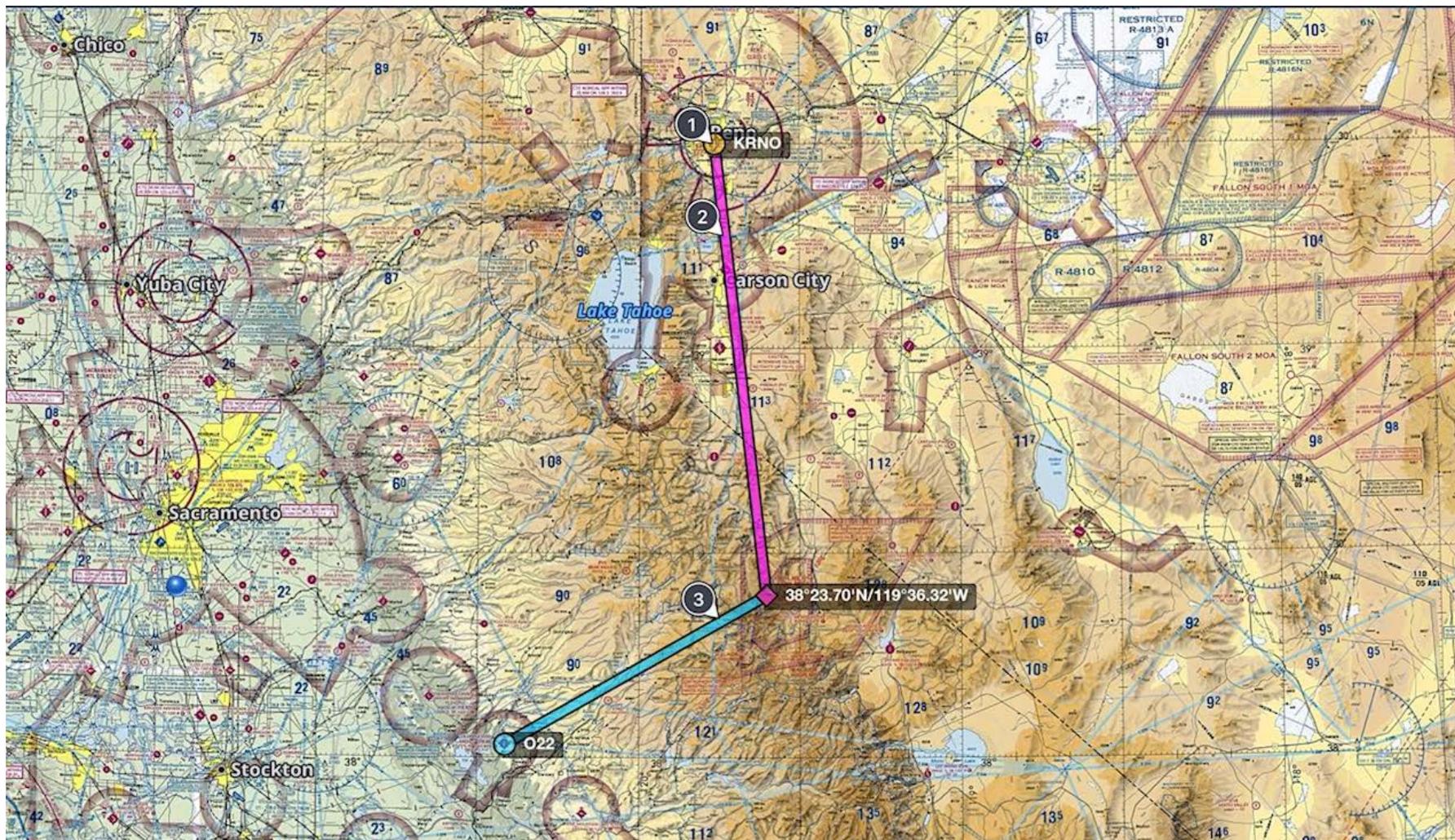
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- Configured for cargo
- Empty weight under 4,000 lbs
- Max Takeoff weight 7,210 lbs (w/ VGs)
- Engines: Continental TSIO-520 (325hp each)

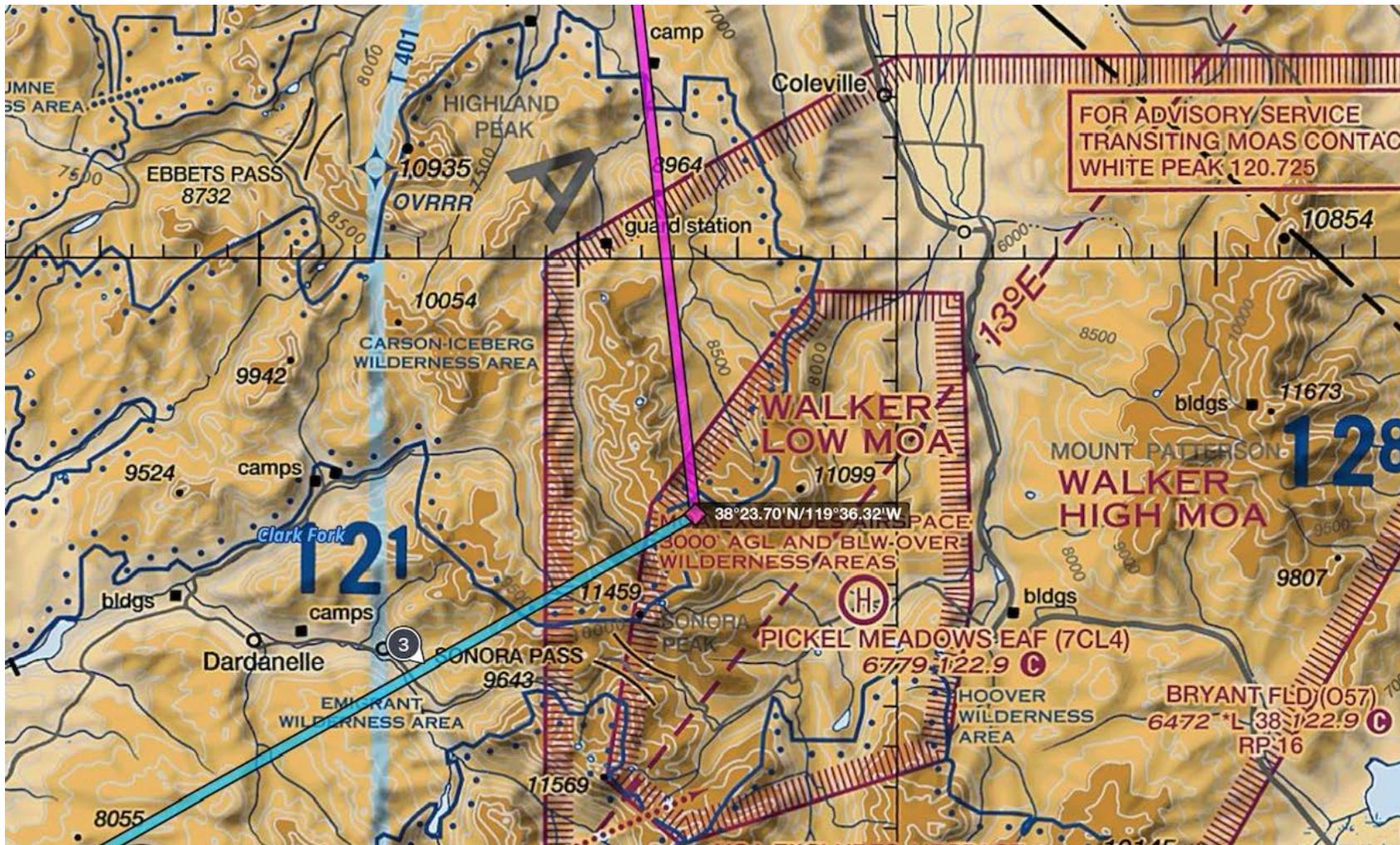
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Route of Flight



Accident Location: N38 23.70/W119 36.32













NTSB Probable Cause

- The pilot's encounter with a downdraft while approaching high terrain at an altitude insufficient to ensure adequate terrain or obstacle clearance.

Aircraft Recovery (August 1998)













Takeaways

- Weather/Winds
- Aircraft Performance
- Survival
- Training: Airmanship/ADM

