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Body of missing Cullman kayaker found in northwest Alabama creek

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[View full size](#) Florence fire rescue personnel talk with a kayaker as they search below the Cypress Creek millrace at the Florence, Ala., pumping station Wednesday June 29, 2011 for a 22-year-old University of North Alabama student who witnesses say fell from his kayak while floating down the creek with a group of friends. The body of the kayaker, Daniel S. Smith of Cullman, was later recovered. (AP Photo/Timesdaily/Matt McKean)

FLORENCE, Alabama — Authorities have recovered the body of a kayaker missing in Cypress Creek in northwest Alabama.

Officials identified the kayaker as 22-year-old Daniel S. Smith of Cullman.

Emergency officials said his kayak overturned at a dam at the Florence water treatment plant on the creek around 4 p.m. Wednesday

Cypress Creek, a popular stream for kayaking and canoeing, was swift and muddy from heavy rain that fell Tuesday. The dam where the kayak overturned is downstream of Cox Creek Parkway.

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