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On June 20th 2021 at roughly 9am myself and my friend Ismael Garcia saw an airplane land out in one of the hay fields as we were getting fuel at the ranch where Ismael and I work. We drove to see if everything was okay and spoke with Tim Harris the pilot of the plane who is the water master and friend. He said him and the other male he was with were just going to pull a board out of the dam for more water. We then said our goodbyes and they got in the plane and we turned the truck around to watch to watch them take off. On the first attempt Tim went west through the field to try to take off but seemed as he couldn't get enough speed in the short thick grass. He then throttled down immediately and turned around at the end of the hay field. He then made another attempt coming back to the east towards the canal road and canal. He seemed to have a little more speed and climbed about 20 feet in the air about 70 yards before the canal road. As he went over the canal the plane started to lose altitude and collided with the top of the vertical canal bank on the east side of the canal. The plane then spun around and slid back in to the canal with the nose in the water. I was the first one in the water to get over to them to shut off whatever was still running fan/fuel pump, im not sure. Tim was unconscious and the other male had just woken up. Then came the job of getting them out with help from the local fire department and emt's.

If you need anything else let me know

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