



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: July 22, 2015
Person Contacted: Deborah Bitney
NTSB Accident Number: ANC15CA052

Narrative:

Mrs. Bitney was the pilot of N5722B, a Cessna 182 that crashed following a loss of engine power on July 22, 2015 near Wasilla, AK.

During a telephone conversation on July 22, 2015, Mrs. Bitney stated the following:

She had been on a personal sightseeing flight when she realized that she was low on fuel, and immediately diverted to Willow airport, Willow, AK. While enroute to the Willow airport she determined, based on the onboard JPI fuel computer that sufficient fuel remained to reach Wasilla airport, Wasilla, AK. About 5 miles out of Wasilla the engine sputtered, following a total loss of engine power. She made an emergency descent to a short private airstrip but “undershot” the landing area and impacted trees near the approach end of the runway. She stated that the loss of engine power was due to fuel exhaustion.

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