



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Interviewed: Robert Dingler
NTSB Accident Number: ANC15FA071

Narrative:

During a conversation with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigator-in-charge (IIC), Robert Dingler, stated that he had arrived at the Rainbow King Lodge on Sunday. The Monday morning before the accident they drove to a fishing spot, due to bad weather, and were picked up in the afternoon by the other airplane, a Beaver.

He stated that the day of the accident that they planned to go to "Wolverine", and would leave at first light. They had breakfast at 0430, and were ready to leave the lodge at 0545. After everyone was loaded in the airplane, they shut the door and the pilot started the engine. The pilot instructed them to fasten their seatbelts, it was still dark when they pulled away from the bank. He said after they started the takeoff he heard something, hit something, "and then everything went crazy."

He stated he woke up after the impact and was pulled out of the airplane by the guides. He said he was never asked about how much he weighed, he stated that he weighed 215 pounds. He said he was seated on the left side of the airplane, and that he was wearing chest waiters and boots.