



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Interviewed: Robert Westbrook
NTSB Accident Number: ANC15FA071

Narrative:

During a conversation with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigator-in-charge (IIC), Robert Westbrook, stated that this was his first season as a guide for Rainbow King Lodge. He said the schedule was posted in the evening detailing the destination, airplane, and guides for the next day. He had flown in the Otter before, but he had not been to "Wolverine". He and the other guides packed the gear and loaded it into the airplane that night. They typically talk to the pilot before they load the airplane; the pilot was not present when they loaded all the gear for this flight.

He stated that they left the lodge around 0600, and it was still dark, they wanted to leave early to "get there at a good time". They loaded everybody in the airplane and the takeoff was normal. He said after takeoff he heard a "thud" on the right side and felt something, he thought they were O.K., and then the airplane went down on its right side. He said that he was not asked how much he weighed before the flight, and that he weighs 170 pounds.