



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Interviewed: Seth Hoffland
NTSB Accident Number: ANC15FA071

Narrative:

During a conversation with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigator-in-charge (IIC), Seth Hoffland, stated that he had been a guide for Rainbow King Lodge for 4 years. He stated that after the schedule is posted he and the other guides meet and discuss what gear they will need to bring for the next day. The night before the accident, he and the other guides loaded the airplane, the same way they always do. He said that the gear is not weighed, and that he weighed 280 pounds. He said that he had been to "Wolverine" on the Swikshak River once this season.

He stated that at 0545 they left the lodge with the remaining gear and guests, it was about a 10 minute drive to the lake. When they arrived at the airplane they loaded personal gear and the guests. He and another guide used the start pack to help start the airplane. He said he was in the left rear seat, there was an empty seat in front of him, and Justin Schallici was to his right. Once they were all in their seats and had headsets and seatbelts on, the airplane left the shore.

After takeoff he stated that he heard a loud noise, and then the airplane was like a "rollercoaster ride" until impact. The loud sound was between takeoff and climb, he stated he did not know if the airplane was still on the water or not. He said it rocket right, then left, then a hard right before impact.