



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Interviewed: Jacob Durrance
NTSB Accident Number: ANC15FA071

Narrative:

During a conversation with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigator-in-charge (IIC), Jacob Durrance, stated that he had employed by the Rainbow King Lodge for three years. He drives the shuttle, helps load the passengers, unties the airplane and waits until they have departed before leaving.

He stated that they left the lodge at 0545, "Wolverine" is further away and is a competitive spot, so they leave earlier when going there to be the first ones there. It was still dark when they arrived at the airplane, they used the light outside the maintenance shop to load passengers.

After the guides used the start pack to help start the airplane, he untied the floats. The pilot asked him to turn off the light, a minute or two later the airplane left the bank. He said it was still dark, but he could see silhouettes.

He stated that after becoming airborne for 2-3 seconds, the airplane came back down and hit the water, it bounced off the water and veered right and into the tundra. He said that the engine sounded normal, then he saw the splash when the airplane hit the water, then after the impact everything went quiet. He stated that after the airplane hit the water again it went back to about the same altitude it had been at.