



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: July 15, 2017
Persons Contacted: Gregory Varner, FAA Inspector and witness
NTSB Accident Number: ANC17LA037

Narrative: Mr. Varner is a safety inspector at the Anchorage Flight Standards District Office. He lives in Wasilla on a bluff in the beach area where the accident occurred on July 15, 2017. He was interviewed by telephone and this is a summary of his statements.

Mr. Varner was out on his deck when he heard the accident airplane. He lives in Settler's Bay. He heard it sputtering and saw it descending over the beach. The sputtering lasted about 45 seconds, then just before touchdown, he heard a loud rpm increase, and then quiet. It sounded like a fuel starved engine that lost total power. The airplane descended below the grass tops and he could not see it.

He responded to the accident site. The airplane was inverted in the marshy grass with substantial damage to the right wing and vertical stabilizer. There were no fuel leaks or signs of fuel leaks. He located a log in the landing tracks that appeared to be struck by the airplane.