



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: July 23, 2018
Persons Contacted: Cheryl Fuglestad, witness
NTSB Accident Number: ANC18FA055 N9878R Regal Air

Narrative: Ms. Fuglestad witnessed the accident airplane's attempted and actual takeoff on the day of the accident, in Willow, Alaska, July 18, 2018. She was interviewed by telephone. This is a summary of her statements.

Ms. Fuglestad lives on the east side of the lake about the middle of the shoreline, south of the Community Center. See figure 1. She heard the airplane shut down when it arrived. When it started again, she watched it maneuver around the lake and attempt takeoff. She watched it circle the lake 3 times, "maybe on step." She videotaped the attempted and actual takeoff. See figure 2. Then she heard a loud bang to the south and heard emergency vehicles. She is not a pilot, but her husband is.



Figure 1. Witness locations on Google Earth image of Willow Lake.

Ms. Fuglestad provided the NTSB with copies of her videos. Below (figure 2) is a clip from the end of the takeoff video and 2 videos of the step taxi takeoff turn and the actual takeoff and departure.



Figure 2. Clip from the end of video taken by Cheryl Fuglestad showing the accident airplane low during departure.