



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Persons Contacted: Phil Stanger
NTSB Accident Number: ANC18FA055 N9878R Regal Air

Narrative: Mr. Stanger was a witness to the airplane's attempted takeoff and actual takeoff on July 18, 2018, before the accident. He was interviewed in person at Willow Lake. This is a summary of his statements.

Mr. Stanger lives and rents out the hangar at the end on the lake on the northeast side. See figure 1. He said that the buoys are put out in the summer about 200 ft apart. On the day of the accident, he heard the engine running strong. He went out and watched the first takeoff attempt. The pilot left 1600 feet behind the airplane at the north end of the lake when he initiated the run, which was very surprising. It was in front of his hangar.

As the airplane taxied back after aborting the takeoff, he noticed that the tail was very low, and the airplane looked very heavy. He felt something was wrong, so he videotaped the airplane. He watched it taxi three times around lake at high throttle setting. Sounded like full. He did not videotape the third (successful) takeoff run, but he watched the step taxi takeoff to the south.

He then saw smoke rising from the neighborhood to the south, and he knew it was the airplane. He drove in his truck to the site and witnessed the large fire and the firefighting activities.

Figure 2 is a clip from one of his videos of the airplane taxiing back for takeoff.

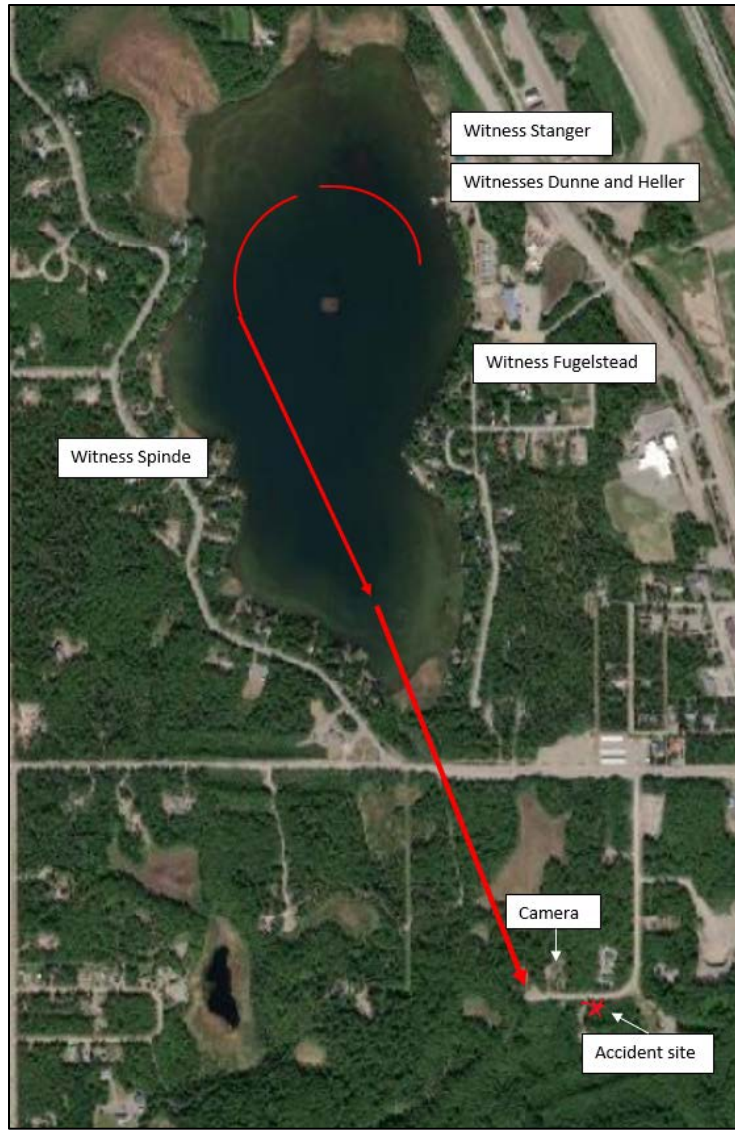


Figure 1. Google Earth image of Willow Lake and witness locations.



Figure 2. Clip from video of second taxi back to the north end of Willow Lake for takeoff.