



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Persons Contacted: Edward Munson, passenger, N6492H, Spernak Airways, Inc
NTSB Accident Number: ANC19CA003

Narrative:

Mr. Munson was a front seat passenger/employee in the accident of N6492H Cessna 207 at Sleepers Strip, Alaska, on October 11, 2018. This is a summary of his statements.

- Mr. Munson has been a ramp employee at Spernak Airways since the Fall 2015. He was on the accident flight on October 11 to help offload cargo in Shirleyville. He has about 25 hours of pilot training time in a Cessna 172.
- On the day of the accident, while flying inbound to Merrill Field Airport at 700 feet, the engine started losing power. The pilot switched fuel tanks and turned on the fuel boost pump. That did not work so she decided to land at Sleepers Strip ahead of their position.
- The engine was not able to start. The propeller was turning the whole time.
- During the approach to land, the right wing “clipped” a tree, then the airplane landed and during the roll out it hit a soft spot and nosed over onto the propeller.
- When Mr. Munson was asked if the pilot shut the engine down during the flight or prior to landing, he stated that he did not notice what she did with the engine controls during the event.
- He stated that he did not know that the airplane was going to hit a tree. It was a surprise when it happened, but the landing seemed normal.