



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: July 26, 2019
Persons Contacted: Jeremy Price, Pilot
NTSB Accident Number: ANC19LA040, N3934D C182

Narrative: Mr. Price is the operator of a Cessna 182 that experienced an accident near Farewell, Alaska on July 23, 2019. He was interviewed by telephone and this is a summary of his statements.

Mr. stated that the only mechanical issue the airplane experienced a few weeks before the accident was some carburetor icing that he was able to rectify.

On the day of the accident, he was taking off from a gravel riverbed on the south fork of the Kuskokwim River destined for Birchwood Airport. The riverbed takeoff area was about 600 to 700 ft in length. The carburetor heat was off during the takeoff. After takeoff, he kept the airplane in ground effect to gain airspeed and then when he climbed to tree top level the rpm surged and the engine sounded like it was "lagging" and he noticed the airplane was not climbing as planned. He also noted that he lost some headwind during the climb. He continued straight ahead and impacted small trees and brush which resulted in a nose over. He did not have time to secure the engine before impact. He stated that the propeller, firewall, vertical stabilizer, rudder, wings and nosewheel sustained damage. Neither he nor his passenger were injured.

Mr. Price had owned the airplane for 1 year. The engine has only 50 hours on it.

The weather during takeoff was mostly clear with some clouds, 5 knot headwind during takeoff.

Mr. Price stated that the airplane had about 35 gallons of fuel and weighed about 2,280 lbs at the time of the accident.