



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 9/30/2020
Person Contacted: Daniel Elias (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: ANC20LA099

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the pilot

- He was practicing landings off-airport on sand bars, located on the Big Sue River
- He had already made a landing at the accident sand bar
- During the second landing approach to the accident sand bar he made a standard approach with flaps applied
- On short final at about 20 ft AGL the engine sputtered and experienced a loss of power
- The engine briefly surged and then experienced a total loss of power
- The propeller continued to windmill
- The airplane touched down short of the gravel bar in the river and nosed over
- The engine had been running good during the flight and the airplane was in annual
- He had been applying carburetor heat for the landings
- He had fueled at the Merrill Field gravel airstrip fuel tank
- He had been flying for about 1.5 hours, and had an estimated 1.7 hours of fuel remaining
- He added that the fuel tank selector was selected to BOTH during the approach and that the mixture was set to rich