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To Whom It May Concern:

Writing this statement regarding an incident that occurred yesterday 6/8/2022 at Hallo Bay along the coastline of Katmai National Park.

Was a routine trip that departed Homer, AK (PAHO) at 1000 with four passengers aboard. We arrived in the bay with three of our other company aircraft for bear viewing in Katmai National Park. I was the last of the four of our aircraft to reach the bay. After examining the beach thoroughly, we decided to land Middle Beach to the North, winds were light and variable.

I was the fourth plane to land and landed in the same area as the other for planes. As I touched down with my left main wheel (which was the uphill wheel) and the plane slowing down my right main touchdown. While the aircraft was slowing down, rolling out the left main and after the right main touch down we heard a snap and saw the right wheel fly up. At this point I applied full left rudder to try to keep it on the beach which only lasted to far then then the plane turned towards the water. As it was making the turn down the beach towards the water, I pulled the mixture and shutdown the aircraft.

After making sure my passengers were ok, we exited the aircraft.

Respectfully,

Joseph Whiting