

Millicent Hill
Aviation Accident Investigator
Office of Aviation Safety

Date: July 1, 2024

Subject: ANC24LA048

Contact: Steven Carr

Mr. Carr stated the following:

- He stated he departed from Wasilla, Alaska and made one stop for fuel on the way to Bethel. He noted when he landed for fuel that the right side “felt mushier” than normal.
- There was a gusting crosswind at 10 to 15 knots.
- He stated he made a good landing, the left wingtip down into the wind. The left tire touched down, then when the airplane rolled onto the right tire “mushed out” and the airplane slowed down and ground looped.
- He tapped on the brake and the right main landing gear collapsed.
- He stated it was likely the oleo strut had failed.
- He had previously noted red fluid leaking from around the strut, and it had not flown for most of the year.
- The airplane was previously operated on skis.

A 6120.1 Accident Reporting Form was sent to the pilot, but it was not returned. According to FAA records, the pilot did not possess a pilot’s certificate.