



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: August 10, 2016
Person Contacted: Pilot
NTSB Accident Number: CEN16CA321

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with the pilot, he stated that prior to departure from the field service vehicle assisting with the aerial application flight, he checked his fuel gauges and his personal timer for fuel load estimation. His plan was to complete a field he had been applying chemical and thought he had enough fuel to complete the short flight. While maneuvering in a slow left turn near the field, the engine lost power. He maneuvered the helicopter to avoid trees and the helicopter experienced a hard landing to an adjacent field. The pilot sustained injuries to his back during the hard landing.