



MEMORANDUM

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Date: March 18, 2016
Person Contacted: Monica Orosz
NTSB Accident Number: CEN16LA128

Narrative:

Ms. Orosz stated that a witness saw the airplane flying southeast bound when it entered a low overcast clouds immediately after take-off. The witness heard the airplane begin a left turn, then saw it emerged from the base of the overcast in a nose-down, steep left bank. The pilot recovered, and the airplane reentered the clouds.

Examination of the accident site revealed the airplane was northwest bound when it struck 40-foot tall trees and terrain, coming to rest inverted about 75 feet from the initial impact point. The impact resulted in the complete separation of the right wing and substantial damage to the fuselage, empennage, left wing and tail surfaces. There was a fuel spill, but no post-impact fire.

The non-instrument rated private pilot was seriously injured.