



Memo for Record

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Person Contacted: Russell McElwain
NTSB Accident Number: CEN18LA350

Narrative:

The owner reported that the airplane was still in the field, and he planed on recovering the airplane, and place it next to his hangar.

He saw the attempted takeoff; the fuel servo was rich, and the engine puffed black smoke. He added that on the ground, they pull the mixture (control) back, and then full rich for takeoff

When he came up on the airplane in the field the mixture was back 2 inches, (adding that was too much, so he (the pilot) didn't have full power)

Person Contacted: Chip Taylor, FAA Inspector,

During conversation with the FAA inspector, several points were made:

Saw the airplane I the field, noted the position of the mixture control; however, it had been about 48hrs, without any oversight.

Cycled the mixture control, no visual abnormalities noted.

The tail is twisted, and the wings are buckled. The belly is ripped, and the propeller was destroyed. Airplane is probably 'totaled'.