



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Accident Number: CEN19LA061

Location: Norwood, Colorado

Date: December 23, 2018

Subject: Interview with Mr. Eric Berg, Pilot of a Cessna 182G, N3120S, that crashed on a dirt airstrip near Norwood, Colorado on December 23, 2018

Mr. Berg said he was flying on a local flight in his airplane near Telluride, Colorado. He said the weather was clear and cold and that he had noted there were ice crystals in the air as he was flying. He said he had partial carburetor heat on but did not clear or advance it as he was returning to his private airstrip located about 8 nautical miles north-northwest of the Cones VOR.

He decided to perform a straight in approach to his airstrip, but as he was getting close, he elected to go around. He advanced the engine power slightly but got no response. He then advanced the power to full. He still got no response from the engine. At that point, Mr. Berg performed a steep right turn and applied right rudder to put the airplane down on the dirt airstrip. He was not certain if the airplane stalled, but the right wing tip contacted the dirt strip and the airplane "pancaked" on the airstrip tearing the nose landing gear off the airplane, damaging the propeller, and causing wrinkling in the skins of both wings. Mr. Berg shut the airplane down. He noted fuel coming from the fuel vent. He was not injured.

Mr. Berg said he did not clear the carburetor adequately during his straight in approach. He said it was possible the carburetor iced up.

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