



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Tyler Beyer, accident pilot
NTSB Accident Number: CEN21LA001

Narrative: In a phone conversation with the pilot, he stated the following:

Took off from Blake Field Airport (KAJZ) Delta, Colorado. He climbed out parallel to grand mesa up the valley, and everything was working fine. Made a small turn up a cut in the canyon. The airplane was about 1,000 ft agl or more and a lot of airspeed. All the sudden the RPM reduced so he switched fuel tanks and turned on the boost pump. Airplane kept slowing. He hoped to make turn back downhill but was unable so he elected to land on a road in the only clearing that he could see. The airplane landed really hard and was engulfed in flames pretty fast. He was able to roll out of the pilot side door and pulled his wife out with him. A passerby helped them away from the burning airplane.

He reiterated that the engine experienced a gradual reduction in RPM to the lower end of the tachometer's green arc. It was not like a sudden stop of the engine; it just was not making full power. No pops, bangs or anything unusual. The airplane was unable to climb. He pushed in throttle but that didn't help. Pumped the flaps down a little.

This was not the first time he's flown this route or in this area; he estimated that he had complete 6+ flights in the area. The density altitude was a few thousand feet more than field elevation. Separate company does the mx for this airport. Kevin is the IA who inspected the airplane. Engine close to TBO but it was still working great before the accident and hadn't had any engine issues at all. Fuel total before takeoff was 60 gallons.

End of summary.