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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Kenneth E. Maenpa, Airport Manager

November 26, 2020

Interviewee: Kenneth E. Maenpa (Airport Manager)
Date/Time: November 26, 2020 / 1715 CST
Location: Telephone Call
Investigator: Andrew Todd Fox, NTSB Air Safety Investigator

Mr. Maenpa is the airport manager at Telluride Regional Airport (TEX), Telluride, Colorado. Mr. Maenpa stated that earlier that morning the pilot told fixed base operator (FBO) personnel that he was flying his airplane from TEX to Durango-La Plata County Airport (DRO), Durango, to pickup a passenger and return to TEX.

Later that afternoon, shortly before 1300 mountain standard time, the pilot transmitted on the UNICOM frequency that he was on downwind for runway 27 at TEX. One of the FBO employees, who was monitoring the UNICOM frequency, told to the pilot to park in the hanger after landing. The pilot replied "Cool." Shortly thereafter, the pilot transmitted "oh [expletive]" on the UNICOM frequency.

The airplane wreckage is located off-airport on private property, about ½ mile east of the runway 27 threshold. The weather conditions at the time of the accident included a clear sky and a west wind of about 10 knots.