



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

During the course of the investigation, the responding Federal Aviation Inspector, Joseph Chavez, made the following observations:

On December 21, 2020 at approximately 1625 MST, N5937G, a Cessna model 150K airplane veered off runway 15 on landing rollout at Meadow Lake Airport (KFLY), Peyton, Colorado, causing the nose landing gear to collapse. There was 1 occupant on board with no injuries sustained. Weather at the time was VMC.

The student pilot departed runway 15 at approximately 1500 MST with a flight instructor to practice leading up to the student's first solo landing. Student performed 3 touch-and-go landings. The fourth landing was a full stop where the flight instructor departed the airplane to observe student from the airport's fuel pit area.

The student taxied to the run-up area, checked the winds, and departed the runway. He entered the traffic pattern and landed the airplane with flaps at 22° without incident and proceeded to advance the throttle. The student intended to raise the flaps but inadvertently lowered them. When he realized his mistake, he took his eyes off the runway and looked inside the cockpit and proceeded to raise the flaps. When he looked back outside the cockpit, he realized that he had veered to the left of the runway onto the grass median. He immediately reduced the power as the airplane continued to roll onto the grass. The airplane continued into a depression in the ground causing the nose landing gear to collapse and allowing the propeller to strike the ground. The airplane came to rest at the edge of the parallel taxiway approximately 2,600 feet down the runway.

The student pilot egressed the airplane without injury and the airplane was removed from the field into the flight school hangar.

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