



## RECORD OF MEMORANDUM

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**Date: October 15, 2021**  
**Person Contacted: Mr. David Preston (Federal Aviation Administration)**  
**NTSB Accident Number: WPR21LA473**

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### Narrative:

During a conversation with Mr. Preston, he reported the following:

- The airplane landed in a soft field and came to rest nose down.
- The nose landing gear collapsed, and the right wing was wrinkled consistent with wing spar damage.
- There were no visible leaks or sign of a fire.
- In the cockpit:
  - The throttle and mixture controls were found in the full forward position.
  - The key was found in the “off” position.
  - The fuel selector was found in the “LH tank” position.
- Battery power was applied to the airplane:
  - The aux fuel gauge indicated empty.
  - The main fuel gauge indicated ¼ full.
- No visible fuel was noted in the left wing fuel tank.
- About 3 inches of fuel was observed in the right wing fuel tank.
- Mr. Preston shared the following on scene photos:



*Figure 1: Overview of Airplane*



*Figure 2: Damage to Right Wing*



*Figure 3: Cockpit Overview*



*Figure 4: Fuel Gauge (with power added)*

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Submitted by: Samantha Link