



The National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety
Central Region
Memorandum for the Record
Pilot and Witness Statement
Summaries
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Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota
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The pilot provided the following information:

- The pilot departed Oshkosh, Wisconsin (OSH) on a cross-country flight after attending an airshow. He was enroute to a family cabin near Bemidji, Minnesota. While enroute he was getting low on fuel and was trying to locate the Moose Lake Airport (MZH) to refuel but was having problems with his GPS.
- The pilot elected to land on a gravel driveway on private property at Sturgeon Lake. After landing, the property owner assisted the pilot to get a gas can and gas at the nearby Moose Lake Airport.
- The pilot fueled the airplane and the property owner saw the airplane attempt to takeoff from the driveway.
- Toward the end of the driveway, the right main landing gear veered off the edge of the gravel and into a drainage ditch. The airplane veered to the right, crossed a road, and impacted a small tree.
- The right-wing spar sustained substantial damage.
- The pilot reported no mechanical issues on NTSB Form 6120. He stated that he should have done better preflight fuel planning.

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