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Subject: Record of Conversation: Accident Pilot Interview CEN24LA200

Contact: Jason McKean, Accident Pilot, N56466

The following are notes from the phone conversation with the accident pilot:

- Preflight uneventful
- Weather checks were good
- Intended destination was Stevensville
- Run-Up
 - During carb heat check at 2,000 rpm engine sounded like it backfired and lost rpm
 - Conducted second carb heat check and engine responded normally
- Takeoff
 - Winds 070 @ 3 knots, took off on Runway 35
 - Held brakes and ran up power (like a short field takeoff)
 - No Flaps
 - Carb heat was off
 - Rotation was normal

- During initial climb rpm dropped
- Verified all engine controls were full forward
- Committed to landing in field
- Hit top of berm
- 3 persons on board
- Pilot and wife both injured – small back fracture(s)