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Statement regarding accident on 11/25/2024
Michael W Fisher Airman cert# [REDACTED]

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On sept 25/ 2024 I was involved in a accident near Lexington, Ne.
Approximately 1730 local time I was searching for a invasive species plant along the Platte river for herbacious control.
I had sprayed a target and when I made my pullup for trees and brush I was mostly sun blinded and made contact with a powerline.
I was aware there was a power line ahead as I had located it on my recon before dropping to spray height. I believed the power line to be further ahead of me when I flew into the wire. The helicopter sustained damage that resulted in no control for emergency landing.
The helicopter was destroyed with the impact and I was seriously injured.

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This accident would have been avoided had I accessed the situation better. ie:sun low and by experience I should have been aware of sun blindness.
Also, my head injury would not occured had I been wearing a helmet. My helmet had been stolen about 10 days before my accident. With estimated 20 days to go I figured to wait on a new helmet purchase and proper fitting.

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It is my great hope that this statement will be a lesson to others to wear head protection and to carefully stay aware of the situation.

sincerely,
Michael W Fisher

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From: "Jason Aguilera" <jason.aguilera@ntsb.gov>
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I appreciate your time today. If you can respond to this and provide a statement I would appreciate it.

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