

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD • PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT

REPORT Use this form (Form 6120.1) to report civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION**Accident/Incident Location**Nearest City/Place: Gypsum (Eagle County) State: COZIP: 81637 Country: USALatitude: 39 49.6650 Longitude: -107.4.1904

(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/TimeDate: 08/22/2025 Local Time: 16:15
mm/dd/yyyy HH:MMTime Zone: MDTCollision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None**AIRCRAFT INFORMATION**Registration Number: N171PLManufacturer: KAMAN Aerospace CorpModel: KMax K-1200Serial Number: A94-0047Year of Manufacture: 2,018Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes: ☐ Original Design ☐ Kit/Plans

Make: _____

- ☐
- IFR-Equipped and Certified
-
- ☐
- Commercial Space Flight
-
- ☐
- Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 11,500 lbs.Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 6,400 lbs.Number of Seats: 1 Flight Crew Seats: 1Cabin Crew Seats: 0 Passenger Seats: 0Number of Engines: 1**Category of Aircraft**
(Select one)

- ☐
- Airplane
-
- ☐
- Balloon
-
- ☐
- Blimp/Dirigible
-
- ☐
- Glider
-
- ☐
- Gyroplane
-
- ☒
- Helicopter
-
- ☐
- Powered Lift
-
- ☐
- Rocket
-
- ☐
- Ultralight
-
- ☐
- Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate
(Check all that apply)

- Standard**
-
- ☒
- Normal
-
- ☐
- Aerobatic
-
- ☐
- Balloon
-
- ☐
- Commuter
-
- ☐
- Transport
-
- ☐
- Utility
-
- ☐
- Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
-
- ☐
- None
-
- Special**
-
- ☐
- Restricted
-
- ☐
- Limited
-
- ☐
- Provisional
-
- ☐
- Special Flight
-
- ☐
- Experimental
-
- ☐
- Special Light-Sport
-
- ☐
- Experimental Light-Sport
-
- ☐
- Unknown

Landing Gear
(Check all that apply)

- ☐
- Retractable
-
- ☒
- Tricycle
-
- ☐
- Tailwheel
-
- ☐
- Emergency Float
-
- ☐
- Float
-
- ☐
- Amphibian
-
- ☐
- Other Launch/Recovery System
-
- ☐
- None
-
- ☐
- High Skid
-
- ☐
- Skid
-
- ☐
- Ski/Wheel
-
- ☐
- Hull
-
- ☐
- Ski
-
- ☐
- Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

- ☐
- Reciprocating
-
- ☒
- Turbo Shaft
-
- ☐
- Turbo Prop
-
- ☐
- Turbo Jet
-
- ☐
- Turbo Fan
-
- ☐
- Electric
-
- ☐
- Liquid Rocket
-
- ☐
- Solid Rocket
-
- ☐
- Hybrid Rocket
-
- ☐
- None
-
- ☐
- Unknown

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

- ☐
- Carburetor
-
- ☐
- Fuel Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Engine Serial Number	Date of Mfg. (mm/dd/yyyy)	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ Lbs. of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Honeywell Aerospace	T5317A-1	LE-07527X	08/27/1070	1,500	19,487	134	3,124
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

- ☒
- 100-Hour
-
- ☐
- AAIP
-
- ☐
- Annual
-
- ☐
- Continuous Airworthiness
-
- ☐
- Condition
-
- ☐
- Unknown

Date of Last Inspection: 07/28/2025
mm/dd/yyyyAirframe Total Time: 1,324.1 hrs

Hours measured at (Select one)

☒ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident**Type of Maintenance Program (Select One)**

- ☐
- Annual
-
- ☐
- Conditional (Amateur-built only)
-
- ☐
- Manufacturer's Inspection Program
-
- ☐
- Other Approved Inspection Program
-
- ☐
- (AAIP) Continuous Airworthiness
-
- ☒
- Other, specify:
- Progressive

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☐
- None
-
- ☐
- Specify:

Additional Equipment

- ☒
- ADS-B
-
- ☐
- Airframe Parachute
-
- ☐
- Angle of Attack Indicator
-
- ☐
- Autopilot
-
- ☐
- Autopilot/FMS, Model: _____
-
- ☐
- Coupled Flight Director
-
- ☐
- Data Recorder
-
- ☐
- Device Stall Warning System
-
- ☐
- Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
-
- ☐
- Electronic Multifunction Display
-
- ☐
- Electronic Primary Flight Display
-
- ☐
- Flight Management System

- ☒
- Handheld GPS
-
- ☐
- Heads Up Display
-
- ☐
- Night Vision Goggles
-
- ☐
- Onboard Weather
-
- ☐
- Primary Flight Display
-
- ☐
- SAS, Number of Axes: _____ Model: _____
-
- ☒
- Satellite Tracking Device
-
- ☐
- Stall Warning System
-
- ☐
- Video Recording Device
-
- ☐
- Wire Strike Detection
-
- ☒
- Wire Strike Protection
-
- ☐
- Other, Specify:

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes:ELT Manufacturer: ArtesModel or Part No.: ME406HMTSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ C126 (406 MHz)Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ NoWas ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ NoDid ELT activate? ☐ Yes ☒ NoIf activated: Did ELT aid in locating aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ NoIf not activated: Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage☐ Fire Damage ☐ Battery Expired/Damaged ☒ Unknown**Propeller 1** ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Propeller 2 ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**

Name: Precision Lift LLC
 City: La Grande State: OR
 ZIP: 97850 Country: USA

Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Operator of Aircraft

☒ The Operator is also the Registered Owner

☐ Same address as Registered Owner

Name: David McCarty
 City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED]
 ZIP: [REDACTED] Country: USA

Doing Business As: _____

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4-character code): _____

Operating Certificates Held
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121)
☐ Supplemental
☐ Air Cargo
☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129)
☒ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133)
☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135)
☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135)
☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136)
☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137)
☐ Pilot School (FAR 141)
☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ Commercial Space Transportation
 Experimental Permit
☐ Commercial Space Transportation License
☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft

Regulation Flight Conducted Under

- ☐ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415
☐ FAR 103 ☒ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431
☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435
☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437
☐ FAR 450
☐ FAR 91 Special Flight
☐ Non-US, Commercial
☐ Non-US, Non-commercial
☐ Public Aircraft (Select one)
 ☐ Armed Forces
 ☒ Federal
 ☐ State
 ☐ Local
☐ Unknown

Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135
(Select one for each group)

- ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic
☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International
☐ Passenger
☐ Cargo
☐ Mail Contract Only

Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 (Select one)

- ☐ Aerial Application ☒ Firefighting
☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Flight Test
☐ Air Drop ☐ Glider Tow
☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Instructional
☐ Banner Tow ☐ Other Work Use
☐ Business ☐ Personal
☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Positioning
☐ External Load ☐ Skydiving
☐ Ferry ☐ Unknown

Revenue Sightseeing Flight

☐ Yes ☒ No

Air Medical Flight

☐ Yes ☒ No

AIRPORT INFORMATION (Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)

Airport Name: _____
 Airport Identifier: _____
 Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm.
 Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true
 Airport Elevation: _____ ft. MSL

Runway Information

Runway ID: _____ Length: _____ ft. Width: _____ ft.

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Ice ☐ Snow
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Dirt ☐ Helideck ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown
☐ Elevated Heliport ☐ Helistop ☐ Off-site landing area

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm
☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy
☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy
☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet
☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft
☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown

Approach/Departure Segment (Select one)

- ☐ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach
☐ Takeoff ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around
☐ Initial Climb ☐ Crosswind ☐ Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Unknown
☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual
☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ RNAV ☐ Circling

VFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Stop and Go
☐ Straight-In ☐ Touch and Go
☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Simulated Forced Landing
☐ Go Around ☐ Forced Landing
☐ Full Stop ☐ Precautionary Landing
☐ Unknown

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 1" INFORMATION**"Flight Crewmember 1" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**

☐ Captain ☐ First Officer ☒ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 1" was pilot flying ☒ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 1" IdentificationFirst Name: DavidMiddle Initial: MLast Name: McCartyAge at time of Accident/Incident: 59City of Residence: [REDACTED]State: [REDACTED]ZIP: [REDACTED]Country: USADate of Birth: [REDACTED] (mm/dd/yyyy)Certificate Number: [REDACTED]**Degree of Injury**

☒ None ☐ Serious
☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor

Seat Occupied

☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☐ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☒ Single

Restraint Type**Available**

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Used

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☒ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Inflatable Restraints

☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☒ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☒ Commercial
☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational
☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Sport
☐ Student ☐ Flight Engineer

Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____

Principal Occupation

☒ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None ☐ Class 3
☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☒ Class 2 ☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate Validity

☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown
☐ With limitations/waivers ☒ N/A
☐ Special Issuance

Date of Last Medical

01/03/2025
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

must use corrective lens(es) to meet vision standards at all required distances.

Medical Certificate Special Limitations

None

Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply)

☒ Fire resistant flight suit ☒ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☒ Fire resistant gloves
☒ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☒ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:

01/15/2025
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review AircraftMake: HueyModel: UH-1H**Airplane Rating(s)**
(Check all that apply)

☒ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☒ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airship
☐ Balloon
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None
☒ Airplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☒ None ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multiengine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements

Commercial Pilot
 Airplane single and multiengine land
 Instrument airplane
 Rotorcraft-Helicopter

C/BE-300

Student Endorsements (Include dates)**Flight Time** (Enter hours for each box)

	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	Multi-engine Rotorcraft	Tail-wheel
						Actual	Simulated					
Total Time	26,091	1,445	3,949	772	624	645	178	23,721	0	0	0	2,004
Pilot in Command (PIC)		1,445	3,949	772	624	645	178	23,721	0	0	0	2,004
Time as Instructor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
This Make/Model					0	0	0					
Last 90 Days	58	10	0	6	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0
Last 30 Days	23	8	0	6	0	1	0	17	0	0	0	0
Last 24 Hours	6	4	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION**"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**

☐ Captain ☐ First Officer ☐ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 2" Identification

First Name: _____

City of Residence: _____

Middle Initial: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Last Name: _____

Country: _____

Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certificate Number: _____

Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Serious ☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor		Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single		Restraint Type <table border="0"> <tr> <th>Available</th> <th>Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ None</td> <td>☐ None</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Lap only</td> <td>☐ Lap only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 3-point</td> <td>☐ 3-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 4-point</td> <td>☐ 4-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 5-point</td> <td>☐ 5-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Unknown</td> <td>☐ Unknown</td> </tr> </table>		Available	Used	☐ None	☐ None	☐ Lap only	☐ Lap only	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point	☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	
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☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point																				
☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point																				
☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown																				
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Sport ☐ Student ☐ Flight Engineer				Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____																	
Principal Occupation ☐ Pilot ☐ Other ☐ Unknown		Medical Certificate ☐ None ☐ Class 3 ☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only) ☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown		Medical Certificate Validity ☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown ☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A ☐ Special Issuance		Date of Last Medical _____ mm/dd/yyyy															
Medical Certificate Limitations _____				Medical Certificate Special Limitations _____																	

Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply)

☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks: _____
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____

Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multiengine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered lift ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport
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Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements**Student Endorsements** (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter hours for each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	Multi-engine Rotorcraft	Tail-wheel
						Actual	Simulated					
Total Time												
Pilot in Command (PIC)												
Time as Instructor												
This Make/Model												
Last 90 Days												
Last 30 Days												
Last 24 Hours												

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information.)

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		

Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply)

☐ Fire resistant flight suit	☐ Helmet	☐ Laser protective visor/glasses	☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB)	☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor	☐ Night vision goggles	☐ Personal flotation	☐ Other: _____	

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None	☐ Flight Instructor	☐ Commercial	☐ US Military
☐ Private	☐ Recreational	☐ Airline Transport	☐ Foreign
☐ Student	☐ Sport	☐ Flight Engineer	

Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft?	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints				
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Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____							

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		

Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply)

☐ Fire resistant flight suit	☐ Helmet	☐ Laser protective visor/glasses	☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB)	☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor	☐ Night vision goggles	☐ Personal flotation	☐ Other: _____	

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

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Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____							

PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet, if necessary.)

Number of Passengers <u>0</u>															
Passenger Information	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age										
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	<table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Available</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td> ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown </td> <td> ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown </td> </tr> </table> Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Available	Used	☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown						
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point	Time of Departure	Flight Information	Destination	Type Flight Plan Filed
Airport ID: <u>EGE</u> City: <u>Gypsum</u> State: <u>CO</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time: <u>15:37</u> HH:MM Time Zone: <u>MST</u>	Flight Number: Operating as Flight <u>Fire response</u>	Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____	☒ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Certificate of Authorization ☒ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise
☒ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA
☐ None

Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Class A ☐ Class G ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Special
☐ Class B ☐ Demo Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Air Traffic Control Area
☐ Class C ☐ Warning Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Unknown
☐ Class D ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ TRSA
☐ Class E ☒ Restricted Area ☐ FAR 93

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ ft. MSL

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE**Source of Pilot Weather Information**

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ National Weather Service ☐ Company
☐ Flight Service Station ☐ Military
☐ TV/Radio ☐ Internet
☐ Automated Report ☐ None
☐ Electronic Flight Bag-Application: ☐ Unknown

☐ On-Board Weather**Weather Observation Facility**

Facility ID: _____
 Observation Time: _____
 Time Zone: _____
 Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm
 Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true

Basic Conditions

- ☒ VMC
☐ IMC
☐ Unknown

Lowest Cloud Condition

Height _____ ft. AGL

Light Condition

- ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown
☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night

Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition

- ☐ Clear ☐ Thin Broken
☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast
☐ Partial ☐ Unknown
☐ Obscuration
☐ Scattered

Ceiling

- ☐ None (Clear)
☐ Broken
☐ Overcast
☐ Obscured
☐ Indefinite
☐ Unknown

Ceiling Height

_____ ft. AGL

Temperature: 25.00 (°C) or _____ (°F)

Dewpoint: _____ (°C) or _____ (°F)

Altimeter Setting:3,001.C (Hg), or _____ (mb)**Wind Direction**

☒ Variable or
 Direction: _____
 degrees true

Wind Speed

☐ Calm
☐ Light and Variable
 or
 Speed: 15.0 kts

Wind Gusts

☐ Not Gusting
 or
 Speed: 15.0 kts

Visibility

_____ miles
 RVR: _____ feet
 RVV: _____ miles
 Density Altitude: _____ ft.

Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)

- ☒ None ☐ Drizzle ☐ Freezing Rain
☐ Rain ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Shower
☐ Snow ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Ice Pellets Shower
☐ Hail ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Freezing Drizzle
☐ Rain Showers ☐ Ice Crystals

Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None ☐ Fog
☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog
☐ Blowing Sand ☒ Haze
☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog
☐ Blowing Spray ☒ Smoke
☐ Dust ☐ Unknown

Icing Forecast

- Amount** **Type**
☒ None ☒ N/A
☐ Trace ☐ Rime
☐ Light ☐ Clear
☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed
☐ Severe ☐ Unknown
☐ Unknown

Intensity of Precipitation

- ☐ Light
☐ Moderate
☐ Heavy
☒ N/A
☐ Unknown

Icing Actual

- Amount** **Type**
☒ None ☒ N/A
☐ Trace ☐ Rime
☐ Light ☐ Clear
☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed
☐ Severe ☐ Unknown
☐ Unknown

Turbulence (Check all that apply)

- Type** **Severity**
☐ None ☒ Light
☐ Clear Air ☐ Moderate
☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Severe
☐ Convective ☐ Extreme

NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**

- ☐ None ☐ Substantial
☐ Minor ☐ Destroyed
☒ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property (Use additional sheet, if necessary.)

Unknown at this time. Aircraft is still in the water

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT (Please type or print in ink.)

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

I, David McCarty was flying on the Derby Fire in Colorado in aircraft N171PL. The aircraft was running great when I fell into the water. I had a cornering right hand tail wind (maybe 15 kn). Sitting there with the bucket in the water watching the sky crane go by on the right-hand side. I had experienced wind gusts during the day. As the sky crane went by about 50 to 100 yards to my right and 150 feet above me, I felt a push to the left. I pulled back on the cyclic to recover and the aircraft kept pitching to the left, which I could not recover and then went into the water. I got out to swim to the bank. Helico came and picked me up and flew me back to the airport to get checked out by the ambulance. Which then they checked me out and I was good. I feel a huge gust of wind got me and/or the rotor wash from the sky crane.

OPERATOR/OWNER SAFETY RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)

More separation of rotorcraft. I had been working one part of the fire and dipping out of this pond. The sky cranes had been working another section of the fire until they got smoked out. Air attack moved them over to the side I had been working. When the sky crane flew by it caused a downwind vortice which I could not recover from.

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on a separate sheet.)Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)

Total Time/ Cycles On Part

_____ Hours

_____ Cycles

Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled

_____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff

(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

150.0 Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 100 Low Lead☐ Automotive☒ Jet A☐ Jet A-1☐ Unleaded AV☐ Other, specify _____

Other Services, if any, prior to departure:

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFTWas an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Method of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location:

I swam out through the side door/window of the rotorcraft

OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for *other* aircraft.)

Aircraft Registration Number

Manufacturer: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft:

☐ Destroyed☐ Substantial☐ Minor☐ None

Model: _____

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

Name: _____

City: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Additional space for answers to any question.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

I understand that the information provided may be subject to public release.

Date of this report:

08/26/2025

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: David M McCarty

Signature:

-or- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a person other than Pilot/Operator is filing this report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

-or- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

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