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Subject: CEN25LA398

Contact: Tom Heaton - Pilot, N3635A

During a phone conversation, Mr. Heaton stated that he landed the airplane on runway 6 and the airplane pulled hard to the right. He used full aileron and full rudder to maintain the runway centerline. He stated that airplane remained on the runway about 2,600 ft and as the airplane slowed down and lost rudder authority, the airplane pulled hard to the right again, exited the runway surface and went into the sage brush. After exiting the airplane, he noticed that the right main landing gear tire was flat. He walked the runway and noticed a skid mark from where the airplane touched down, and it continued to where the airplane left the paved surface. He stated that there was no indication of a flat tire on his pre-flight inspection, or on the take-off roll. Additionally, he stated that the tires were filled with nitrogen. ///END OF STATEMENT///