



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Eastern Region – Ashburn, Virginia

RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Who: Thomas Richards

When: January 20, 2016

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Richards stated that this was his first flight in over a year due to cataract surgery. He planned to do a few touch and go landings to regain currency before departing on a local flight. Mr. Richards said that upon his first attempt to land, he failed to maintain clearance of a cattle guard that was located at the end of the grass runway. The airplane's main landing gear snagged the cattle guard causing the nose of the airplane into the ground. Mr. Richards said there were no mechanical deficiencies with the airplane and the accident was a result of his lack of recent experience and ability to judge his height above the cattle guard.

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