



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 9/3/2020
Person Contacted: David Reese (FAA Inspector)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20LA305

Narrative:

The following is a summary of information that was reported by the individual noted above. The inspector responded to the accident site on 9/2/2020 and observed the condition of the wreckage at the accident site:

- The accident site was at the bottom of a steep ravine in heavily wooded terrain about one mile off a trail head.
- The main wreckage was located near 38.640377°, -78.307158° and the elevation of the accident site was 2,300 feet mean sea level.
- The main energy of the impact occurred around a tree which fractured. The wreckage wrapped around this tree.
- The propeller had separated from the propeller hub and the hub bolts were fractured.
- The cockpit, wings, and fuselage were heavily fragmented and were not easily identifiable to their original structures.
- The engine was not identified.
- There was no evidence of fire. There was no smell of fuel at the accident.
- The empennage was visible with the main wreckage. The rudder remained attached to the vertical stabilizer. The left and right elevators remained attached to the horizontal stabilizer and sustained impact damage.
- The debris field appeared to be in a southerly direction.
- The pilot remained in the cockpit chair, but the chair had separated from the fuselage.