



NTSB MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: 7/2/2021
Persons Contacted: William Ward (FXE Airport Operations Supervisor)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA21LA281

Narrative:

The individual noted above provided the following information via email. The below contents are a summary of what was reported:

Description of Event

N4550Q (Cessna 402, owned and operated by Island Wings Inc.) departed Runway 9 at 0715, when departing the aircraft struck the Taxiway Golf directional sign located on the southside of Runway 9 just east of Runway 13. Airport Security, Airport Operations, Airport Maintenance reported out to Runway 9 to remove debris. The aircraft returned back to FXE, landed safely on Runway 13 and taxied to Bravo 5. The taxiway sign was struck with the main gear causing damage to the gear door. Airport Operations and Airport Security cleared all debris from Runway 9 and returned the runway back to ATC at approximately 0745. Airport Operations notified the FAA Coordination Center and was advised that FSDO would not respond. The pilot advised Airport Security that when departing that moisture on the windshield mixed with sun caused him to lose visibility.