



MEMORANDUM

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Subject: FAA statement

The aircraft was examined at the recovery company's yard.

The tail of the aircraft was removed to facilitate the recovery.

When the aircraft landed, the nose gear dug into the sand and broke off, there was no visible damage to the firewall.

The damage to the aircraft occurred when the nose gear dug in, causing the prop and right wing tip to strike the ground.

The spinner was dented as well as the props bent rearward, no evidence that the propeller was spinning or developing power.

The right wing tip was damaged as well as a crease in the upper and lower skin of the right wing from the diagonal brace attachment point on the wing to the trailing edge, indicating front and rear spar damage cause by the wing tip striking the sand, bending the wing. The wing returned close to its original undamaged position, the creases are still quite evident.

If you need more information, let me know.

Regards,

Joe