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Date: September 6, 2024
Subject: ERA23LA288 Summary of Wreckage Recovery Correspondences
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The following are excerpts from e-mails received from Mr. Koehn in response to inquiries regarding the recovery of the wreckage.

August 13, 2024:

We were unable to access the aircraft with anything large enough to remove it. It is in a low, wet area, and several snake, heavy foliage, and dense trees have made it virtually impossible to recover. The surrounding landowners aren't really willing for us to do what it would take to access it.

January 6, 2024:

I have reached out to landowners surrounding the site, I cannot get anyone to call back/ confirm that it's ok for me to cut the trees needed to remove the fuselage/engine intact.

At this point, it is still in a shallow depression which retains water, and it was the last time we spoke. I have removed the battery, sumped as much as possible from the aux wing tank and pulled the rear instrument panel out.

August 10, 2023:

As of today, we haven't been able to do anything towards recovery. . . . We are completely boxed into a thicket with larger trees all around and have seen snakes on several occasions as we attempted access the aircraft for photos and the instruments that we recovered.