



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: March 24, 2015
Person Contacted: Mr. Matt Disch (FAA Inspector)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA15CA013

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Disch in a telephone conversation.

- Mr. Disch investigated this accident on scene on 3/21/2015.
- The pilot attempted to land at a pad. This pad was custom made on private property. The pad was constructed of clay and shell material. Recent water from rains could have made parts of the pad soggy and loose.
- The pilot landed towards the edge of the pad. This was done on purpose to prevent children from reaching over and touching the helicopter had it been parked in the center of the pad.
- As the pilot landed, the helicopter began to slide back towards the left and the tail rotor struck the ground.
- With the nose high and the tail rotor on the ground, the pilot pulled in power and ended up in the trees to the right of the pad. The pilot admitted pilot error with inputting too much power.
- The FAA is still conducting their investigation at this time. Pictures of the accident scene will be sent over email.