



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 5/14/15
Person Contacted: Howard Buhlmann (Pilot in Command)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA15CA069

Narrative:

The following conversation was discussed over the telephone with the pilot in command of the accident flight. The pilot stated that he elected to land on the unpublished grass airstrip at D38 due to the crosswind component being at the max for his airplane (7mph).

The pilot explained that the grass strip runs parallel to the asphalt 13-31 runway and is roughly 1000ft long and begins half way down the asphalt runway.

The pilot stated that he started to sink close to the threshold of the runway and he added power, but stated he should have added more. He stated that he came over culvert, sank, and hit the bank. He stated that the impact jarred the plane, bent the right landing gear, and then the airplane looped to the left. During the left turning loop the airplane hit a culvert to the left of the grass runway and the prop struck the ditch and the airplane came to rest. The pilot stated that he should have applied full power and performed a go around. He stated that he was low and slow on approach. The pilot stated that he was uninjured after the accident.

The pilot stated that there were no anomalies with the airplane and that this was his first landing of the day. The pilot stated that this grass airstrip is unpublished.