

Here is my statement for the narrative portion of the NTSB report.

Statement by Sally E. Lattimore, student pilot, regarding aircraft incident involving N066DN on Sunday, April 30, 2017, at approximately 7:45 a.m. PDT, at the dry lake bed South of the Boulder City Municipal Airport.

This was my 10th flying lesson. Weather conditions were sunny, clear skies, light winds from the NNE. As usual, we departed the Boulder City Municipal Airport and flew approximately 5 miles South to the dry lake bed. Once there, we made several passes over the lake bed at approximately 1700 feet practicing throttle and level wing flying. There was occasional light turbulence, more pronounced at the North end of the lake bed. The maneuvers went very well so we descended to about 50 feet to conduct low level flight and touch and goes. My flight instructor, Glenn Esquivel, controlled the throttle while I controlled the wing. We made several passes and the maneuvers went well. However, on the final pass headed North near the north end of the lake bed, we suddenly were hit by strong localized turbulence and the aircraft hit the ground hard, then rolled to the left. Just prior to the crash, I saw three dust devils off to my right (East). It is my belief that we were hit by a dust devil that forced a downdraft causing the wing to stall which resulted in a loss of lift and the subsequent crash.

-Sally