

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Soda Springs State: CA
 ZIP: 95728 Country: USA
 Latitude: 39 18.3208 Longitude: 120 26.0495
(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 07/11/2017 Local Time: 1510
mm/dd/yyyy
 Time Zone: Pacific

Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N357PJ

Manufacturer: Airbus (Eurocopter)

Model: AS 350B3

Serial Number: 3608

Year of Manufacture: 2002

Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes: ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design Make: _____

- ☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified
☐ Commercial Space Flight
☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 4961 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 4694 lbs

Number of Seats: 6 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: 0 Passenger Seats: 5

Number of Engines: one

Category of Aircraft

- ☐ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate (Check all that apply)

Standard

- ☒ Normal
☐ Aerobatic
☐ Balloon
☐ Commuter
☐ Transport
☐ Utility

Special

- ☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Special Flight
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Light-Sport
☐ Experimental Light-Sport

- ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Landing Gear

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Retractable

- ☐ Tricycle ☐ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian ☒ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float ☐ Skid
☐ Float ☐ Ski
☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ Other Launch/Recovery System
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

- ☐ Reciprocating ☐ Liquid Rocket
☒ Turbo Shaft ☐ Solid Rocket
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Hybrid Rocket
☐ Turbo Jet ☐ None
☐ Turbo Fan ☐ Unknown
☐ Electric

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

- ☐ Carburetor ☐ Fuel-Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Safran (Turbomeca)	2B	22348	03/28/2002	847	1900.6	new	new
Eng. 2	N/A							
Eng. 3	N/A							
Eng. 4	N/A							

Last Inspection Type

- ☒ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection
☐ Annual ☐ Unknown

Date Last Inspection: 04/24/2017
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 1936.6 hrs
 hours measured at (Select one)
☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident

Type of Maintenance Program (Select one)

- ☐ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☒ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Other, specify: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☐ None
☒ Specify: Hand Held Halon

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: N/A

Model: _____

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: N/A

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: Kannad

Model or Part No.: S1852501-02

TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)
☒ C126 (406 MHz)

Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did ELT Activate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If activated:

Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If not activated:

- Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage
☐ Fire Damage
☐ Battery Expired/Damaged
☐ Unknown

Additional Equipment (Check all that apply)

- ☐ ADS-B
☐ Airframe Parachute
☐ Angle of Attack Indicator
☐ Autopilot
☐ Data Recorder
☐ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
☐ Electronic Multifunction Display
☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display
☒ Handheld GPS
☐ Heads Up Display
☐ Onboard Weather
☒ Satellite Tracking Device
☐ Stall Warning System
☐ Video Recording Device
☐ Other, Specify: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: Helibro, LLCCity: Red BluffState: CA ZIP: 96080Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoCountry: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☐ Same As Registered Owner☒ Same Address as Registered OwnerName: PJ Helicopters, Inc

City: _____

Doing Business As: Part 91

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____

Country: _____

Operating Certificates Held

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121)
☐ Supplemental
☐ Air Cargo
☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129)
☒ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133)
☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135)
☒ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135)
☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136)
☒ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137)
☐ Pilot School (FAR 141)
☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ Commercial Space Transportation
Experimental Permit
☐ Commercial Space Transportation License
☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft

Regulation Flight Conducted Under

- ☒ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415
☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431
☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435
☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437

☐ FAR 91 Special Flight
☐ Non-US, Commercial
☐ Non-US, Non-commercial

- ☐ Public Aircraft (Select one)
☐ Armed Forces
☐ Federal
☐ State
☐ Local

☐ Unknown

Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135

(Select one for each group)

- ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic
☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International

☐ Passenger
☐ Cargo
☐ Mail Contract Only

Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137

(Select one)

- ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Firefighting ☐ Unknown
☒ Aerial Observation ☐ Flight Test
☐ Air Drop ☐ Glider Tow
☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Instructional
☐ Banner Tow ☐ Other Work Use
☐ Business ☐ Personal
☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Positioning
☐ External Load ☐ Skydiving
☐ Ferry

Revenue Sightseeing Flight☐ Yes ☒ No**Air Medical Flight**☐ Yes ☒ No**AIRPORT INFORMATION (Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)**

Airport Name: _____

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Airport Identifier: _____

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A

Airport Elevation: _____ ft. msl

Runway Information

Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm
☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy
☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy
☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet
☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft
☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Unknown

Approach/Departure Segment (Select one)

- ☐ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach
☐ Takeoff ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around
☐ Initial Climb ☐ Final ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)
☐ Crosswind ☐ Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR
☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual
☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ RNAV ☐ Circling

☐ Unknown

VFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Stop and Go
☐ Straight-In ☐ Touch and Go
☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Simulated Forced Landing
☐ Go Around ☐ Forced Landing
☐ Full Stop ☐ Precautionary Landing

☐ Unknown

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"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION

"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☐ Pilot
 ☐ Co-Pilot
 ☐ Student Pilot
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Check Pilot
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 2" Identification

First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____ Date of Birth: _____ mm/dd/yyyy
 Certificate Number: _____

Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious	Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single	Restraint Type <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Available</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ None</td> <td>☐ None</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Lap only</td> <td>☐ Lap only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 3-point</td> <td>☐ 3-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 4-point</td> <td>☐ 4-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 5-point</td> <td>☐ 5-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Unknown</td> <td>☐ Unknown</td> </tr> </table>	Available	Used	☐ None	☐ None	☐ Lap only	☐ Lap only	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 4-point	☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point	☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
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Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks: _____ mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____
Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply) <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td> ☐ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift </td> <td> ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport </td> </tr> </table>	☐ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift	☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport
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Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

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ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)						
Crew Name and Address First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____			Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ Single ☐ Unknown		Injury ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	
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Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs				
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PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew, continue on separate sheet if necessary)						
Name and Address	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age	
First Name: <u>Daniel</u> City: <u>San Carlos</u> Middle Initial: <u>L</u> State: <u>CA</u> ZIP: <u>94070</u> Last Name: <u>Klein</u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other	☒ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: <u>2</u>	☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	
First Name: <u>Raymond</u> City: <u>Alta</u> Middle Initial: <u>J</u> State: <u>CA</u> ZIP: <u>95701</u> Last Name: <u>Farmer</u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☒ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: <u>2</u>	☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	
First Name: <u>Jamie</u> City: <u>Paradise</u> Middle Initial: <u>N</u> State: <u>CA</u> ZIP: <u>95967</u> Last Name: <u>Visinoni</u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☒ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: <u>2</u>	☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	
First Name: <u>Jennifer</u> City: <u>Auburn</u> Middle Initial: <u>L</u> State: <u>CA</u> ZIP: <u>95603</u> Last Name: <u>Skobrak</u> Country: <u>USA</u> ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☒ Right ☐ Unknown Row: <u>2</u>	☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>KIDD LAKE D/</u> City: <u>Soda Springs</u> State: <u>CA</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>1450</u> Time Zone: <u>Pacific</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>Upper Peak Dam /</u> City: <u>Soda Springs</u> State: <u>CA</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Type Flight Plan Filed ☐ None ☐ VFR/IFR ☒ Company VFR ☐ IFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown ☐ VFR Activated? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
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Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise ☐ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA			
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply) ☐ Class A ☒ Class G ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Special ☐ Class B ☐ Demo Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Class C ☐ Warning Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Unknown ☐ Class D ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ TRSA ☐ Class E ☐ Restricted Area ☐ FAR 93			Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: <u>6680</u> ft msl

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply) ☒ National Weather Service ☒ Company ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ Military ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Internet ☐ Automated Report ☐ None ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ Unknown ☐ On-Board Weather	Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: <u>KAUN</u> Observation Time: <u>1230</u> Time Zone: <u>Pacific</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>37</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>56</u> degrees true
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Basic Conditions ☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown	Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night		
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☒ Clear ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Unknown ☐ Scattered Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl	Ceiling ☒ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl	Temperature: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: _____ in. Hg or _____ MB	

Wind Direction ☐ Variable - or - Direction: <u>250</u> degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable - or - Speed: <u>7-10</u> kts	Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting - or - Speed: _____ kts	Visibility _____ miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft
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Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☐ N/A ☐ Unknown	Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Drizzle ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Rain ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Snow ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Hail ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Freezing Drizzle ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Ice Crystals	Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Fog ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke ☐ Dust ☐ Unknown
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Icing Forecast Amount Type ☒ None ☐ N/A ☐ Trace ☐ Rime ☐ Light ☐ Clear ☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	Icing Actual Amount Type ☒ None ☐ N/A ☐ Trace ☐ Rime ☐ Light ☐ Clear ☐ Moderate ☐ Mixed ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown	Turbulence Type (Check all that apply) Severity ☒ None ☐ Light ☐ Clear Air ☐ Moderate ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Severe ☐ Convective Turbulence ☐ Extreme
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NOTAMS (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**

- ☐ None ☒ Substantial
☐ Minor ☐ Destroyed
 ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☐ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☒ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Explosion at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property *(Use additional sheet if necessary)*

Aircraft received substantial damage. Aircraft rolled onto its left hand side after impacting ground from an estimated 3-4' hover. Main rotor blades impacted tree resulting in blade damage and low rotor speed, subsequent RPM decay and descent to ground.

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT *(Please type or print in ink)*

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

See Attachment

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

This accident could likely have been avoided by two variations. Had the Landing Zone been an improved helispot with designated markings, gravel/concrete or some other non-dusty surface and had it been assessed with resulting information on suggested ingress/egress routes, existing hazards and notations, we could have been better prepared to execute a safe landing at this site.

The second opportunity that could've resulted in avoiding this accident would be an altered approach and assessment after the two orbits of the site. Had the pilot descended to an appropriate distance to enter a hover well above the LZ and hold while the rotorwash began to disrupt the dust, he would have 1) been better able to determine the likelihood of a brown-out and 2) if the dust activity was sufficient but started to decrease after a period of time, he could have better determined if the top-soil dust had been blown off and a following approach/landing feasible with the dust-off having been completed. When the pilot did not execute a HOGE Dust-Off well above the LZ, he was assuming that the dust would be similar to the last 2 location in which he hovered down closer to the ground, which it was not. The scenario will be heavily incorporated into initial and recurrent trainings as a supplement to our pre-existing white/brown out training for high altitude snow and dust landings.

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)

Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)

Total Time/Cycles
On Part

_____ Hours
_____ Cycles

Time Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled

_____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff
(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

100 _____ Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 80/87 ☐ 115/145 ☐ Jet B ☐ Other, specify _____
☐ 100 Low Lead ☒ Jet A ☐ JP8
☐ 100/130 ☐ Jet A-1 ☐ Automotive

Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFT

Was an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Method of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location

All 5 passengers and myself exited out the right side door, as soon as the aircraft came to rest and blades stopped moving passengers were already making their way out. We all met west of the aircraft a safe distance away.

OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)

Aircraft Registration Number

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft

☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor
☐ Substantial ☐ None

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

Name: _____

City: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

5th Passenger
Andrew T. Fisher
San Francisco, CA 94105
Injury: Minor
Seat: Front Left
Restraint Type Available: 4 point
Restraint Type Used: 4 point

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Date of this Report

07/20/2017
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Gregory Stine

Signature: _____

-- or -- ☒ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

-- or -- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

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Name of Investigator
Eric Swenson

Date Report Received
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