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Aircraft Accident Statement

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On March 25th, 2012, about 1300 local time, I started planning a flight to Cavanaugh Bay Airport from Spokane Felts Field Airport. I checked aviationweather.gov for current TAF and METAR information for Spokane Felts Field and Sandpoint, ID. I did not call Cavanaugh Bay Airport for airport conditions. After fueling and doing a preflight inspection, I took off from Spokane Felts Field Airport at about 1400 local time heading east, then north, towards Priest Lake. I arrived at Cavanaugh Bay Airport from the south, around 1500 local time, descending to 500 ft AGL to fly over the airport to check wind conditions and judge the runway surface. I saw a zero wind indication on the wind sock and many snowmobile tracks and patches of grass through the snow. I flew a right traffic pattern to land. Upon touchdown, I rolled for about 250 feet before the main wheels sunk into the snow and the plane flipped over its nose and landed upside down. The passenger and myself then unlatched ourselves from our harnesses, crawled out of the aircraft, and walked to a nearby resort where local dispatch was contacted.

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March 26th, 2012

  
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