

TYPE D STATEMENT Encoupe July 19

Left 759 at 9:00AM ; landed at 459 for Pancake Breakfast; left 459 at about 10:15AM at 10:30 AM was on final at 450 ft. to clear low trees in a "corridor" used by everyone when landing 02.

On each side of "corridor" are very tall pine trees. It was a bumpy (windy) day and a cross wind sheer bust moved the plane to the right of the "corridor" and the right wing clipped a tall pine, swinging the plane to the right and directing it into a "stand" of un-harvested Christmas trees breaking the forward motion of the plane. The plane came to rest nose down. Myself and passenger received minor cuts and bruises and went to the hospital for a "check-up". We were released about an hour later. Heard someone (another pilot) complaining about down drafts. This may have also been a factor. Engine was running strong at time of impact.