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Office of Aviation Safety
Western Pacific Region

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ON SITE EXAMINATION

WPR14FA234

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A. ACCIDENT

Location: Paso Robles, CA
Date: June 7, 2014
Aircraft: Piper J3 C-65, Registration Number: N24918, Serial #: 3535
NTSB IIC: Howard Plagens

B. EXAMINATION PARTICIPANTS:

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C. SUMMARY

The wreckage was examined on site.

D. DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION

1.0 Overall Site Examination

The airplane came to rest in an open grassy field adjacent to the runway; the GPS coordinates at the site were 35 degrees 33 minutes 57 seconds north latitude 120 degrees 47 minutes 53 seconds west longitude.

The coordinates for the adjacent point on the runway were 35 degrees 33 minutes 60 seconds north latitude 120 degrees 47 minutes 48 seconds west longitude

The coordinates of the witnesses' location were 35 degrees 34 minutes 09 seconds north latitude 120 degrees 47 minutes 56 seconds west longitude.

There were no apparent ground scars other than the flattened grass in front of both wings, and a dirt area under the engine.

1.1 Overall Exam Photos



Photo 1 Top of Right Wing



Photo 2 Top of Fuselage, Empennage, and Left Wing



Photo 3 Instrument Panel



Photo 4 Aft Right Side of Engine and Cowling



Photo 5 Shattered Propeller and Hub