



RECORD OF REPORT FROM FAA INSPECTOR

Date: July 31, 2017

Person Contacted: Michael Donaldson (FAA inspector, Spokane Flight Standards)

Subject: WPR16LA135, RV-6, St. Maries, Idaho

In a culminating report and conversation with the NTSB IIC, the FAA inspector assigned to the case from the Spokane Flight Standards District Office, Spokane, Washington, reported that during his examination of the airplane and engine, he was able to rotate the engine, that it appeared to be in good shape, and that there were no mechanical anomalies observed with the engine or the airplane that would have been causal to the accident. The inspector felt that the loss of power was the result of carburetor icing. The inspector also stated that the inspection was limited due to the lack of available resources at the St. Maries airstrip where the examination was performed.

The inspector also reported that during a postaccident conversation with the pilot, the pilot stated that carburetor heat might not have been applied during the flight, which may have caused the engine to lose power during the approach to the airport.

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