

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT NOTIFICATION

FROM: NTSB, Western Pacific Region, Seattle, WA

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a) Identifying abbreviation ACCID/INCID:	Accident WPR17FA105
b) Type, model, nationality and registration marks of the aircraft:	Socata TBM-20 Trinidad (serial number 1082
c) Name of owner, operator and hirer if any of the aircraft:	William H. Sherlock
d) Name of pilot-in-command:	Brenda J Richard
e) Date and time (UTC) of the accident:	April 17, 2017 1600 PDT (2300Z)
f) Last point of departure and point of intended landing of the aircraft:	Truckee/Tahoe Airport (KTRK), Truckee, California, Destination: Petaluma Airport (KO62) Petaluma, CA
g) Position of the aircraft with reference to an easily defined geographical point and latitude and longitude:	5.5 nm northwest of Sierraville, California N 39.54111 W -120.470566 elevation; 7705 msl
h) Number of crew and passengers aboard killed and serious injured; others killed and serious injured:	The pilot and passenger (husband and wife) were killed as a result of the accident
i) Nature of the accident and the extent of damage to the aircraft so far as it is known:	Airplane was destroyed due to high energy impact forces. Severely fragmented and distorted due to direct impact with base of tree.
j) an indication to what extent the investigation will be conducted or is proposed to be delegated by the State of Occurrence:	Airplane will be recovered to a secured salvage facility in Pleasant Grove, California (Plain Parts). Follow up examination of airframe and engine to be performed during the last week of June 2017.
k) Physical characteristics of the accident area:	Medium sloping mountainous terrain with scrub brush and trees
l) Identification of the originating authority:	NTSB / Western Pacific Region

Remarks: The airplane had been missing since its departure from TRK on April 17, 2016. Confirmation of airplane wreckage being located was on May 17, 2017 (see "g" above for location). The NTSB investigator-in-charge, Thomas Little, request that the BEA provide the name and contact information for the technical advisor, Socata Aircraft, for this investigation. Additionally, the BEA and their technical advisor(s) are cordially invited to the follow-up examination of the recovered wreckage. Date and time will be forthcoming. Please feel free to contact the NTSB IIC at your convenience.

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Le Bourget, 19 May 2017
M. Thomas M. Little
United States - NTSB

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Subject: **Appointment of an accredited representative and technical advisors
Accident to SOCATA - TB20 / N28070 on 17/04/2017 near Sierraville
(California).**

Dear Thomas M. Little,

Thank you for the notification that you sent to the BEA concerning the
aforementioned accident. In accordance with the provisions of Annex 13, we
have appointed as accredited representative:

- **Nathalie GILLIERS**, BEA investigator,

She will be assisted by the following technical advisors:

- Catherine HERAU, DAHER-SOCATA
- Philippe SANTORO, DAHER-SOCATA

Our technical advisors remain at your disposal for on-site assistance if required.

You may contact Nathalie GILLIERS by phone or e-mail:

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Unless you instruct us otherwise, we will publish on our website the
information that the United States - NTSB is opening an investigation on this
accident, with the participation of the BEA. This information would appear on
our weekly list of newly opened investigations and would include the summary
of circumstances you have provided us in your notification.

Best regards,

Damien Bellier
Head of the Investigation department

per order of the Director of the BEA, Rémi JOUTY

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