



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: May 29, 2017
Where: FAA-Flight Standards District Office, Juneau, Alaska
Person Contacted: Steven Dice (Eyewitness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR17FA108

I interviewed Mr. Dice, the eyewitness who was located across Chilkat Inlet, about 2 miles east from the shoreline of Glacier Point. He stated he saw the accident airplane through his binoculars, flying northbound at tree level near the airstrip. Mr. Dice stated as the airplane reached the end of the airstrip it dropped in altitude, banked to the right, and impacted the shoreline in a right wing-down, nose-down attitude. He said the sound of the airplane was constant until impact. The airplane came to rest near the water's edge about 1/4-mile northeast from the north end of the airstrip. Mr. Dice and three other people that he was with responded to the accident site by boat. About halfway across the canal, when cell coverage was available, they called the local authorities. According to Mr. Dice, as they arrived onsite, the rear-seated passenger was the only one responsive and could not be removed from the airplane because his arm and legs were pinned. The water was 10 ft from the wreckage when they arrive and within minutes tidal water was surrounding and flooding the airplane. A tractor was brought to the site from a local tour facility and was used to drag the airplane up to shallower water. Local authorities soon arrived to extricate the rear-seated passenger.



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