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Date: October 16, 2017
Person Contacted: Mr. Stanley Phillips (Federal Aviation Administration)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR18LA004

Narrative:

During an email conversation Mr. Phillips reported the following:

Arrived at accident location for investigation. Met with the pilot and mechanic. Aircraft was substantially damaged. Pilot stated that he and the mechanic had been adjusting the main rotor track and balance and had made the final adjustments and that he had hovered the aircraft into the wash rack for cleaning. He further stated that as he was repositioning from the wash rack to the landing cart that the collective began an un-commanded surge up and down just as the front portion of the skids were over the cart. The skids then struck the cart causing a fracture of both skids approximately 18 inches from the front tips. the pilot then attempted to land the aircraft on the cart as the collective continued to oscillate and the right skid slid off of the cart causing the aircraft to roll right and impact the ground. The main rotor blades disintegrated upon impact causing flying debris to strike two fixed-wing aircraft belonging to the pilot/owner causing moderate damage to both. The accident aircraft sustained extensive airframe damage as well as separation of the main transmission, tail rotor, right horizontal stabilizer. The pitch change rods were bent, and everything was twisted and heavily damaged. The engine was destroyed as a result of water being sprayed directly into the intake in an attempt to shut it down as the fuel control did not respond to pilot inputs. The mechanic stated that all components prior to the accident were in good working order and that the track and balance adjustments had resulted in satisfactory monitoring equipment readings prior to the accident.

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Submitted by: Samantha Link