

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Clark Fork Road, Stanislaus Nat'l Forest State: CA

ZIP: _____ Country: USA

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 08/25/2018 Local Time: 1545
mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: Pacific

Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☐ None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N512TA

Manufacturer: Bell Helicopter

Model: 212HP

Serial Number: 30863

Year of Manufacture: 1977

Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes: ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design Make: _____

- ☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified
☐ Commercial Space Flight
☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 11,200 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: approx 8,060 lbs

Number of Seats: 11 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: 1 Passenger Seats: 9

Number of Engines: 2

Category of Aircraft

- ☐ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate

(Check all that apply)

Standard

- ☒ Normal
☐ Aerobatic
☐ Balloon
☐ Commuter
☐ Transport
☐ Utility

Special

- ☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Special Flight
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Light-Sport
☐ Experimental Light-Sport

- ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ None ☐ Unknown

Landing Gear

(Check all that apply)

☐ Retractable

- ☐ Tricycle ☐ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian ☐ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float ☒ Skid
☐ Float ☐ Ski
☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel

☐ Other Launch/Recovery System

☐ None ☐ Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

- ☐ Reciprocating ☐ Liquid Rocket
☒ Turbo Shaft ☐ Solid Rocket
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Hybrid Rocket
☐ Turbo Jet ☐ None
☐ Turbo Fan ☐ Unknown
☐ Electric

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

- ☐ Carburetor ☐ Fuel-Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Serial	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Pratt & Whitney	PT6T-3B	62876		1,800			
Eng. 2	Pratt & Whitney	PT6T-3B	TBO307		1,800			
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

- ☐ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection
☐ Annual ☐ Unknown

Date Last Inspection: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: _____ hrs

hours measured at (Select one)

- ☐ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident

Type of Maintenance Program (Select one)

- ☐ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☒ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Other, specify: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☐ None
☒ Specify: Detraction & Extinguishing
System and hand held

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: _____

Model or Part No.: _____

TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ C126 (406 MHz)

Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Did ELT Activate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If activated:

Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If not activated:

- Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage
☐ Fire Damage
☐ Battery Expired/Damaged
☐ Unknown

Additional Equipment (Check all that apply)

- ☐ ADS-B
☐ Airframe Parachute
☐ Angle of Attack Indicator
☐ Autopilot
☐ Data Recorder
☒ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
☐ Electronic Multifunction Display
☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display
☐ Handheld GPS
☐ Heads Up Display
☒ Onboard Weather
☒ Satellite Tracking Device
☐ Stall Warning System
☐ Video Recording Device
☐ Other, Specify: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: Roberts Aircraft Co.City: CheyenneState: WY ZIP: _____Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☐ NoCountry: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☐ Same As Registered Owner☐ Same Address as Registered OwnerName: Trans Aero Helicopters, Ltd.City: Loveland

Doing Business As: _____

State: CO ZIP: 80538

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____

Country: USA**Operating Certificates Held**

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121)
☐ Supplemental
☐ Air Cargo
☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129)
☒ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133)
☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135)
☒ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135)
☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136)
☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137)
☐ Pilot School (FAR 141)
☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ Commercial Space Transportation
Experimental Permit
☐ Commercial Space Transportation License
☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft

Regulation Flight Conducted Under

- ☐ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415
☐ FAR 103 ☒ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431
☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435
☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437

- ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight
☐ Non-US, Commercial
☐ Non-US, Non-commercial

☐ Public Aircraft (Select one)

- ☐ Armed Forces
☐ Federal
☐ State
☐ Local

☐ Unknown**Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135**

(Select one for each group)

- ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic
☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International

- ☐ Passenger
☐ Cargo
☐ Mail Contract Only

Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137

(Select one)

- ☐ Aerial Application ☒ Firefighting ☐ Unknown
☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Flight Test
☐ Air Drop ☐ Glider Tow
☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Instructional
☐ Banner Tow ☐ Other Work Use
☐ Business ☐ Personal
☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Positioning
☐ External Load ☐ Skydiving
☐ Ferry

Revenue Sightseeing Flight☐ Yes ☒ No**Air Medical Flight**☐ Yes ☒ No**AIRPORT INFORMATION** (Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)

Airport Name: _____

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Airport Identifier: _____

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A

Airport Elevation: _____ ft. msl

Runway Information

Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Unknown

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm
☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy
☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy
☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet
☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft
☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown

Approach/Departure Segment (Select one)

- ☐ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach
☐ Takeoff ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around
☐ Initial Climb ☐ Final ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)
☐ Crosswind ☐ Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Visual
☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual ☐ Contact
☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Circling
☐ RNAV ☐ Unknown

VFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Stop and Go
☐ Straight-In ☐ Touch and Go
☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Simulated Forced Landing
☐ Go Around ☐ Forced Landing
☐ Full Stop ☐ Precautionary Landing
☐ Unknown

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 1" INFORMATION

"Flight Crewmember 1" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☒ Pilot
 ☐ Co-Pilot
 ☐ Student Pilot
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Check Pilot
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 1" was pilot flying ☒ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 1" Identification

First Name: Justin City of Residence: Woodacre
 Middle Initial: C State: CA ZIP: 94973
 Last Name: Wick Country: USA
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: 43 Date of Birth: [REDACTED] mm/dd/yyyy
 Certificate Number: [REDACTED]

Degree of Injury ☐ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious	Seat Occupied ☒ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown ☐ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single	Restraint Type <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Available</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ None</td> <td>☐ None</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Lap only</td> <td>☐ Lap only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 3-point</td> <td>☐ 3-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☒ 4-point</td> <td>☒ 4-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ 5-point</td> <td>☐ 5-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>☐ Unknown</td> <td>☐ Unknown</td> </tr> </table>	Available	Used	☐ None	☐ None	☐ Lap only	☐ Lap only	☐ 3-point	☐ 3-point	☒ 4-point	☒ 4-point	☐ 5-point	☐ 5-point	☐ Unknown	☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
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Principal Occupation ☒ Pilot ☐ Other ☐ Unknown	Medical Certificate ☐ None ☐ Class 3 ☒ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only) ☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown	Medical Certificate Validity ☒ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown ☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A ☐ Special Issuance	Date of Last Medical <u>11/21/2017</u> mm/dd/yyyy														

Medical Certificate Limitations

None

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks: <u>03/14/2018</u> mm/dd/yyyy	Flight Review Aircraft Make: <u>Bell</u> Model: <u>212</u>
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Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☒ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☒ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☒ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☒ Airplane ☐ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☒ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Instrument Airplane ☒ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport
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Type Ratings None	Student Endorsements (Include dates)
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Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time	4788	950.4	210	17.5	400	1.5	79.7	4560	N/A	N/A
Pilot in Command (PIC)	4613	943.4	137.7	0	395.1	0		4476	N/A	N/A
Time as Instructor	440	0	21	0		0	0	419	N/A	N/A
This Make/Model					80.1	0	0.4			
Last 90 Days	87.5	87.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	87.5	N/A	N/A
Last 30 Days	46.6	46.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	46.6	N/A	N/A
Last 24 Hours	10.3	10.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.3	N/A	N/A

“Flight Crewmember 2” Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No

First Name: N/A

City of Residence: _____

Middle Initial: _____

State: ZIP:

Last Name: _____

Country: _____

Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____ Date of Birth: _____ mm/dd/yyyy

Certificate Number:

☐ None ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☐ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single

Available

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military
☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign
☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer

☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

☐ None ☐ Class 3
☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown

☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown
☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A
☐ Special Issuance

mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

**Date of Last Flight Review
or Equivalent, Including
FAR 121/135 Checks:**

mm/dd/yyyy

Make: _____

Model:

(Check all that apply)

☐ None

☐ Single-Engine Land

☐ Single-Engine Sea

☐ Multiengine Land

☐ Multiengine Sea

(Check all that apply)

☐ None

☐ Airship

☐ Balloon

☐ Glider

☐ Gyroplane

☐ Helicopter

☐ Powered Lift

(Check all that apply)

☐ None

☐ Airplane

☐ Helicopter

☐ Powered Lift

(Check all that apply)

☐ None	☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine	☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine	☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane	☐ Glider
☐ Powered Lift	☐ Sport

Type Ratings

Student Endorsements *(Include dates)*

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ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)												
Crew Name and Address First Name: <u>N/A</u> City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____					Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown		Injury ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown					
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer					Restraint Type: Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown					
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No			Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs									
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Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No			Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs									
PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)												
Name and Address First Name: <u>N/A</u> City : _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other			Seat ☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	Injury ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Restraint Type Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown		Age ☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown			
First Name: _____ City : _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other			☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown		☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION				
Last Departure Point Airport ID: _____ City: <u>Bald Mountain Helibase</u> State: <u>CA</u> Country: <u>USA</u>		Time of Departure Time: <u>1445</u> Time Zone: <u>Pacific</u>		Destination Airport ID: _____ City: <u>Donnell Fire</u> State: <u>CA</u> Country: <u>USA</u>
Type of ATC Clearance/Service <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise ☐ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA				Type Flight Plan Filed ☐ None ☐ VFR/IFR ☒ Company VFR ☐ IFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown ☐ VFR Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ Class A ☒ Class G ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Special ☐ Class B ☐ Demo Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Class C ☐ Warning Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Unknown ☐ Class D ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ TRSA ☐ FAR 93 ☐ Class E ☐ Restricted Area				Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ ft msl
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE				
Source of Pilot Weather Information <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ National Weather Service ☒ Company ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ Military ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Internet ☐ Automated Report ☐ None ☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS) ☐ Unknown ☐ On-Board Weather			Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: _____ Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true	
Basic Conditions ☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown		Light Condition ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown ☒ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night		
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition ☒ Clear ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Unknown ☐ Scattered Lowest Cloud Condition Height _____ ft agl		Ceiling ☒ None (Clear) ☐ Obscured ☐ Broken ☐ Indefinite ☐ Overcast ☐ Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl		Temperature: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or _____ (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>29.99</u> in. Hg or _____ MB
Wind Direction ☐ Variable -or- Direction: _____ degrees true	Wind Speed ☐ Calm ☒ Light and Variable -or- Speed: _____ kts	Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>unrestricted</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft	
Intensity of Precipitation ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☒ N/A ☐ Unknown		Type of Precipitation <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Drizzle ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Rain ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Snow ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Hail ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Freezing Drizzle ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Ice Crystals		Restriction to Visibility <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Fog ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke ☐ Dust ☐ Unknown
Icing Forecast Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown		Icing Actual Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown		Turbulence Type <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☐ None ☐ Clear Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective Turbulence Severity ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme
NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident: None				

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY					
Aircraft Damage ☐ None ☐ Substantial ☐ Minor ☒ Destroyed ☐ Unknown		Aircraft Fire ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time ☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown		Aircraft Explosion ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Explosion at Unknown Time ☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown	
Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property <i>(Use additional sheet if necessary)</i> Aircraft destroyed after impacting ground and rolling					
NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT <i>(Please type or print in ink)</i>					
Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible. Please see Attachment A.					

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)**Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure?** ☐ Yes ☐ No*(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)*

Unknown, but per attached Narrative, there were unusual sounds and vibration prompting the pilot to elect to make a precautionary landing.

**Total Time/Cycles
On Part**

_____ Hours

_____ Cycles

**Time Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled**

_____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION**Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff***(Convert from pounds, as necessary)*

200 _____ Gallons

Fuel Type☐ 80/87☐ 115/145☐ Jet B☐ Other, specify _____☐ 100 Low Lead☒ Jet A☐ JP8☐ 100/130☐ Jet A-1☐ Automotive**Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure****EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFT****Was an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed?** ☒ Yes ☐ No**Method of Exit** – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location

Pilot climbed out of aircraft--please see attached Narrative.

OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)**Aircraft Registration Number**

N/A

Manufacturer: _____**Model:** _____**Damage to Other Aircraft**☐ Destroyed☐ Minor☐ Substantial☐ None**Registered Owner of Other Aircraft**

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Date of this Report

09/10/2018
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Justin C. Wick

Signature: _____

-- or -- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: Michael L. Dworkin

Title: Attorney for Justin C. Wick

Signature: _____

-- or -- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

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Name of Investigator
Fabian Salazar

Date Report Received
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NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT--N512TA; AUGUST 25, 2018

This was the pilot's second flight assignment of the day in the subject helicopter. The pilot had flown the helicopter on his first assignment of the day (approximately 2-2.3 hours), the previous day (approximately 6.3 hours) and the day before (approximately 7.0 hours), all without incident.

At the beginning of the day, and prior to the first flight, the pilot performed a preflight inspection consistent with the pilot operating handbook and the pilot's personal experience in flying external load operations. The pilot found nothing out of the ordinary that would indicate any airworthiness issue or indicate that the flight could not be completed safely. The Company mechanic also routinely inspects the aircraft on a daily basis.

On the subject flight, the pilot was approximately one hour into an otherwise routine flight, conducting firefighting external bucket operations at the Boulder Lake Dip on the Donnell Fire. The pilot began to notice a faint but unusual "whispering" sound that appeared to be related to the helicopter. No caution or warning lights were illuminated. All gauges were indicating normal. In an abundance of caution, the pilot decided to terminate firefighting operations to return back to the Bald Mountain Helibase and advised Air Attack of his intentions. Enroute to the Helibase, the pilot noticed that the normal hop typically associated with a two-bladed medium helicopter was gradually becoming more pronounced, which prompted him to look for a closer site for a precautionary landing. He did not see any suitable landing areas so he elected to proceed to Helispot #1 ("H1"), which was about 10 minutes closer than the Helibase.

As the pilot proceeded to H1, the hop increased in intensity, except for a very brief period of time (less than 30 seconds) when it seemed to stop. The pilot then heard a loud "bang". This was immediately followed by an aggressive and uncontrollable vertical bounce. The helicopter pitched down to where the pilot could no longer see horizon. In an attempt to right the aircraft from the increasingly nose low attitude, the pilot pulled aft cyclic but with little controllability effect. The helicopter was only minimally responsive to control inputs and controllability quickly became difficult to maintain as a result of violent vertical hopping. Aircraft direction and attitude were difficult to gauge as the vertical hop became what could best be described as a violent and severe thrashing. Gauges and instruments were unreadable from the shaking and it became impossible to control the helicopter. The helicopter impacted the sloping terrain in a nose low attitude, then bounced in the air and came back down to the ground rolling downhill, coming to a rest on its left side.

Despite the impact, the pilot did not recall ever lose consciousness. When the aircraft came to a rest, the pilot's helmet was intact but was wedged between a rock and the airframe. The pilot heard at least one engine running at what sounded to be full or close to full throttle. The rotors had been stopped and destroyed. The pilot attempted to shut down the engines by pulling both of the fire "T" handles, but this produced no immediate response. The pilot then attempted to shut off the fuel and boost pumps, concerned that the aircraft might catch on fire while he was trapped inside. The fuel valve and boost pumps were just out of reach and hard to see from the dust, blood and debris in the pilot's eyes. He released his seatbelt and undid the helmet chinstrap to reach for the fuel system switches. He was able to identify the fuel system switches by feel.

The pilot climbed up through the right side door and then down the aircraft windshield using the windshield center beam as a step. Free from the aircraft and aware

of the possibilities of a post-crash fire and the pilot succumbing to shock, he walked down the slope until meeting up with a paramedic.