



RECORD OF PHONE CONVERSATION

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Date: May 10, 2019
Person Contacted: Mr. Joshua Yap (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19LA140

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Yap in a telephone conversation.

The pilot reported that he canceled flight following about 15 miles west about 5,500 ft MSL away from Pinal Airpark Airport (MZJ). About 5 miles northwest of MZJ, while in a decent, the engine RPM's dropped from 2,600 RPM's to 1,300 RPM's (did this once or twice), then dropped to 1,000 RPM's and stayed there. He checked magnetos, fuel selector was on both, and put the fuel mixture to rich. He made a *PAN* call on the MZJ frequency (was about 1,000 ft above the ground) and committed to landing the airplane on a dirt road.

The pilot reported that the touchdown was smooth, however, during the landing roll the left wing clipped a bush and the airplane spun to the left.

He added that the engine got down to idle but never lost total power. He was not sure how low the RPM's got, however, he does recall that he could hear the engine all the way to the ground.

Did not use carb heat because humidity was very low.

Pilot's weight=160 lbs, wife's weight=90 lbs, children=30 lbs each.