



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Office of Aviation Safety – Western Pacific Region

NTSB Accident Number: WPR19LA198
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N3761L; Cessna 172G
Accident Location: Madras, Oregon
Accident Date: July 22, 2019

Note: The following interview was documented by the Investigator –In-Charge (IIC), Stephen Stein.

Interview #1 Summary

Stephanie Przybylski
Student Pilot

Interview Date & Time; July 24, 2019; 1019 PT

The student pilot reported that both her and the passenger sustained only minor injuries in the form of neck and back pain after the accident. On the day of the accident both fuel tanks were about half full. They started the airplane and performed an uneventful engine run-up. After departure they flew to Madras, Oregon and performed on touch and go before they rejoined the airport traffic pattern. The flight instructor looked for traffic while she setup for the approach. During this time the student pilot pulled the carb heat out to the ON position, retarded the throttle to 1,500 rpm and deployed 10 degrees of flaps. She turned the airplane to the final approach leg and pitched for 80 knots, but quickly noticed they were losing power fast because the airplane would not maintain altitude. She observed that the tachometer now showed 1,000 rpm, so she advanced the throttle slowly until it was in the full power position, but received no additional power response from the engine. The student pilot notified the instructor who took the controls. The airplane then dropped and impacted the ground.