



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 6, 2019
Person Contacted: Mr. Richard Rigenhagen (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR19TA248

Narrative:

During a conversation with Mr. Rigenhagen he reported the following:

About 6-8 weeks prior to the accident, the owner of the airplane put a larger tailwheel on the airplane because he was prepping the airplane for backcountry airports and the original tailwheel was too small and inadequate for such terrain. The original tailwheel was about 3-4 inches in diameter and only about 1 inch wide. The new tailwheel was designed for Maule airplanes; it was about 6 inches in diameter and much sturdier.

The pilot flew the accident airplane several times since the new tailwheel was installed and he did not have any issues until the accident flight.

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