



Memorandum for Record

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NTSB Accident Number: WPR20LA135
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N6521Y / Piper PA-23-250
Accident Location: Hemet, CA
Accident Date: April 30, 2020

Accident Site Survey Report

The investigator on charge did not travel to the accident site. The party member from Piper Aircraft travelled to the accident site and provided photos and details of the wreckage.

The first identified point of impact was a shallow indentation in sandy soil at the top of the ridgeline at an altitude of 3,606 ft MSL. The first 120 ft of the wreckage trail featured shallow scrapes in the soil and uprooted manzanita bushes with some fragments of wing skin distributed along the sides of the wreckage path. About 120 ft downhill from the beginning of the wreckage path, a shattered granite boulder was noted; downhill from the boulder, more fragments of the wreckage were present, and deep gouges were seen in the soil.

The main wreckage was comprised of the fractured fuselage and empennage. Both wings had separated from the fuselage, and both engine separated from the wings.

PHOTO ARRAY

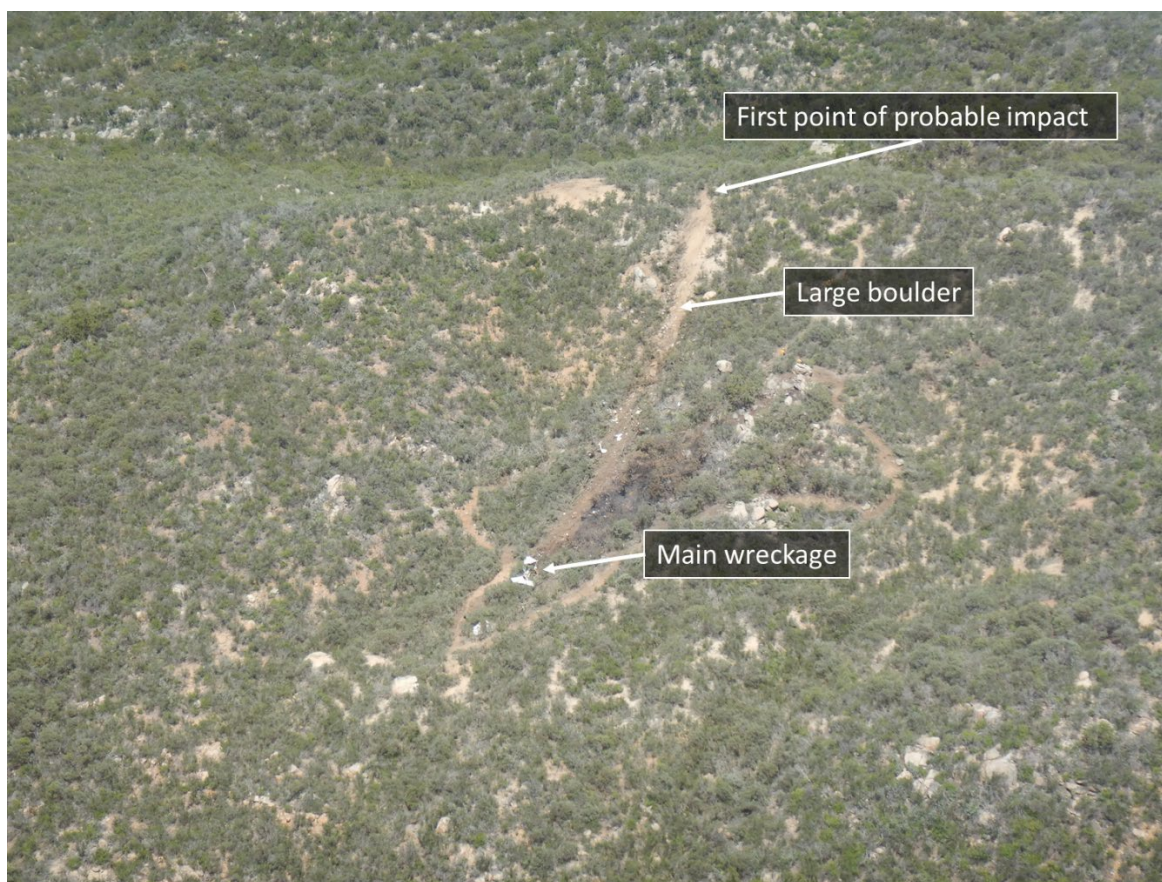


Figure 1. View of the accident site.



Figure 2. First point of probable impact.



Figure 3. Debris field running downhill, with large-shattered boulder in the foreground.



Figure 4. Main wreckage.



Figure 5. Aft fuselage.



Figure 6. left engine with propeller.



Figure 7. Right engine without propeller.