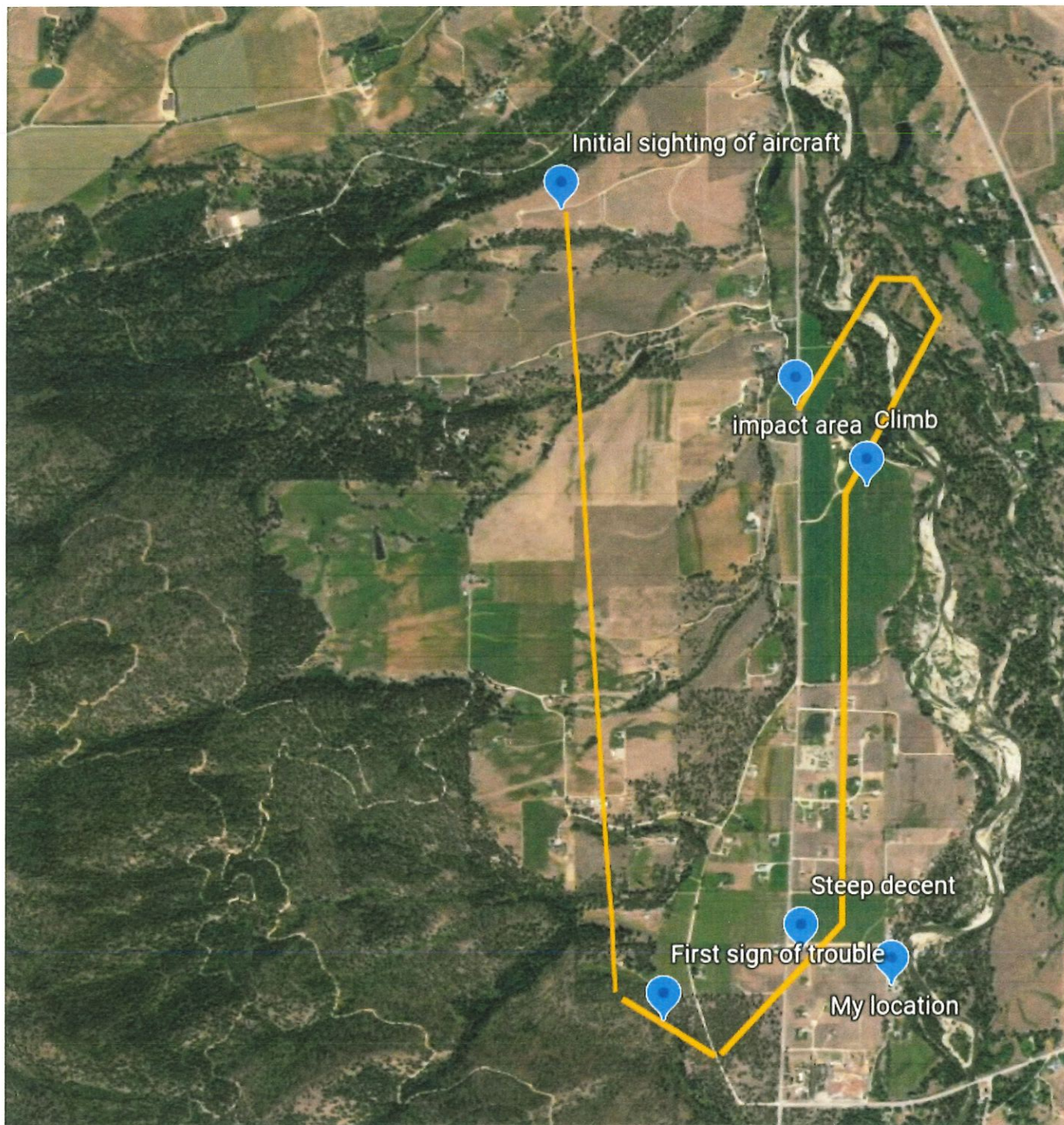


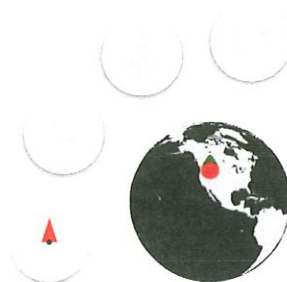


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To: Maja Smith
From: Craig Pedersen, Airman's Certificate # [REDACTED]
RE: Airplane crash 5/29/2021 near Darby, Mt.

On Saturday, 5/29/21 I was outside mowing my lawn at our 2nd home @ approximately 10:45 am, 145 Conner Dr, Darby Mt. It was a clear day, winds lite and variable when I noticed an aircraft flying south towards my location @ an estimated 1500ft AGL. As the aircraft approached my location I had stopped to dump the grass catcher with the mower engine still running, so I (did not) have a sound profile of the aircraft. As the aircraft reached my location it entered a left bank, estimated @ 10-15%, shortly after that I witnessed the aircraft bank angle change rapidly as if something had gotten the pilots attention, the aircraft made some immediate pitch and bank changes then began a rapid decent as it turned to the north to try and land at a grass strip about 3 quarters of a mile north of my location. The decent appeared to be at a fairly high rate of speed with flaps deployed, about mid-way through the decent the pilot entered a left slip, then made a slight correction to the right and then entered a right slip until I lost sight of the aircraft @approximately 75ft AGL. I continued to watch, the aircraft reappeared still flying north, made a slight right climbing bank then entered a left bank to circle back to the south, I believe in an effort to make it back to the grass strip. As the left bank started the aircraft again began losing altitude and again I lost sight of the aircraft now flying in a south western direction. I arrived at the scene about 5 minutes later and found the aircraft located on West Fork road badly damaged with both pilots being attended to by local residents.

P.S. I have attached an estimated flight path based on my memory of that day, and if you would like I have a couple of videos on my phone of the impact area and final resting place of the aircraft.

Sincerely,

Craig Pedersen
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