



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 7/9/2021
Person Contacted: Jim Orr (pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR21LA285

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by the pilot in a telephone conversation on this date:

- The purpose of the flight: daily detection flight for the FS for fire season for Western Montana Aviation
- The pilot was on short final for a full stop landing behind an airbus for Missoula airport
- He reported that there was no turbulence during the approach to land with flaps full down
- Shortly after the landing flare, the airplane landed on the runway and slid on its belly
- The pilot stated that during the approach, he could not remember if the landing gear was configured for landing, nor did he recall seeing the green light indicators or hear the landing gear actuate.
- The pilot did not use a pre-landing checklist