



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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NTSB Accident Number: WPR21LA285
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N6856R; Cessna 210T
Accident Location: Missoula, MT
Accident Date: 7/9/2021

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Airport Local Law Enforcement Officer from an interview with the accident pilot on July 9, 2021:

The pilot departed from Stevensville airport (32S) at 0930 local with nice smooth air. He was cleared to land no. 2 behind an Airbus at MSO, Missoula, MT. He had the Airbus insight and slowed down a little to make sure of spacing for wake turbulence. While on left base for RWY 30, he went through the pre-landing checklist mentally and then glanced up at the checklist which was attached to the visor. The pilot reported that had no recollection of hearing or feeling the landing gear going down nor did he remember seeing the gear down lights. Additionally, he did not hear the gear warning horn go off and he thought he would have heard it because the radios were not busy. He aligned the airplane for RWY 30, with the intent to landing and turning off onto Taxiway A3. He said he did a nice flare and then impacted the runway and skidded to a stop well short of Taxiway A3. He then shutdown the aircraft, exited the aircraft and called his boss, the owner of the company. The pilot stated that there was a 50/50 chance he did not put the gear down but would not admit to it. He said there was a fuel leak from under the belly of the airplane. He went back to the aircraft and shut off the fuel selector valve on the floor center panel. He said he had nothing to drink but did take a couple of acetaminophens for joint pain in the morning.

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Airport Local Law Enforcement Officer from an interview with the USFS Regional Aviation Safety Manager on July 9, 2021:

The accident pilot removed the USFS Contract Book, FM radio, and company credit card from the aircraft. When the manager looked inside the cockpit area after the aircraft was removed from the runway, he saw that the landing gear lever was in the down position. No one tried to put the gear down when the aircraft was lifted off the runway and placed on the flatbed trailer due to fuel leak and not wanting to turn on the battery. The airport opened Runway 30 back up at 1120 local. The airplane's Hobbs on takeoff was 455.6, after landing Hobbs was 455.9. The USFS Pilot Card and medical were current.