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AS-WPR

Date: October 5, 2021

Subject: WPR21L358, Record of Conversation

Contact: Douglas Stacey, Owner/Pilot

According to Mr. Stacey, he and his mechanic had flown to Baker to replace the exhaust push rod for the No. 1 cylinder. The engine was ground run at various power settings with no issues noted. The mechanic deemed the airplane safe to fly back to the pilot's home airport.

After departure from the dirt runway, during the initial climb, the pilot retracted the landing gear and the engine lost total power. Mr. Stacey stated that he was able to lower the landing gear and made a forced landing to the desert floor. During the landing roll, the nose landing gear and right main landing gear collapsed. Fuselage and right wing were damaged.