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Subject: WPR22FA304, Record of Conversation

Contact: Jeffery S. Martin, Pilot, Witness

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Martin in a telephone conversation.

Mr. Martin explained that he and his daughter had been camping at the Johnson Creek Airport, Yellow Pine, Idaho for a couple days prior to the accident. On the morning of August 15, 2022, at about 0600 am, he heard an airplane taxiing to runway 35. He got out of his tent and observed a yellow in color, Husky airplane (accident airplane) taxiing to the runway. It was probably the coldest morning during the camping trip, and he went back into his tent. He recalled hearing the airplanes engine rpm rise, like the pilot was conducting a runup. Shortly thereafter, he heard the airplane accelerate and depart from runway 35. After the airplane departed, he heard something that sounded like a door slamming. He exited his tent and observed several people near the common area. He and his daughter then started preparing for their return trip home. Between 1030 - 1045, he and his daughter departed from runway 35, flew down to Yellow Pine, turned around and over flew the Johnson Creek Airport. While overflying the airport, they observed the yellow in color Husky, in the creek near the departure end of runway 35 and were concerned no one had seen the airplane. Due to poor radio reception, he radioed another airplane and requested they relay an airplane accident at the Johnson Creek airport. He then landed the airplane and notified the airport manager of the accident.