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Subject: WPR22FA304, Record of Conversation

Contact: Jim Lane, Airport Manager, Johnson Creek Airport

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Lane.

Mr. Lane explained that he is the airport manager for the Johnson Creek Airport, Yellow Pine, Idaho. On the morning of August 15, 2022, at about 06:30 am, he heard the accident airplane, N26HV, takeoff from runway 35. At about 10:30 am, a pilot in a Broussard airplane, unknown pilot name or airplane N number, departed from runway 35, orbited the airport and landed. The pilot informed him, there was an airplane that crashed in the creek, just off the departure end of runway 35. He proceeded to the accident site in an effort to assess the aviation accident and coordinate first responders. Upon arrival at the accident location, he observed the accident airplane had impact terrain, in a nose low attitude. He also observed a black in color composite propeller spinner and small fragment of plexiglass about 15 yards forward of the main wreckage. He then returned to airport and notified first responders of an aviation accident.

Additionally, Mr. Lane explained that it is common practice for aircraft departing from runway 35 to veer right of runway center line, about mid field. The practice is done as a engine failure precautionary measure.