



Memorandum for Record

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NTSB Accident Number: WPR22LA016
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N926LL / Cessna 180
Accident Location: Kalispell, MT
Accident Date: October 12, 2021

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In a telephone interview with the FAA representative assigned to this case he stated that he spoke with the two mechanics. One who performed the work and the one who signed off the work, and their Principal Inspectors. He stated that they both have good reputations with their Principal Inspectors. The FAA representative stated that the mechanics reported that the airplane was good when it left.

The FAA provided a written report and provided additional information after communicating with the pilot and others. The pilot stated that the airplane had a history of pulling to the right and asked a mechanic in Lacombe, Canada his opinion.

The FAA representative spoke with the mechanic from Lacombe, Canada, who reported the left gear looked correct and the right gear looked like it may have been toed out to the right, but that was just eyeballing it and he couldn't be certain without putting it on grease plates and setting it up. The mechanic suggested the pilot have her mechanic look at it when she got home.

When the FAA representative examined the landing gear, the left wheel had a taper shim, and the right gear didn't have any shims.

The FAA representative stated that it would be hard to determine if the gear was misaligned without rebuilding the landing gear and maybe not even then.