



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
Western Pacific Region – Federal Way, Washington

Record of Telephone Conversation

Person Interviewed: Morman Byrd Hughes
Subject: – WPR22LA179, Deming, NM
Date: 5/18/2022

Mr. Hughes was the pilot of a RV-9 airplane, N669RS, when it was involved in an accident during takeoff from Deming Municipal Airport, NM. During the telephone conversation Mr. Hughes stated they had departed 58T and were enroute to Chandler, AZ when they stopped in Deming for fuel. He said he checked the weather and received a full briefing before departing. He said the winds were reported at 070° at 12 kts, gusting to 20.

During takeoff he felt the wind hit hard from the left after the tailwheel came up. He applied full aileron and rudder to level the airplane, but it impacted off the left side of the runway and slid 200-300 ft. He stated he saw dust devils on the runway following the accident.

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