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Subject: WPR22LA337

Contact: Wolfgang Meyn - Pilot

During a telephone interview, Mr. Meyn reported that prior to departing Longmont, Colorado, the airplane was topped off with fuel. He stated that they departed Longmont, and flew direct to Seeley Lake Airport, Seeley Lake, Montana (23S), at a cruise altitude that varied between 10,500 ft and 12,500 ft mean sea level (msl). He stated that his flight planning includes a fuel burn of 10 gallons per hour, as he does not fly at a full power setting, however, he uses a cruise RPM of 2,200 or 2,250, and leans the engine quite a bit. Mr. Meyn stated that during the flight, the fuel flow indicator showed a fuel burn of 9.5 to 10 gallons per hour.

As he arrived at 23S, he entered the airport traffic pattern for runway 16, and noted that he had about 10.5 to 11 gallons of fuel remaining. After he performed a low approach over the runway to look for deer, he pitched up normally and started a left turn to crosswind when the engine lost power. Mr. Meyn said that he leveled off, aimed for an open area, however, the airplane impacted trees.

Mr. Meyn added that he had about 1,600 to 1,700 hours in the accident airplane.

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