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The following is a synopsis of an in person interview with the President and Vice Present/General Manager at Glacier Aviation, OLM, and subsequent damage assessment of N4082J:

The investigator met in person with Mr. Thielen and Mr. Bankers to discuss some details about the operation and accident flight, and to view the accident helicopter.

Mr. Thielen and Mr. Bankers assisted with information about the Part 61 flight school, the student pilot's training records, general expectations the flight school held for their flight instructors, the debriefing they held with the accident instructor, and their observations of the accident event itself.

Continuing NTSB retention of the wreckage was reiterated to Mr. Thielen and Mr. Bankers and they expressed that they understood that the wreckage was to remain untouched.

They arranged escort for the investigator to access the wreckage where it was being stored on the airport ramp at the time, and the investigator assessed it for damage. Photos from the damage assessment on 5/21/24 are below.



Figure 1. Wreckage as stored on ramp.



Figure 2. Cabin interior on 5/21/24.



Figure 3. Aircraft damage.



Figure 4. Aircraft damage.



Figure 5. Aircraft damage.