

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD • PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT
REPORT Use this form (Form 6120.1) to report civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents**BASIC INFORMATION****Accident/Incident Location**

Nearest City/Place: Durkee State: OR
ZIP: 97905 Country: US
Latitude: 44.665687 Longitude: -117.327661
(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 11/07/2024 Local Time: 08:37
mm/dd/yyyy HH:MM
Time Zone: PCT

Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N4361R

Manufacturer: Robinson

Model: R-44

Serial Number: 12816

Year of Manufacture: 2,009

Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes: ☐ Original Design ☐ Kit/Plans

Make: _____

- ☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified
☐ Commercial Space Flight
☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 2,500 lbs.

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 2,450 lbs.

Number of Seats: 4 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: 0 Passenger Seats: 3

Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft
(Select one)

- ☐ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate
(Check all that apply)

- Standard**
☒ Normal
☐ Aerobatic
☐ Balloon
☐ Commuter
☐ Transport
☒ Utility
☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ None
- Special**
☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Special Flight
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Light-Sport
☐ Experimental Light-Sport
☐ Unknown

Landing Gear
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Retractable
☐ Tricycle
☐ Tailwheel
☐ Emergency Float
☐ Float
☐ Amphibian
☐ Other Launch/Recovery System
☐ None
- ☐ High Skid
☒ Skid
☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ Hull
☐ Ski
☐ Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

- ☒ Reciprocating ☐ Liquid Rocket
☐ Turbo Shaft ☐ Solid Rocket
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Hybrid Rocket
☐ Turbo Jet ☐ None
☐ Turbo Fan ☐ Unknown
☐ Electric

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

- ☐ Carburetor ☒ Fuel Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Engine Serial Number	Date of Mfg. (mm/dd/yyyy)	Rated Power ☒ Horsepower or ☐ Lbs. of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Lycoming	IO-540-AE1A5	L-32760-48E	12/14/2007	260	3,476	10	1,291
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

- ☒ 100-Hour
☐ AAIP
☐ Annual
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Condition Inspection
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Inspection: 10/21/2024
mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 3,491.0 hrs

Hours measured at (Select one)

☒ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident

Type of Maintenance Program (Select One)

- ☒ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program
☐ (AAIP) Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Other, specify: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☒ None
☐ Specify: _____

Additional Equipment

- ☒ ADS-B
☐ Airframe Parachute
☐ Angle of Attack Indicator
☐ Autopilot
☐ Autopilot/FMS, Model: _____
☐ Coupled Flight Director
☐ Data Recorder
☐ Device Stall Warning System
☒ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
☐ Electronic Multifunction Display
☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display
☐ Flight Management System

- ☐ Handheld GPS
☐ Heads Up Display
☐ Night Vision Goggles
☐ Onboard Weather
☐ Primary Flight Display
☐ SAS, Number of Axes: _____ Model: _____
☒ Satellite Tracking Device
☐ Stall Warning System
☐ Video Recording Device
☐ Wire Strike Detection
☐ Wire Strike Protection
☐ Other, Specify: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: ACK

Model or Part No.: E-04

TSO No.: ☐ OC91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ OC91a (121.5 MHz)
☒ C126 (406 MHz)

Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did ELT activate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If activated: Did ELT aid in locating aircraft? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If not activated: Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage

☐ Fire Damage ☐ Battery Expired/Damaged ☐ Unknown

Propeller 1

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Propeller 2

- ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**

Name: Elkhorn Aviation Inc
 City: Baker City State: OR
 ZIP: 99814 Country: US

Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Operator of Aircraft

☒ The Operator is also the Registered Owner

☒ Same address as Registered Owner

Name: Elkhorn Aviation Inc.
 City: Baker City State: OR
 ZIP: 97814 Country: US

Doing Business As: Baker Aircraft
 Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4-character code): K2ZA

Operating Certificates Held
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121)
☐ Supplemental
☐ Air Cargo
☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129)
☒ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133)
☒ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135)
☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135)
☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136)
☒ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137)
☐ Pilot School (FAR 141)
☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ Commercial Space Transportation
 Experimental Permit
☐ Commercial Space Transportation License
☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft

Regulation Flight Conducted Under

- ☐ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415
☐ FAR 103 ☒ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431
☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435
☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437
☐ FAR 450
☐ FAR 91 Special Flight
☐ Non-US, Commercial
☐ Non-US, Non-commercial
☐ Public Aircraft (Select one)
 ☐ Armed Forces
 ☐ Federal
 ☐ State
 ☐ Local
☐ Unknown

Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135
(Select one for each group)

- ☒ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic
☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International
☐ Passenger
☒ Cargo
☐ Mail Contract Only

Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 (Select one)

- ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Firefighting
☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Flight Test
☐ Air Drop ☐ Glider Tow
☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Instructional
☐ Banner Tow ☐ Other Work Use
☐ Business ☐ Personal
☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Positioning
☒ External Load ☐ Skydiving
☐ Ferry ☐ Unknown

Revenue Sightseeing Flight

☐ Yes ☒ No

Air Medical Flight

☐ Yes ☒ No

AIRPORT INFORMATION (Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)

Airport Name: Baker City Municipal
 Airport Identifier: KBKE
 Proximity to Airport: ☒ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A

Distance From Airport Center: 23.00 sm.
 Direction From Airport: 103.00 degrees true
 Airport Elevation: 3,373.00 ft. MSL

Runway Information

Runway ID: _____ Length: _____ ft. Width: _____ ft.

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Asphalt ☒ Grass/Turf ☐ Ice ☐ Snow
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☒ Dirt ☐ Helideck ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown
☐ Elevated Heliport ☐ Helistop ☐ Off-site landing area

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☒ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm
☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy
☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy
☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet
☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft
☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown

Approach/Departure Segment (Select one)

- ☐ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☒ Low Approach
☐ Takeoff ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around
☐ Initial Climb ☐ Crosswind ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)
☐ Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☒ None
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Unknown
☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual
☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ RNAV ☐ Circling

VFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Stop and Go
☒ Straight-In ☐ Touch and Go
☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Simulated Forced Landing
☐ Go Around ☐ Forced Landing
☐ Full Stop ☐ Precautionary Landing
☐ Unknown

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 1" INFORMATION**"Flight Crewmember 1" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**

☐ Captain ☐ First Officer ☒ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 1" was pilot flying ☒ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 1" Identification

First Name: Michael

City of Residence: Baker City

Middle Initial: M

State: OR ZIP: 97814

Last Name: King

Country: US

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 40

Date of Birth: 1984 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certificate Number:

Degree of Injury

☒ None ☐ Serious
☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor

Seat Occupied

☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☒ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single

Restraint Type**Available**

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Used

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☒ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Inflatable Restraints

☒ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☒ Commercial
☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational
☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Sport
☐ Student ☐ Flight Engineer

Supplemental Restraint, specify:

Principal Occupation

☒ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None ☐ Class 3 ☐ Unknown
☐ Class 1 ☐ BasicMed
☒ Class 2 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)

Medical Certificate Validity

☒ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown
☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A
☐ Special Issuance

Date of Last Medical

10/03/2024
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

none

Medical Certificate Special Limitations

none

Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply)

☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☒ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other:

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:

10/09/2024
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Robinson

Model: R-44

Airplane Rating(s)

(Check all that apply)
☒ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☐ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s)

(Check all that apply)
☐ None
☐ Airship
☐ Balloon
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s)

(Check all that apply)
☐ None
☒ Airplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s)

(Check all that apply)
☒ None ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multiengine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements

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Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter hours for each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	Multi-engine Rotorcraft	Tail-wheel
						Actual	Simulated					
Total Time	2,870	43	209		380	30	20	2,661				
Pilot in Command (PIC)	2,800	43	170		380	30	20	2,591				
Time as Instructor												
This Make/Model												
Last 90 Days	84	27						84				
Last 30 Days	34	27						34				
Last 24 Hours		3						3				

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION**"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**
☐ Captain ☐ First Officer ☐ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No
"Flight Crewmember 2" Identification

First Name: _____

City of Residence: _____

Middle Initial: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Last Name: _____

Country: _____

Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certificate Number: _____

Degree of Injury
☐ None ☐ Serious
☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor
Seat Occupied
☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☐ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single
Restraint Type**Available**
☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown
Used
☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown
Inflatable Restraints
☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)
☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial
☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational
☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Sport
☐ Student ☐ Flight Engineer

Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____

Principal Occupation
☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown
Medical Certificate
☐ None ☐ Class 3 ☐ Unknown
☐ Class 1 ☐ BasicMed
☐ Class 2 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot Only)
Medical Certificate Validity
☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown
☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A
☐ Special Issuance
Date of Last Medical

mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations**Medical Certificate Special Limitations****Personal Flight Equipment** (Check all that apply)
☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____
Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:

mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____

Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)
☐ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☐ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea
Other Aircraft Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)
☐ None
☐ Airship
☐ Balloon
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
Instrument Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)
☐ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
Instructor Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)
☐ None ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multiengine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered lift ☐ Sport
Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements**Student Endorsements** (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter hours for each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	Multi-engine Rotorcraft	Tail-wheel
						Actual	Simulated					
Total Time												
Pilot in Command (PIC)												
Time as Instructor												
This Make/Model												
Last 90 Days												
Last 30 Days												
Last 24 Hours												

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information.)							
Additional Crewmember Information			Seat Occupied		Injury		
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____			☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown		
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____							
Last Name: _____ Country: _____							
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____							
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all the apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer			Restraint Type Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown		
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.		Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____			
Additional Crewmember Information			Seat Occupied		Injury		
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____			☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown		
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____							
Last Name: _____ Country: _____							
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____							
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all the apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer			Restraint Type Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown		
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.		Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____			
PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet, if necessary.)							
Number of Passengers _____							
Passenger Information		Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age	
First Name: _____ City: _____		☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____				Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____			
Last name: _____ Country: _____							
☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other							
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____							

First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>KBKE</u> City: <u>Baker City</u> State: <u>OR</u> Country: <u>US</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>07:50</u> HH:MM Time Zone: <u>PCT</u>	Flight Information Flight Number: _____ Operating as Flight _____	Destination Airport ID: <u>Little Lookout</u> City: <u>Durkee</u> State: <u>OR</u> Country: <u>US</u>	Type Flight Plan Filed ☐ None ☒ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
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Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply)					
☐ Certificate of Authorization	☐ Special VFR	☐ Special IFR	☐ VFR Flight Following	☐ Cruise	
☐ VFR	☐ IFR	☐ VFR On Top	☐ Traffic Advisory	☐ Unknown / NA	
☒ None					
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply)					
☐ Class A	☒ Class G	☐ Military Operations Area (MOA)	☐ Special		
☐ Class B	☐ Demo Area	☐ Airport Advisory Area	☐ Air Traffic Control Area		
☐ Class C	☐ Warning Area	☐ Jet Training Area	☐ Unknown		
☐ Class D	☐ Prohibited Area	☐ TRSA			
☐ Class E	☐ Restricted Area	☐ FAR 93	Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ ft. MSL		
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE					
Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply)			Weather Observation Facility		
☒ National Weather Service ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Automated Report ☒ Electronic Flight Bag-Application: Foreflight ☐ On-Board Weather			Facility ID: <u>KBKE</u> Observation Time: <u>7:00 AM</u> Time Zone: <u>Pct</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>23.00</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>103.00</u> degrees true		
Basic Conditions		Lowest Cloud Condition	Light Condition		
☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown		Height <u>N/A</u> ft. AGL	☐ Dawn ☒ Day ☐ Dusk ☐ Night ☐ Dark Night ☐ Bright Night ☐ Unknown		
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition		Ceiling	Ceiling Height		
☒ Clear ☐ Few ☐ Partial Obscuration ☐ Scattered ☐ Thin Broken ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Unknown		☒ None (Clear) ☐ Broken ☐ Overcast ☐ Obscured ☐ Indefinite ☐ Unknown	_____ ft. AGL	Temperature: _____ (°C) or <u>35.4</u> (°F) Dewpoint: _____ (°C) or <u>25.4</u> (°F)	
Altimeter Setting:	Wind Direction	Wind Speed	Wind Gusts	Visibility	
<u>30.35</u> (Hg), or _____ (mb)	☐ Variable or Direction: <u>30.00</u> degrees true	☒ Calm ☐ Light and Variable or Speed: <u>4.0</u> kts	☒ Not Gusting or Speed: _____ kts	_____ miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: <u>4,500.0</u> ft.	
Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)				Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)	
☐ None ☐ Rain ☐ Snow ☐ Hail ☐ Rain Showers ☐ Drizzle ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Ice Crystals ☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Freezing Drizzle				☐ None ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Dust ☐ Fog ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Haze ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Smoke ☐ Unknown	
Icing Forecast		Intensity of Precipitation	Icing Actual		Turbulence (Check all that apply)
Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown	Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☒ N/A ☐ Unknown	Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown	Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	Type ☒ None ☐ Clean Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective Turbulence
Severity ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Extreme					
NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident: BKE Obstruction/Obstacle tower Light (ASR 1312248) out of service No other notams or Airmets, Sigmets, Pireps					

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**

- ☐ None ☐ Substantial
☐ Minor ☐ Destroyed
☒ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☐ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☒ Unknown

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property *(Use additional sheet, if necessary.)*

Damage to rotor blades, landing gear, airframe structure, tail and tail rotor. Slight damage to a juniper tree.

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT *(Please type or print in ink.)*

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

I proceeded to the staging area to pick up the first sling load. Upon retrieving the first sling load, I conducted a power check. The power check was fine. I then advanced toward the mountain campsite, I approached cautiously and slowly to reassess power and wind conditions, ensuring I had options to do a go around or abort the external load drop off if necessary. All checks were normal, allowing me to continue the sling load delivery at a slow walking pace with a descent rate of about 5 feet per minute. There were two members on the ground standing clear, who were prepared to unload the net, Pointing to the location they wanted the gear dropped off. At this point, as I was coming in, my head was out the window watching the sling load. It was then that I started losing considerable lift, accompanied by the sound of the blades whooshing. Although I did not hear the low rotor horn sound, it was obvious that the helicopter was experiencing difficulties. In response, I immediately released the load and initiated an autorotation. At this point, the ground members had moved to the center of the clearing, which would have been my ideal landing spot, leaving a sloped area between juniper trees as the only feasible landing spot. While maneuvering to this location the blades struck the tree, the right skid hit the ground and the helicopter rolled on its right side. Post-impact, I ensured the the keys, master switch, and fuel shutoff valve were off and then exited the aircraft through the left side door. The incident occurred at an elevation of approximately 5300 feet, with a DA of around 4500 feet and a slight calm 3 knot wind off the nose, with a 50' long line. The terrain in the vicinity was hills and uneven ground.

OPERATOR/OWNER SAFETY RECOMMENDATION *(How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)*

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on a separate sheet.)Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)

Unknown

Total Time/ Cycles On Part

_____ Hours

_____ Cycles

Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled

_____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff

(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

30.0 Gallons

Fuel Type

☒ 100 Low Lead☐ Automotive☐ Jet A☐ Jet A-1☐ Unleaded AV☐ Other, specify _____

Other Services, if any, prior to departure:

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFTWas an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Method of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location:

Only the pilot on board had to exit out the front left passenger side.

OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for *other* aircraft.)

Aircraft Registration Number

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft:

☐ Destroyed☐ Substantial☐ Minor☐ None

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

Name: _____

City: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Additional space for answers to any question.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I understand that the information provided may be subject to public release.			
Date of this report: <u>11/8/2024</u> mm/dd/yyyy	Name of Pilot/Operator: <u>[REDACTED]</u> Signature: <u>[REDACTED]</u> -or- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document		
If a person other than Pilot/Operator is filing this report			
Name: _____ Signature: _____ -or- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document		Title: _____	
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