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Date: January 6, 2025

Subject: N505SW, WPR25LA071

Contact: Aaron Leslie, Airport Manager, Gallup Airport

In a phone call that took place on January 6, Mr. Leslie was asked about N505SW, and if he saw any fuel in the airplane. He stated that he was present during N505SW's removal from the accident site and subsequent transport to a parking lot near the airport. The airplane was moved using a flatbed wrecker. He couldn't see any fuel upon examining the airplane. No fuel dipstick was in the airplane, and so he and the wrecker driver used a stick and a broom handle to dip the fuel tanks.

Mr. Leslie indicated that after multiple attempts probing into the left fuel filler with the stick and broom handle, only a small amount of fuel was detected on the end of the stick and broom handle. When using the broom handle to dip the right wing fuel tank, about 1 to 1.5 inches of the handle was covered in fuel.

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Date: February 20, 2025

Subject: Recovery of N505SW

Contact: Nolan Lanckriet, Beegles Aircraft Salvage

Mr. Lanckriet had purchased the wreckage of N505SW from the pilot/owner and was relocating the airplane from the parking lot at Gallup Airport. Mr. Lanckriet was asked to note the amount of fuel drained from the airplane's wing fuel tanks prior to disassembling the airplane for transport.

After the airplane's recovery, Mr. Lanckriet indicated he had drained each of airplane's wing fuel tanks into separate containers and estimated the amount recovered. He sent the following images:

