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Contact: [REDACTED] Pilot, A.L.E.R.T.

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by [REDACTED] in a telephone conversation.

The pilot reported that he was conducting a routine night flight from Kalispell, MT to the helipad at Cabinet Peaks Medical Center in Libby, MT to pick up a patient. He had conducted this flight around 100 times before and mentioned that he may have been a little complacent due to the familiarity. While on the final approach to land at the helipad, the pilot thought that he may be a little lower than normal, but forward on the helipad. The pilot initiated a landing flare and heard a loud bang and felt unusual vibration in the helicopter. The pilot landed the helicopter uneventfully. Post flight examination by the pilot revealed that the tail rotor had struck a light post during the landing sequence.

The pilot reported that there were no preaccident mechanical malfunctions or failures with the helicopter that would have precluded normal operation.