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Subject: WPR26LA134 - Record of Conversation with the Pilot

Contact: [REDACTED], Pilot,

I spoke with the pilot of N9111 regarding the circumstances of the accident on March 19, 2026. He reported that he was on a personal flight from Falcon Field in Mesa, Arizona, to Show Low, Arizona, for spring break.

During the flight, he decided to make an off-airport landing in a grassy meadow in the mountains southeast of Young, Arizona. He performed a low approach and reconnaissance of the landing area, then set up for the landing.

Upon landing, he noticed that his ground speed was somewhat faster than anticipated, which he attributed to the high-density altitude he estimated at about 9,000 feet, or approximately 6,000 feet MSL. He chose to conduct a front wheeled landing, staying focused outside and in front of the airplane to avoid obstacles with the wheels and tires.

During the rollout, he began to drift left and struck an approximately 8-foot-tall bush. He applied right rudder and left aileron to counteract the airplane's movement; however, the aircraft made a hard left turn. This resulted in damage to the right wing and the collapse of the left landing gear.

He was able to call 911 and reached the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, which then dispatched an Arizona DPS helicopter to pick him up and return him to Mesa.

The coordinates for the accident location are: 34.058472, -110.764194.

The aircraft was recovered by the pilot/owner.