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

[REDACTED] responded to Pacific City, Oregon in regard to an airplane accident involving N9158L a Bellanca, 7ACA. During the examination of the accident airplane, he observed both tailwheel springs attached to the rudder control arms but disconnected from the tailwheel steering arms. [REDACTED] then contacted the Fire Chief that oversaw the recovery and asked about the tailwheel springs. According to the Fire Chief, the tailwheel springs were disconnected from the tailwheel steering arms to facilitate recovery.



*Figure 1: View of left tailwheel spring disconnected. (photo provided by the FAA)*



*Figure 2: View of right tailwheel spring disconnected. (photo provided by the FAA)*