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Contact: [REDACTED] Pilot

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

[REDACTED] reported that she departed Troutdale, Oregon with the intended destination of Port Angeles, Washington. The flight went as planned and the pilot maneuvered the airplane to land on runway 27 at William R Fairchild International Airport in Port Angeles, Washington. After a normal 3-point landing, the airplane pulled to the right and the pilot applied left rudder input. While the airplane was veering to the right, the pilot felt a strong "shimmy" but was unable to detect where it was coming from. The pilot did not recall if the brakes were applied. Despite the pilot's attempt to maneuver the airplane back to the center of the runway, the airplane continued to the right and exited the runway surface. Upon exiting the runway surface, onto the adjacent grass surface, the left main landing gear dug into the grass, which resulted in the left wing and left side of the elevator impacting the ground. The airplane came to rest upright on a heading of about 90°. The pilot was uncertain of why the airplane veered to the right during the landing. A witness of the event said that the landing looked good and that it looked like a gust of wind moved the airplane to the right.