

Aviation Investigation Factual Report

Location:	Edmore, North Dakota	Accident Number:	CEN10CA412
Date & Time:	July 16, 2010, 21:00 Local	Registration:	N8774S
Aircraft:	AIR TRACTOR INC AT-301	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:	Loss of control on ground	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 137: Agricultural		

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	54,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Center
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	February 16, 2010
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	January 5, 2010
Flight Time:	7600 hours (Total, all aircraft), 5000 hours (Total, this make and model)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	AIR TRACTOR INC	Registration:	N8774S
Model/Series:	AT-301	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Restricted (Special)	Serial Number:	301-0190
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	1
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	May 1, 2010 100 hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	5000 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	5 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	6869 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	P&W
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	R1340
Registered Owner:	BREKKE AERIAL SERVICE INC	Rated Power:	600 Horsepower
Operator:	BREKKE AERIAL SERVICE INC	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	B63G

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	DVL,1456 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	27 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	21:35 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	210°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	3 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	70°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29.92 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	22°C / 14°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Edmore, ND	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	Edmore, ND	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:		Type of Airspace:	Class G

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	48.413055,-98.45417(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Sullivan, Pamela
Additional Participating Persons:	Karmen Johnson; FAA-FAR-FSDO; Fargo, ND
Report Date:	August 19, 2010
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=76689

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