



# Aviation Investigation Notification

<b>Location:</b>	Townsend, MT	<b>Accident Number:</b>	WPR21LA236
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	June 15, 2021, 17:00 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N398M
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Bell UH-1H	<b>Injuries:</b>	5 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Public aircraft		

The NTSB is conducting a [Class 4 investigation](#) into this event. A preliminary report will not be issued but a final report will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Bell	<b>Registration:</b>	N398M
<b>Model/Series:</b>	UH-1H	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Helicopter
<b>Amateur Built:</b>			
<b>Operator:</b>	USDA FOREST SERVICE FEPP	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None
<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>			

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	VMC	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	KHLN,3868 ft msl	<b>Observation Time:</b>	16:53 Local
<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	33 Nautical Miles	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	32°C /9°C
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Clear	<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	10 knots / , 310°
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility:</b>	10 miles
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	29.84 inches Hg	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	Company VFR
<b>Departure Point:</b>	HELENa, MT	<b>Destination:</b>	TOWNSEND HELISPOT, MT

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Destroyed
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	4 None	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	On-ground
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	5 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	46.3245,-111.291

## Administrative Information

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**Investigator In Charge (IIC):** Smith, Maja

**Additional Participating Persons:**

**Investigation Class:** [Class 4](#)

**Note:** The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.